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NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

What is your most exciting upcoming event?

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So much to choose from, be excited about and participate in.

My pick over the next week would be Matariki. Firstly, because it has such a rich history, I love a good story and being immersed in what our community has to offer. Secondly, I can't resist having the opportunity to celebrate a second official New Year.

What is Matariki?

Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster known as the Pleiades. Some people think of Matariki as a mother star with six daughters, and it is often referred to as the Seven Sisters. Others think that Matariki are the 'Eyes of the God'. When *Ranginui*, the sky father, and *Papatūānuku*, the earth mother were separated by their children, the God of Wind, *Tāwhirimātea* became angry, tearing out his eyes and hurling them into the heavens.

Matariki appears in the eastern sky, sometime around the shortest day of the year, and is thought to determine how successful the harvest crop will be in the coming season. The brighter the stars, the more productive the crop will be.

Some iwi or tribes start celebrations when Matariki is first seen, however, it is the first new moon after Matariki that officially signals the Maori New Year. Some people celebrate the New Year on the day the new moon rises, and others celebrate on the day after the new moon. Celebrations can last up to 3 days. For national purposes Matariki begins on 25 June 2017.

In the early 2000's Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission), the Ministry of Education and the Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa, became involved in the revival of Matariki celebrations.

Matariki has two meanings, both of which refer to the cluster of stars. Mata Riki means Tiny Eyes, and Mata Ariki means Eyes of God.

In years gone by, Matariki was thought to determine your crop for the coming season, and therefore it was important to recognise the part it played in nature's cycle. The disappearance of Matariki in Autumn, signalled the time to gather and preserve crops, and so was an important marker in the harvest calendar.

Nowadays, Matariki is seen as an important time to celebrate the earth and show respect for the land on which we live.

Traditionally Matariki was celebrated by gathering with whanau and reflecting on the past. The festival's connection to the stars provided an opportunity for families to remember their whakapapa (genealogy) and those ancestors who had passed away to the heavens. Offerings were made to land-based gods who would help provide good crops and new trees were planted to signal new

beginnings.

Many of these traditional celebrations are still practised today alongside many other community events.

Follow this link I used as a reference for ideas and events in the community <http://www.mch.govt.nz/nz-identity-heritage/matariki>

Get hooked into the Matariki vibe and celebrate with your whanau and community.



*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari
he toa takimano
My strength is not that of an individual
but that of the collective
Deborah Heasman - Principal*

End of Term Assembly

Friday 7th July 2017

Starting at 1:30pm

This assembly will be
run by our Junior
school students.



International students from Hong Kong arrive on Sunday

If you see them around
the school and
community, don't
forget to make them
feel welcome, and say
'Hello'.



Thank you to our wonderful families who will be hosting our homestay students from Hong Kong this month. Our second group arrives on the 6th August and leaves on the 17th August 2017.

We therefore need more host families for our August visitors.

Students are here to experience NZ schooling and family life, they stay in pairs and will need all meals provided. Families will receive \$700 to cover costs of having the students.

Please contact the office or Andrea on 09 420 8005 for more information.



This is a fabulous opportunity for your family!

A very warm welcome our new student

Braxton

We look forward to showing you all our school has to offer.



Huge thanks to the support from our local Countdown store in Helensville.

They have donated sausages and water for our school AIMS Disco.

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Mathletics Awards

Congratulations to Brock Colson, Daniel Roy, Suao Asada and Niko Stokes who have all received a gold award in Mathletics!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 2/3 2017

20th June	Ski team practice
21st June	Life Choices Years 5-8
26th June	Norwest Football Year 5-6
26th June - 4th July	International students visiting
5th July	Sevens under 57kg Year 7-8
7th July	End of Term 2 End of term assembly starts at 1:30pm
24th July	First day of Term 3
27th July	Rippa Rugby Year 3-6
1st August	Ski team training
7th - 17th August	International students visiting
11th August	HPS Cross Country
18th August	Kaipara Cross Country
27th October	HPS Ag Day

