

# Te Ara Māia Newsletter Term Tahi, Week Tekau 2023

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Kia ora Parents and Whānau of Māia students,

As we wrap up term one, here is one last update for you!

## City Gallery & Te Papa

On Monday we had a very enjoyable trip to the City Gallery and Te Papa. A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who assisted with this. The children explored Te Papa with a scavenger hunt involving science, art, te ao Māori, and social science-related questions. A city gallery tour of Reuben Paterson's work ended in a workshop where the children created their own masterpieces using screenprinting techniques and Bio-glitter.





#### **Poetry**

Next term we will be focusing on poetry in Literacy. We would love students and whanau to share their favourite poems. There may be poems that are significant to your family or your culture- we'd love to see them. I look forward to reading some top-quality poetry. Some of us speak languages other than English, we'd love it if you could share the poem in the language in which it was originally written.

### **Cross country**

Congratulations to Max, Isobel, Ben, and Nina for coming first in their category in cross country! We are proud of all of our participants, and helpers. Many of our Māia students went out of their way to support the younger tamariki. One of the joys of belonging to a full primary is that the kids have these opportunities for Tuakana-Teina relationships.









## Partnering with you

Last week during the student-led conferences it was a delight to hear how whanau are embracing the reading challenge at home! Some parents mentioned having the list on the fridge so they could check in regularly and brainstorm book suggestions, while others planned on getting the whole family involved. Thank you for coming to 3-way conferences, volunteering for trips, and supporting your children with their home learning. It makes a tangible difference to us and the tamariki when we all work together.

Have a wonderful Easter break, and we look forward to more scintillating learning with refreshed children next term.

Best wishes, Libya Munn and Alistair Button







