



FRIDAY 21st JUNE 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora Whānau,

Celebrating Matariki

This term our tamariki have been learning about Matariki.

Matariki marks the Māori New Year, signified by the rising of the Matariki star cluster, also known as the Pleiades. This celestial event is a time of reflection, remembrance, and renewal. Traditionally, it is a period to acknowledge the year's harvest, share kai, and plan for the future.

A Time of Harvest and Shared Kai

Matariki is a time to celebrate the bounty of the land. It is an opportunity for us to come together as a school community to share food, stories, and traditions. By participating in shared kai, we honour the harvest and express our gratitude for the nourishment it provides. It's also a chance for our children to understand the importance of sustainable practices and the role they play in our lives. Our environmental roopu has been growing vegetables ready to harvest for our Matariki festival.

New Beginnings

Matariki is also a time of new beginnings. It offers a moment to set intentions for the year ahead, to start fresh, and to embrace new challenges and opportunities. In our school, we engage students in activities that encourage them to think about their goals and aspirations, fostering a sense of hope and determination for the future. We will be sharing their learning goals for the rest of the school year as they prepare for the Three Way Conferences on 2nd & 3rd July.

Global New Year Celebrations

While Matariki is unique to Aotearoa, it's important to note that different cultures around the world celebrate their New Year at different times and in various ways. Whether it's Diwali, Chinese New Year, Rosh Hashanah, or any other New Year celebration, these traditions share common themes of reflection, renewal, and togetherness.

This diversity is a strength of our school community. By learning about and participating in Matariki, we not only celebrate our unique heritage but also gain a deeper appreciation for the rich cultural tapestry that makes up our school.

Celebrating Diversity

As we come together to celebrate Matariki, let's take this opportunity to be thankful for the diversity within our school community. Every culture, tradition, and individual contribute to the vibrant environment

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

June

21 Jun: School Assembly – 2pm

26 Jun: Matariki Celebration at School

27 Jun: Kapa Haka group visiting Morningside School

27 Jun: Mathathon forms & funds due back please

27 Jun: Reports go home electronically

28 Jun: Matariki – School Closed

July

2/3 Jul: 3 Way Conferences -School closes 12.00 Tues 2 July

5 Jul: **Last Day of Term 2**

we cherish. It's a time to express gratitude for one another, to share our stories, and to build stronger bonds.

Upcoming Events

To celebrate Matariki, we have planned a week of activities and events:

To begin our week the school will come together on Monday, sharing whole school Timatanga, and then see our potiki Kapa Haka (Juniors) perform to the school.

On Monday & Tuesday afternoons classes will work with their buddy classes, using tuakana-teina, to support one another around the theme of Matariki. During the week the Library will host numerous activities from storytelling, colouring competitions and scavenger hunts.

On Wednesday, we will have a special Matariki assembly where students will celebrate Matariki with a variety of performances. **We invite whānau to join us from 11.35am.**

On Wednesday afternoon we will have shared kai in each syndicate discussing the significance of the harvest. Each Family will be asked to contribute a **small** ziplock bag of chopped vegetables to demonstrate how we can each bring something small and create a communal meal together of vegetable soup served with Fry bread. Your class teacher will be asking for chopped vegetable. We thank Pam Webb for making all the Fry bread for our tamariki and guests to enjoy together.

On Thursday our **Kapa Haka roopu** will be traveling to **Morningside School** to perform in the Kapa Haka Festival.

We look forward to celebrating Matariki with you and your children, and we hope this time will be enriching and enjoyable for all.

Quiz Night Acknowledgements

On Friday, June 7th, we held our annual Quiz Night, and what a fun-packed night it was! We were fortunate to have Kevin Salmon as our Quiz Master and MC for the evening. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Kevin for keeping the night running smoothly with his quick wit and engaging banter.

A huge thank you goes out to our amazing sponsors who generously sponsored the tables, the prizes, and the food. Your contributions made a significant difference to the night, and we are immensely grateful.

We also want to recognise the wonderful team of volunteers who helped plan and organise the event, secure our auction items from sponsors, and ensure the night ran seamlessly.

Amanda McKay, Anna Stephenson, Barbara Walden, Karen Bell, Katie Hood, Miranda Harrison, Niamh O'Neill, Nicci Webb, Nicki Groves, Courtney de Boer & Catherine Wiechern.

Special thanks to the volunteers on the night who ran the bar, sold raffle tickets, distributed quiz papers and helped clean up - Your efforts were indispensable.



