



Newsletter # 9
Monday 19th June 2023

Ahakoā he iti pounamu.
Although it is small, it is a treasure.

Kia ora koutou,

We have a relatively quiet week ahead of us but NEXT week is going to be very full as we prepare for the Cluster Matariki / Puanga celebration at Maniaroa Marae on the last day of term. The children have been working really hard to learn new waiata at Kapahaka.

What's happening this week?

Tuesday: Early Finish at 2.15

Thursday: Kapahaka

Next week:

Friday 30th June: Cluster Matariki/Puanga celebration @ Mokau. End of term

Monday 17th July: Term 3 starts

Early finish tomorrow:

I have a Science Professional Development workshop in New Plymouth tomorrow afternoon. As quite a few students leave early on Tuesdays to go to boys brigade, the 5 remaining children will also finish at 2.15. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Tongaporutu Hall AGM

Tomorrow, Tuesday 20th June @ 7pm

BOT News: At our meeting last week Becci Johnston agreed to take on the role of presiding member (formerly called BOT Chairperson). Thanks Becci.

Celebrating Learning. Ka Rawe!

- 😊 Archer: Great effort in Kapahaka
- 😊 Tai: Taking turns with other students
- 😊 Ava-Jean: Good thinking in maths
- 😊 Ryan: Mastering very tricky geometry
- 😊 Ellie: Making a great solar system
- 😊 Casey: Learning new songs at kapahaka
- 😊 Sophie: Working well in all literacy tasks
- 😊 Raymond: Teaching **us** about Roman numerals
- 😊 Kayden: Using great strategies in chess
- 😊 Lukas: Making good choices at school
- 😊 Bradlee: Great leadership at kapahaka

This week is Shaye's last official week as a student teacher here at Ahititi, although she is coming to the marae next week. It has been lovely having a student teacher and very special to have an ex student return to us in this capacity. All the best Shaye, we know you will be a fantastic teacher, you're a star!



Matariki / Puanga

On Monday and Tuesday next week we have been invited to Maniaroa marae along with students from Mokau and Whareorino schools. This will be a wonderful opportunity to familiarise the students with tikanga at the marae, learn some new skills, learn more about Matariki / Puanga, have some new experiences and practice our items for the celebration performance on Friday.

Senior students (yr 4-8) have also been invited to a noho, to stay the night at the marae on Monday. I will not be staying the night but I could deliver some students home after dinner if necessary. Alternatively, parents of older students are welcome to visit on Monday evening, stay to dinner and stay the night or take students home.

Please let me know if your child will be staying for dinner and/or overnight at the marae.

Travel timetable for next week

Monday	Maniaroa Marae	Bus
Tuesday	Maniaroa Marae	Bus
Thursday	Kapahaka @ Mokau	Bus
Friday	Cluster celebration at Maniaroa Marae	Parents to provide transport

Programme for Friday Cluster Matariki celebration

9.55 Gather outside Maniaroa Marae

10am Powhiri

10.20 Kai

10.45 – 12.15 Activities: Kemu / Poi / Mau rakau

12.15 Kai (Roast meal)

12.45 prepare for performance

1.15 Mimi / Uruti perform

1.25 Mokau, Ahititi, Whareorino perform

1.35 Combined performance

1.40 Final goodbyes.

Please let me know if you are able to come on Friday and join in the Matariki / Puanga celebration with us. If you are unable to attend and need a ride for your child please let me know asap. Thanks.

Nga mihi, Chris & the A-Team



Matariki

During Matariki we celebrate our unique place in the world.

*We give respect to the whenua on which we live,
and admiration to our mother earth Papatūānuku.*

Throughout Matariki we learn about those who came before us.

Our history. Our family. Our bones.

Matariki signals growth. It's a time of change.

It's a time to prepare, and a time of action.

*During Matariki we acknowledge what we have
and what we have to give.*

Matariki celebrates the diversity of life.

It's a celebration of culture, language, spirit and people.

Matariki is our Aotearoa Pacific New Year.