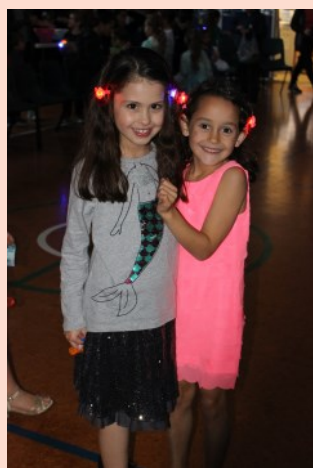
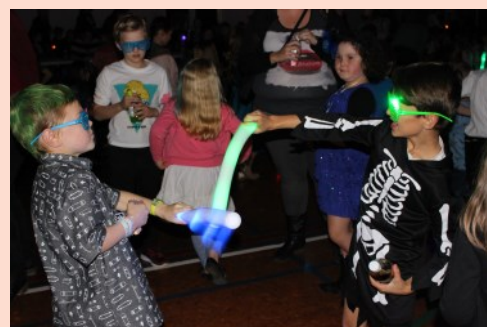
Kia hiwa rā



English, Te Reo Maori and sign language are official languages of Aotearoa. Have a go at learning the song 'Wairua Tapu' on YouTube. It is a song that has been translated from English to Maori, and can be performed using sign language.



Thanks to everyone who came to the disco last Friday and supported our AIMS teams. We had so much fun!



Room 12's Amazing Adventures at the Goat Island Marine Discovery Centre.

Goat Island

Yesterday we went to Goat Island for a whole day. We were on a bus for 3 hours. My favourite part was the Marine Discovery Centre. We saw an Octopus called Gary! The rock pools were cool too. I saved 2 fish in the rock pools and I held a starfish. Goat Island was the first marine reserve in New Zealand. I learnt how to skim stones. My favourite starfish was the cushion fish. There are so many starfish! Lobsters and crayfish are the same thing. I liked touching the anemones. When sponges get close to the sun they turn white.

Written by Gabe



Goat Island

Yesterday I had so much fun at Goat Island.

I went to the beach, Marine Discovery Centre and the rock pools. My favourite part was the Marine Discovery Centre because it had a lot of sea stars and I love sea stars, they felt nice.



I learnt how to hold a sea star too.

Thank you Naomi and Andy. You guys were amazing. We had so much fun with you guys. I hope on the next trip I go with you too.

Written by Kartia Kemp-Upton



Crabs at Goat Island

Thank you parents for helping us out in this school trip and for caring for us. I enjoyed going to the rock pools because I found two crabs in the water, one with a purple claw and I also found a big crab under the water that looked like a spider. Thank you teachers for taking your time and putting lots of hard work and effort for us to go on this adventure a long way from home.

Written by Tiana



Room 4 has been learning about animals and habitats!



As a part of our habitats unit, we went on a trip to the zoo. It was a lot of fun!



My habitat is a farm. Pigs and cows and sheep live on the farm. The farmer looks after them. The cows eat the grass at the farm and then the farmers milk them. Then it goes to a dairy factory and they make cartons for it.



George

My habitat is a desert. Reptiles and kangaroos and furry creatures live in this desert. The snakes are predators of the wallabies.

Harper



My habitat is the desert. Bugs live in my desert. They live there because it's hot and they like it hot. The spider's prey is the praying mantis.

Renee



Team Triathlon Results

Swimmer, Cyclist, Runner

Tarek Colson, Curtis Woodward, Marcus Stokes	Year 5 Boys	2nd
Chante Heke, Rosie Angus, Piper Crake	Year 6 Girls	10th
Lexi Tilson, Emma McFarland, Kyla Middleton	Year 6 Girls	9th
Tommy Lealiifano, Orlando Wynyard, Rocco Mowat	Year 6 Boys	4th
Chloe Tilson, Kayla Hutchison, Lara Middleton	Year 7 Girls	3rd
Troy Shaw, Niko Stokes, Liam Coe	Year 7 Boys	5th
Daymin Allen, Thomas Beeton, Luke Beeton	Year 7 Boys	6th
Holly Limmer, Varnya Pryor, Paris King	Year 8 Girls	2nd
Pearl Wynyard, Stella Anderson, Jessica Coe	Year 8 Girls	5th
Jamie Teague, Josh Uluinayau, Jack Wilson-Jones	Year 8 Boys	2nd
Makaira Murray, Vinesh Patel, Ryan Hoskings	Year 8 Boys	6th