Matariki Celebration

Wednesday 26th June 2024

11:40am - Everyone seated in Hall
11:40am - Karakia / National Anthem
11:45am - Principal's Address
11:50am - Whole School Waiata
11:55am - Bharatnatyam Dance
12:05pm - Kapa Haka Teina Roopu
12:15pm - Matariki Clip
12:20pm - Chinese Fan Dance
12:25pm - Whole School Waiata
12:30pm - Kapa Haka Senior Roopu
12:45pm - Closing Address
12:50pm - Karakia Kai

Please note the above times are an approximate only



The platters, prepared by A-Z Caterers at cost, were outstanding. Additionally, the 'Limo' service provided by Pizza Hut, which was both punctual and delivered with fantastic service, was again discounted to support our fundraiser.



We are thrilled to announce that the **final amount raised was over \$9,000!** This is an amazing achievement, and it would not have been possible without our wonderful community who came along, dressed up in style, supported us by purchasing raffles, participating in silent and real-time auctions, and enjoyed the fun-filled night.

Thank you all for making Quiz Night a resounding success!
Warm regards,
Claire Turton, Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL

MAUNU SCHOOL VALUES CUP WINNERS



KAURI – Charli Ryan
RATA – Dallas Erp
KOWHAI – Maia Rapana
TAWA – Kennedy Churches



CERTIFICATE WINNERS: 7 & 14 JUNE

ROOM 3	Nixon Clement, Sam Prasanth, Nevaeh-Lee Lemon, Lucas van Esch
ROOM 4	Ryan Justin, Rose Antony
ROOM 5	Kauri Foy, Forbes Alexander, Mollie Perry, Ricky Bonar
ROOM 6	Kaihi Poa, Richard King, Amelia McCarrison, Maia Rapana
ROOM 9	Maddie Burke, Ethan Dutton-Berry, Riley Baker, Isla Barnes
ROOM 10	Avemariya Nobi, Holly Harrison, Anica Saunar, Devanandha Kakkattu Shyamkumar
ROOM 11	Leon Vickery, Jesse Barnard, Grace Cumming, Issa Omar
ROOM 12	Lauren Soulsby, Nduka Hewitt-Nnani, Austin Wright, Ivaana Alex
ROOM 14	Jeremiah Shaiju, Tara White-Hughes, Jayde Tamariki, Liam Tauri
ROOM 15	Bella-Mae Matthews-Borell, Connor Brljevich, Piper Gillingham, Jaqueline Vipin
ROOM 17	Kaio Koncsek, Kalia Anderson, Frank English Alexander, Olivia Tauri
ROOM 18	Harriet Groome, Kelly-Ann Slater, Quino Rodriguez Pazo, Niya Jijo

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!



If you have any spare crochet hooks or wool lying around, we'd love your donations. We are wanting to create some crochet kits for the kids - there are some keen Crocheter's at School we'd love to encourage in their spare time!

MATHATHON DAY



In the morning all the children took part in a Basic Facts test with some outstanding results and lots of students gaining 100%. Great effort from everyone.

In the afternoon there was a **Maunu Mathex competition** where teams of four from each house competed in a problem solving competition. The teams had a set time and answered as many questions as they could in the allocated time. The competition was fierce between the houses with very close results. Well done to all those that participated in this event.

Thanks to all who have already returned the **Orange Sponsor forms**. If you are still collecting your sponsorship money **please have it back to the Office by Thursday 27th June** to be in the prize draws.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Over the last term the Environmental Group has prepared and replanted the new vegetable garden for our Matariki feast. The produce they have produced has been amazing. Here are just a few photos of the vegetables we have harvested already. Miharo (amazing) team



REMINDERS

REPORTS / 3 WAY CONFERENCES

Reports will be emailed to Caregivers on the 27th June, notices have already gone home regarding booking in your 3-Way Conferences for the 2nd and 3rd July, please contact the Office if you have any questions.

REMINDER – School finishes at 12pm on Tuesday 2nd July. Educare will be open but the School Bus will not be operating at this time.

LOST PROPERTY



Our Lost Property box is overflowing with Sweatshirts, Hoodies and Shoes. Can you please remind Children to check the box – it would be great to get some of this back to their owners before the end of the Term.

FRIENDS & WHANAU NEWS (PTA)

COUNTRY FAIR PLANNING & PREPARATION

The Country Fair is our largest fundraising event each year at Maunu School. It has been an incredibly successful way to raise funds for our school in the past and has been running annually, on the first Saturday of November for over 20 years.

This is a day of tradition, enjoyed by many tamariki, school whānau & staff, and the wider Whangarei community. It is a big event that does require a lot of planning throughout the year to pull it together and a team of committed workers on the day. **This year the date would be Saturday 2nd November.**

Currently our PTA consists of a very small group of committed members. There are simply not enough members on our PTA to be able to organise the Country Fair.

