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WELCOME

Welcome to a cold and chilly Week 8. As the year marches on so do the enormous range of experiences and fun times for our kids. The Art Expo, Te Tipu Open Day, Matariki breakfast, Matariki disco, and of course the Colour Run are all amazing experiences.

ART EXPO

Next week is our annual Art Expo. It will be open from Tuesday 24th from 8am, then before and after school Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th, and the morning of Thursday 26th of June to view. The Art Expo closes at 6.30pm each evening. The artwork showcases a range of techniques and themes explored by our tamariki this term. Their incredible artwork will be proudly on display in the hall. We would love to see you there!

Here is a flash back to the Art Expo of 2020 where Whaea Paige, Lola, Bella and Aaliyah are working away happily.

TE TIPU OPEN DAY

What an amazing turn out! It was fantastic to see a huge number of our local kids and whānau come out and attend our open day. Many kids from early childhood centres from around the area came to experience our awesome new entrant facilities.

This is a great time to enrol with us for the 2026 school year. If you have siblings or know of potential enrolments please let us know. We are already mapping out the awesome things that will take place next year.

MATARIKI DISCO

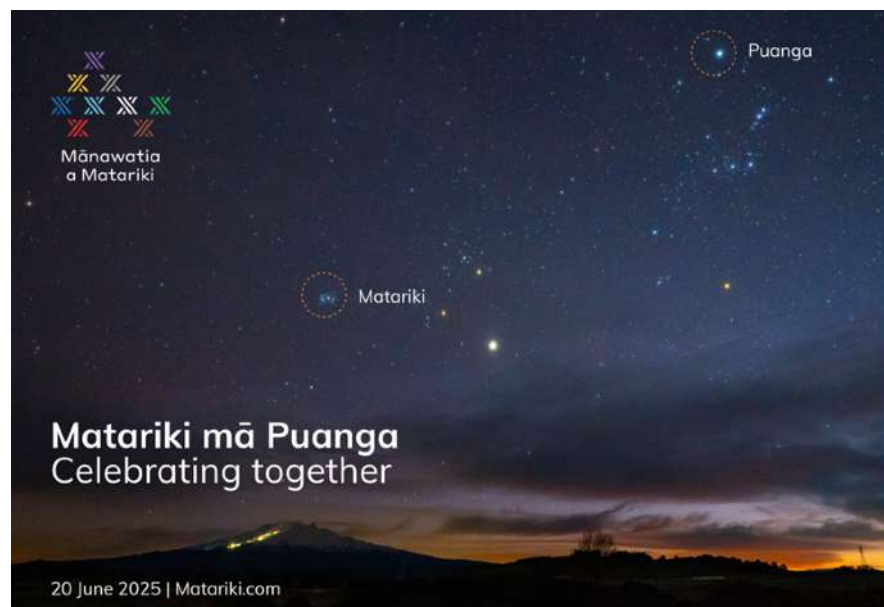
Be sure to bring your kids along to the awesome Matariki Disco tonight. Kick off is at 5pm and goes to 6pm for the Juniors (Year 0-3) and 6.15pm to 7.30pm for the Middles and Seniors (Year 3-6). Year 3 can choose the disco they wish to attend, but not go to both. The disco has a Matariki theme so you all have a licence to reach for the stars with your awesome outfits.



MATARIKI MĀ PUANGA

As the winter skies darken, the rising of Matariki and Puanga marks the beginning of Te Mātahi o te Tau – the Māori New Year. Matariki is a star cluster which appears in the middle of winter and signals the beginning of Te Mātahi o te Tau | The Māori New Year. This is a sacred and special time for whānau and hāpori to reflect on the year that has been, and remember and honour loved ones who have passed and celebrate new beginnings with hope and intention for the year ahead. For many iwi across the motu, Matariki is the signal to pause, reconnect and realign with the rhythms of te taiao. Tūpuna would observe the stars to guide planting, harvesting and preserving kai. The disappearance of Matariki signalled it was time to store crops for winter and its reappearance in Pipiri (June/July) was used to forecast the season to come.

In some places like the West Coast, the Far North and Te Wai Pounamu, Puanga (also known as Rigel) is the leading star that marks the beginning of the New Year, often rising slightly earlier than Matariki. Whether you observe Matariki, Puanga or both, this season is a time for wānanga, whanaungatanga and wairuatanga. A time to reset, give thanks and look forward with renewed purpose.



AN EVENING OF WEAVING

Last night Te Manawanui Ki Te Reo came together to celebrate Matariki with a harakeke workshop. Over 80 whānau came along with their tamariki to learn how to weave flax into wonderful Matariki stars. A huge thank you to Whaea Lyneece, Whaea Anna and Whaea Sarah and our terrific Te Manawanui kids and staff for putting this event together. The evening finished with our tamariki performing Toia Mai and we shared some delicious kai. A big thank you to Whaea Lyneece for being our weaver and the whānau who came and celebrated with us.



MATARIKI BREAKFAST

Our Matariki breakfast kicked off this morning at 6.45am. It was terrific to see so many whānau pop in for kai and celebrate Matariki. A huge thank you to our staff who had a really early start and made this possible.

MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that tomorrow is Matariki public holiday. The school will be closed on this day. Normal school hours resume on Monday 23rd June at 8.50am. Enjoy the long weekend.

TE PAPA & THE ZOO

Throughout Term 2 and 3, our students have been exploring animals, their habitats, and the significance of animal conservation. To support and enhance this learning, we are planning a super experience for all students to visit Wellington Zoo and Te Papa (middles and seniors only). This trip will provide valuable, real-world connections to the concepts being taught and help deepen students' understanding of animals, their habitats and animal conservation. A Google Form will be shared with you all today. Please keep an eye out for this. Here you can record permission for your child and also if you wish to attend as parent help.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees are meeting next Wednesday 25th June at 5.30pm in the staff room. This meeting is part of their normal meeting cycle.