Individual Triathlon Results

Millie Limmer	Year 5 Girls	1st
Cassandra Zickert	Year 5 Girls	5th
Ottis Oliver-Chambers	Year 5 Boys	2nd
Lexie Orange	Year 6 Girls	4th
Lilee Allen	Year 6 Girls	6th
Rylee Corric	Year 6 Girls	7th
Harvey Banks	Year 6 Boys	4th
Braydon Gelderman	Year 6 Boys	19th
Thomas Drummond	Year 6 Boys	21st
Jessica Smith	Year 7 Girls	8th
Daisy Oliver-Chambers	Year 7 Girls	14th
George Pilkington	Year 7 Boys	1st
Andre England	Year 7 Boys	2nd
Jack Hutchison	Year 7 Boys	3rd
Jamie-Lee Binks	Year 8 Girls	4th
Claudia Pilkington	Year 8 Girls	8th
Caleb Olsen	Year 8 Boys	2nd
Brock Colson	Year 8 Boys	3rd
Riley Brewis	Year 8 Boys	4th

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Enjoy Music?

Want to play in a band?

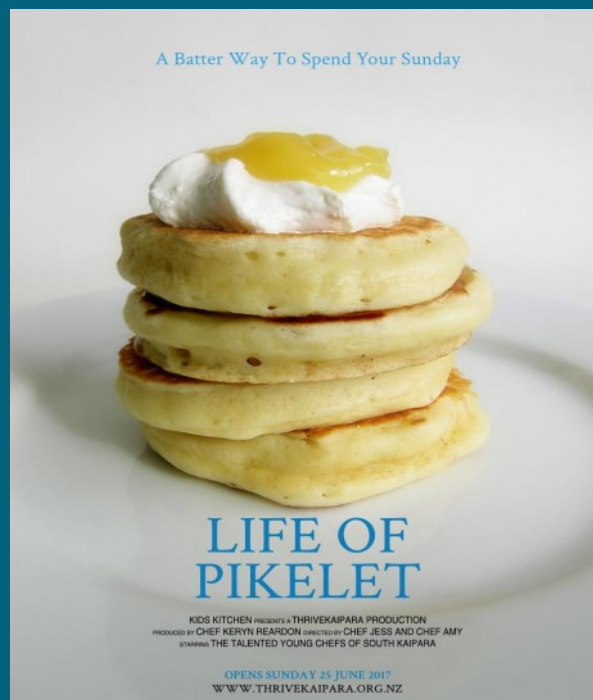
Join a MusicRoom holiday workshop!

Music Room are delighted to announce that they will again be running our holiday workshops in the July school holidays. Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July. As well as their general instrumental all-day workshops, they will be offering specialist Rhythm and Beat workshops featuring internationally renowned percussionist Hannah Neman. These workshops are a low cost way to give children a chance to see if music is for them.

For more information contact:
Kathy - Programme co-ordinator
MusicRoom
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Kids' Kitchen Cooking Classes. Sessions available 9am, 10am and 11:30am Sunday 25 June at Te Whare Oranga o Parakai, during the South Kaipara Harvest & Artisan Market. Cost, \$5 per child, ages 3-12. Book by emailing kitchen@thrivekaipara.org.nz.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
July 2017
Massey, Te Atatu, Parakai
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Auckland Council
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1. Make those fruit trees behave - Come along to "How to prune my fruit trees" Sunday 2nd July, 1-4.30, \$45.00 or 2 for \$40.00 each. Also on Sun 16th and 30th.
 2. Our next "Master that Machine" - Beginner's Sewing, Sunday July 9th, 9.30-3.30.
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