Therefore, we are asking you to complete the attached survey using the link. The survey is asking for members of our community to commit to the key coordination roles described.

[Country Fair Survey link](#), it will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

We really appreciate hearing your opinions. If we cannot get coordinators we will be looking at alternative plans.

Please complete the survey by Monday 22nd July.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TE MANAWA TAHI COMMUNITY TIMETABLE

Thursday 20 June	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside
Wednesday 26 June	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville
Thursday 27 June	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
	Ngunguru School (9.00am - 10.30 am) Te Maika Road

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing IT.Support@education.govt.nz.

school holiday program

futsal...but so much more

Monday 8th - Friday 12th July
8:30 - 4:00pm

details & registration

www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz
futsal@northlandfootball.net



WHANGAREI YOUNG MARINERS



Whangarei Young Mariners is now open for new members. Join our dynamic group for girls aged 8-19, and immerse yourself in sailing, rowing, kayaking, unforgettable camping experiences and more! To find out more, contact Vivienne 021 0405 741, alnviv@gmail.com

GIVE SUBBURYS YOUR GENTLY USED SPORTS GEAR!

BE INTO WIN A \$229 BLUNT SPORTS UMBRELLA

ONE ENTRY FOR EVERY ITEM DONATED!

ALL SPORTS GEAR WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY BY

ReSport a sporting experience for all
Charitable Trust

PRIZE DRAWN 21 JUNE

Tauraroa Area School

OPEN DAY

Thursday 8th August 2024



Please return this registration form to your school office by Wednesday 7th August 2024 OR complete the online google form: <https://forms.gle/HjyCUFTvdx9Xqrob6>

Come and experience a day at TAS! Choose your own activities, talk to other students, meet some teachers and experience what we have to offer.

Any questions, please phone Whaea Deillah 09 432 2643

Programme: For students

8:40am+ Picked up and taken to TAS by bus/school van (time will vary depending on school) *Please pack morning tea and lunch for the day out.*

10:00am Powhiri at TAS gym for parents who want to accompany students

1:30pm Students returned back to school

5:30 - 7:00pm Parent/Caregiver and student information evening to meet the teachers, tour the school and make enrolment applications. Finger food, tea & coffee provided. For further information please phone the school office 432 2643

Tauraroa Area School, Cnr Omana & Tauraroa Roads, Maungakarema



TAS OPEN DAY REGISTRATION

Student: _____ Year Level: _____

Current School: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Caregiver: _____ Phone No: _____

Please circle: I will use TAS transport / I will transport my child

NOTE: An options form will be emailed once registration is received. Please complete THREE preferred rotation choices your child will enjoy on the day.

We will endeavor to give them their first and second choices, but our workshops do have limited numbers for health and safety purposes, and are very popular so those who register earlier are more likely to have their first choice.

Term 2

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

At our instructor-led holiday programme, children are kept busy in an interactive learning environment. Activities and games are designed to teach fundamental skills of sports, such as tennis, hockey, football, basketball—and just about any other sport you can imagine!

A special trip is included at the end of each day.

LOCATION	PRICE	1 day	2 days	3 days
Northland Badminton Centre (Porowini Ave)	Child	\$49	\$88	\$122
	2 Children	\$88	\$156	\$224
	3+ Children	\$35/child, per day		
	Additional days	\$35/child, per day		

DATES
16th - 18th July Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

TIME
9:00am—2:30pm

AGE GROUP
4-10

WHAT TO BRING
Morning tea, lunch and drink bottle



ENROL AT PLAYBALLKIDS.COM/FRANCHISE/NORTHLAND



WHAT IS PLAYBALL?

Playball is an international multi-sport and movement programme, teaching skills from a variety of sports in a fun, positive environment from professional coaches.



As well as our holiday programme, we also offer weekly classes during term time for 2-9 year olds. (Afterschool and Saturdays + more)
For more information, visit playballkids.com
Email: dean@playball.co.nz

HOLIDAY NETBALL COACHING CLINIC

Thursday 11th July
9am - 3pm
Kensington Courts
Year 5/6 (8 - 10 years)
\$40 per player

Coaches Hayley Taylor and Kimberly Ruth, along with a support team, will be running this clinic. This will include skill development on: footwork, ball skills (passing and catching), attacking and defensive skills. Consolidation games in the afternoon will be in the 7 aside format

BYO food and water

For more info or to register, please contact:
hayleybethtaylor@gmail.com or phone 021 262 1674

All proceeds go towards Maungatapere School Netball team fundraising to attend AIMS Games