

Term 2, Week 10  
July 8, 2021 - Update #6

### Dates to Remember...

#### Celebration Assemblies

Fridays from 8:45am

July 9 Team Kōtuku

#### 2021 Term Dates

Term 1: Feb 2 -April 16

Term 2: May 3-July 9

Term 3: July 26- October 1

Term 4: Oct 18 -Dec 14

#### MUFTI DAY

July 9 (Tomorrow)

Gold coin donation please

#### LABOUR DAY

Monday October 25

#### TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Friday September 3

Tuesday October 26

#### Term 3 Learner Conferences

Friday August 27

### Ngā mihi o Matariki te tau hou Māori kia tatou katoa

The end of term two and the midpoint of the school year coincide with Matariki, a special time on Aotearoa's calendar, which will be marked by a public holiday from next year. It's a time for celebration and reflection, for honouring the past and looking forward to the future, setting goals and getting excited about aspirations. It's also a time for sharing kai and connection with whānau and community. It's an opportunity to celebrate the culture, people and stories that are unique to our country. When we remember traditional ways of life we can gain insights into the choices we can make in our lives today. We've really enjoyed welcoming whānau into the school for Matariki celebrations and learning exhibitions over the last couple of weeks and our tamariki have been very excited to show off their learning and their hospitality. We wish you all a safe and happy winter holiday break and look forward to launching back into learning with you all in term 3.



### 'Alu a and thank you Soi

Matariki is a fitting time to acknowledge the contributions of long time Board of Trustees member Malia Soifua Tupou Pearson and wish her all the very best in future endeavours. In her fourth term as a board member, Soi has seen five of her own children through our school and impacted on the lives of countless others through a myriad of community roles.

Soi always says her heart is to serve her community and she has worked tirelessly in a range of organisations as well as our school, in roles as diverse as Pasifika dance tutor, festival organiser, on the football and basketball club committees, as a Whanau Ora coordinator, as a whanau mentor for the Salvation Army and as a board member of He Kaupapa Kotahitanga trust which governs Awhina House, the shelter for homeless women. Her latest commitment is a Tātāriki Rautaki role with Waiariki Whānau Mentoring. Ngā mihi nui Soi—you will be missed around our place.



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## From room 3

In the old days Māori often welcomed Matariki by flying kites. It was thought the kites connected you more closely to the stars and to tipuna who had passed. Room 3 decided to design and make their own pākau for Matariki.



I loved making and flying my kite. I was very frustrated because I didn't know to attach the string on. It took a long time to sort out. I think that maybe next time I could make my string bigger. I really liked how Jessie's flew because mine was made out of paper and Jessie's was made out of plastic and it seemed to fly better. My kite still flew well and flipped over and over. It was fun.

**Alia**



I liked making and flying my wind sock. Mine flew really well but I probably needed more tails for it to fly higher. I thought next time I would make it out of plastic because the plastic one was lighter and went better. I like my kite because the kite followed me and it flew up and down and up and down. I laughed. I also had to catch the wind from behind me. It was super fun.

**Korban**



In room 12 we had such a great exhibition of learning. We showed our families how this term we have learnt such a lot about teamwork; taking turns, collaboration and having fun with our classmates. We were sharing waiata and kai with our whānau and celebrating all of our learning for the term. Lots of parents came, pretty much all of them. My mum was so happy that she even cried. *By Franco*



On Tuesday the 6th of July, Rooms 5 and 6 hosted a showcase to share with their parents what they have been learning this term. Everyone was invited. It was from 2-2.30pm. All of the children in our classes showed their parents their inquiry projects, their tree art and taught them early Māori games like poi, string games and tī tī tourea. They also showed them their Matariki star and kites and had some delicious kai to snack on. The most enjoyable thing for me was the waiata, when we sang E Papa. We had wonderful MC's that were Georgia and Noah. Tino pai Room 5 and 6. *By Jayden*



Room 2 completed a STEM challenge inspired by Matariki kites. We planned, constructed and tested our kite designs. We had success in learning from our mistakes and "epic failures", and while we didn't have too many kites soaring high, we sure had fun!

### Holiday Security

Our school grounds are looking great and we are proud of our awesome environment. We love to share our place with our community and we ask that you help us to look after it... especially in term breaks when we are not around as much. If you notice any damage or any evidence that anyone is not respecting our place, please get in touch. You can contact caretaker Rob Taylor on 027 2827298 principal Craig Price on 021 451034 or Greerton Police on 578 3460. Thank you.

### Sabbatical

Deputy Principal Tanya Healy has been awarded a Ministry of Education Sabbatical and will be away for much of next term. Her sabbatical project is based around approaches to addressing anxiety in children, an area she's been studying over the past few years. We will look forward to seeing the results of her findings in action in our school on her return.

### Room 20

Our newest new entrant room will open with 10 lovely learners on the first day of next term. We welcome them all and teacher Krystal Anderson to our school whānau.

### Enrolments

If you have a pre-schooler, it's really important that we have their pre-enrolment details. If you are unsure if you have pre-enrolled your child, please contact Sharon in the office. This includes siblings of children already enrolled. If you know of anyone who has a child who might be intending to join our whānau, please encourage them to contact us too. Early information helps us plan for staffing and resourcing and ensures a successful transition for new learners at our school.



### Visiting Author

Rooms 8 and 10 were privileged to host a visit from award winning author Sarah Johnson this week. They have been kept spellbound by her powerful novel 'The Bold Ship Phenomenal'; this term's read aloud in their classes. Sarah shared her writing experiences and led a writers workshop with some fabulous tips and techniques for our budding authors. Some lucky tamariki were also recipients of signed copies of one of her newest titles. Sarah's visit was assisted by sponsorship from Read NZ Te Pou Muramura who support a number of authors' visits to schools to inspire our young readers and writers.



### World Cup Action

Our year 6 World Cup basketball team, competing as Spain, had a great day at the Tauranga schools tournament last week. This week trials have been underway for the team to compete in the year 5/6 rugby league tournament early next term and the team will be announced tomorrow.

### Serious Fun in the Snow

Rooms 13 and 14 enjoyed better than expected weather and a whole lot of active learning fun in the snow at Mt Ruapehu this week. Thanks to all the dedicated parents and teachers Sarah Oemcke and Scott Feisst who went the extra mile for our akonga with a heap of organisation and contingency planning and extremely early morning starts to provide this amazing opportunity.

