

Matariki ahunga
nui = Matariki
provider of
plentiful food.

Friday, 5 June 2015

Ko te Paraire, 5 o Hune 2015

DID YOU KNOW?

Matariki is marked by the 7 star constellation Pleiades. If the stars were clear and bright, it was a sign that a productive planting season lay ahead.



Tēnā koutou katoa

Term 2, Week 6 of 10

I spent Wednesday in Auckland attending the national Advanced Women in Leadership programme. Peak Auckland traffic going there and back was not my cup of tea! The amount of time wasted travelling at no more than 1km for over an hour makes me appreciate the blessings of the time we have here in Kawhia. Make the most of this time you are blessed with because in some other places, it's worth more than gold!

Matariki—Thu 2 July

We have started preparing for our Matariki Celebrations on Thursday, 2 July.

This year, we will not be having a hangi—one of our cost cutting decisions. Instead, we ask parents and whanau

to bring a soup for us to serve during the day. We will also be running a fundraising sausage sizzle to go towards our Turangi trip.

We have some exciting displays and performances planned for this day and this is open to the Kawhia community so please come and support your tamariki and enjoy the day.

Turangi

We have planned to take our whole school to Turangi in August when hopefully there will be snow. We will be holding a mini gala in Labour Weekend to help add to our fundraising pool.

There will still be a cost to whanau and a flyer for this will be sent out shortly.

Values

We are looking at the values that we hold as important for our school whanau and community today.

Your thoughts are important to us. A survey form will be given out on Monday with values and space to write your own if they are not there.

Please circle or write the five values you think are the most important for our school and return it to the school office by the end of next week.

Cross Country

We have planned to have our school cross country in two weeks time on the 16th of June. Our children have been working hard training during the term for this so we hope for good results. Children need to make sure they have shoes for running in the domain and appropriate clothes to run in.

Support Staff Appreciation

Next week is Support Staff Appreciation week but I would like to start now by

COMING EVENTS

Wed, 10 June	Manual—bus leaves at 8am. Bring shoes and lunchbox
Wed, 10 June	BOT Meeting . 4.30pm in the staffroom

acknowledging all the support staff that work hard for our tamariki: Matua Hone, Mrs Sherman, Robyn, Amiria, Lisa, Bam and Lance. Also, thanks to those who come in to support all of us on a regular basis—Karen Bishop, Suzzarna Henry, Pauline Lellman, Laurence Pui and whanau, Laurien Read-Calder, Sue Burton, and Amanda Pu. On behalf of Mrs Dimond, Whaea Roimata and myself, thank you all for your sacrifices and commitment to awhi our children through your talents.

Kia pai to koutou wiki

Leanne Apiti

Tumuaki-Principal

ABSENCES AND AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Attendance plays a very important part how well your children achieve in their learning. Please make sure they are at school unless they are sick or for a justified and genuine reason such as a tangi. Every day away really adds up. →

It is also important that you let us know if your child is going to be somewhere or with someone else after school. Please take note of Mrs Sherman's office hours in this newsletter. We cannot guarantee the answerphone can be checked in time to pass messages to your children.

Mrs Sherman's Office Hours

Monday 8 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Tuesday—Closed

Wednesday 8 a.m.—1 p.m.

Thursday 8 a.m.—12 noon

Friday 8 a.m.—12 noon

Manual payments for Y7 and Y8 students \$60 for year need to be paid to school office as soon as possible, please. This gets paid to Otorohanga South School for materials. Payment by instalments can be arranged. Please see Mrs Sherman to arrange this.

School finishes 3pm except for the last day of the week, which finishes at 2.30pm (usually Fridays but could be a different day depending on holidays etc)

He Tono - requests

whakahokia - return it, take it back
tangohia - to take hold of, take off
waihotia - leave it alone
mauria mai - bring it
mauria atu - take it away
pupuritia - hold onto it
whakawātea - clear, get rid of
whakapaingia - put in order, bless

ngā kupu hou - new words

Let's Learn Maori—Facebook Page

Duffy Books in Homes



How you can be a Duffy parent

Take Some Time Out

When your child brings home their new book or books, ask if they would like you to read with them (or to them if they have just started school). Reading to your kids is a wonderful way to improve their reading and also a great way to spend time together.

Get Involved

Find out when the school is having their Role Model assembly, Duffy Theatre show or Mainfreight Award and join in the fun! Not only will these events give you a great insight into how the programme works in the school but it will give you some great things to discuss with your child afterwards.

Thank you to our sponsors who are putting more books into your homes:

*The Sproule Family,
Greg and Karen Nicholls,
Gallagher and the
Kāwhia School Board of Trustees*

Q: Why did the computer go to the doctor?

A: Because it had a virus!

Q: What do you call a sleeping bull?

A: A bulldozer!

Kawhia Foreshore—Seawall Construction

Over the next month or so, work on a new seawall situated in front of the playground on Jervois Street will be carried out.

This area has been fenced off for safety reasons. Can parents/caregivers please remind children to remain away from this area at all times.

Thank you for your co-operation. Kawhia Motors Ltd, Ross Dockery