

Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), Welkom (South African), Huān yíng (Chinese-Mandarin), Ayubowan, Vanakkam (Sri Lankan), Namaste (India), Bem-vindos (Brazil), Marhaba (Arabic), Hallo (Dutch), Choum Reap Sour (Cambodia), Geiá sou (Greek), Mbote, Jambo (Congoese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

** SCHOOL CLOSED **

FRIDAY 24TH JUNE - Matariki Celebration

A reminder that school will be **CLOSED** on this day

School opens again on Monday 27th June, 2022

Kia ora o te whanau

We have very much enjoyed some great learning experiences at school over the past two weeks. The Earth and Ra Teams visited Maungatautari Sanctuary Mountain to explore the native bird and plant life and the Neptune Team went to the Kiwi House in Otorohanga. It has been great to resume educational trips for the first time since 2020. Thank you to our parent helpers who made this possible. Last week we enjoyed Book Week with author zoom calls and an Illustrator visit. The week culminated with a Pyjama or Onesie Day which saw all students and staff in their comfy clothes, snuggled up with books. This was very much a 'feel good' day for all.

Yesterday the students rose to the challenge of our first ever X Cross Challenge. It was a beautiful crisp winter day and our STAR students really gave it their all and tried their best. Obstacles included: A-frame climbing walls, cargo net, board/plank walking, tyre run, plank walk, hula hooping, skipping rolling down the hill and many other activities. All in the spirit of having fun! We welcomed a large number of families into the school to watch and encourage the children.



An important focus of the next few weeks is the celebration of Matariki within our school. We have included quite a bit of information in this newsletter about this unique festival. It is important that all in our Aotearoa New Zealand community understand the significance of this event. It is a special time to share with friends and family, to celebrate through shared meals and to remember our loved ones who have passed away. All this is connected to this wonderful star cluster signifying the Maori New Year.



Being able to return to these uplifting and happy times for our students, staff and families are very important as they reinforce that our school is a fun and enriching place to be. It is that which connects the community and encourages students to come to school each day, excited to learn.



Anne

Mānawātia a Matariki - Celebrate the rising of Matariki

Friday 24th June 2022 marks an important milestone in which Aotearoa prepares to celebrate Matariki as our first public holiday that recognises te ao Māori and Matariki.

What is Matariki?

Matariki takes its name from the Māori name for a cluster of stars. The cluster is also known in other parts of the world as the Pleiades, the Seven Sisters, Makli'i (Samoa) or Subaru (Japan).

Matariki is an abbreviation of 'Ngā Mata o te Ariki Tāwhirimātea' ('The eyes of the god Tāwhirimātea'). Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother were separated by their offspring, one of their sons, god of the winds Tāwhirimātea, became angry, tearing out his eyes and hurling them into the heavens.



Why is Matariki celebrated and its significance?

When the Matariki star cluster becomes visible to New Zealand in mid-winter, it marks the start of the Māori Lunar Calendar. Celebrating the start of the Māori New Year.

- ☀️ Matariki is a time for remembering the past, a time to honour the people we have lost.
- ☀️ Matariki is celebrating the present. It is a time to appreciate what we have.
- ☀️ A time for reflection and looking forward to the future. It is time to consider what the future holds.

How to find the Matariki Star cluster?

Start with the three stars of Tauru (Orion's Belt) left of Tauru you will see a triangle shape set of stars Te Kokotā, just to the left of Te Kokotā you will come across a cluster of stars - this is Matariki (Pleiades).



What Stars make up the Matariki Cluster?

☀️ Matariki is the star that means reflection, hope, our connection to the environment and the gathering of people. Ko Matariki te whetu e tohu ana i te huritao, i te manawa ora, i tō tātau hono ki Te Ao Tūroa me ngā huihuinga o ngā iwi.

☀️ Pohutukawa is the star that represents our loved ones passed on. Ko Pōhutukawa te whetū e tohu ana i Te Hunga kua huri ki tua o Te Ārai.

☀️ Waiāi is the star that represents all fresh water (Lakes, Rivers) and food sources that come from them. Ko Waiāi te whetū e tohu ana i Ngā Wai Māori katoa (ngā roto me ngā awa) me ngā mauri kai o reira.

☀️ Waitā is the star that represents the ocean, and food sources within it. Ko Waitā te whetū e tohu ana i Te Wai Tai, me Ngā Hua a Tangaroa.

☀️ Waipuna-a-rangi is the star that represents rain. Ko Waipuna-a-rangi te whetū e tohu ana i te hekenka roimata o Ranginui.

☀️ Tupua-nuku is the star that represents everything that grows within the soil for food. Ko Tupua-nuku te whetū e tohu ana i Ngā Hua a Haumie, a Rongo-mātāne.

☀️ Tupua-rangi is the star that represents everything that grows or lives in trees fruits, berries, and birds. Ko Tupua-rangi te whetū e tohu ana i Ngā Hua o Tānemahuta; ngā hua rākau me ngā manu.

☀️ Ururangi is the star that represents the winds. Ururangi te whetū e tohu ana i Ngā Hau a Tāwhirimātea.

☀️ Hiwaiterangi is the star associated with granting our wishes, and realising our aspirations for the coming year. What is your wish? E pā ana te whetū Hiwaiterangi ki te whakatinana i o tātau tūmanako me te whakatutuki i o tātau wawata mo te tau kei te heke mai. He aha tō tumanako?

✨ Discover more Matariki Star facts - Ngā Meka Matariki. Click on the link below.



[Matariki Star Facts](#)

[How is Matariki celebrated?](#)

Every Maori Iwi will have a different way of celebrating this special time of year. It is a time to get together and share kai and memories. Lots of kōrero are around the three main principles of remembrance, celebration and looking to the future with whānau.

[There are many Matariki events in Waikato for 2022](#)

Hamilton Gardens have many events including 'Manu Tukutuku Kite Day' on June 26th June.

The Hamilton Zoo has activities on 24th-26th June.

✨ For more Matariki events: <https://www.waikatoz.com/matariki/>

EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL - BEFORE 8.15AM

Children are welcome to arrive at school from **8.15am onwards**. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.15am. We offer a Before School Care facility; Enrolment Forms are available online from our school website: www.tetotara.school.nz

SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

Just a reminder to everyone that school starts promptly at **8.55am** when the roll is taken.

We finish school each day at **3.00pm** with the only exception being Fridays after assembly. All other days teachers have been asked not to release their students until the 3.00pm bell goes. This allows for the satisfactory conclusion of the afternoon teaching programme, student tidy up routines and for staff to manage the school exit areas.

If a student needs to be picked up before 3.00pm, for any unusual events such as urgent appointments then parents are asked to sign through the office area, including the reason for an early pick-up, prior to going to the classroom.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we maximise learning programmes for your child.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD by **Wednesday 1pm** to stephy@tetotara.school.nz

Hockey

Strikers Ivy Zhang
Blue Joshua Verma
Red Sticks Harper Gardiner
Red Yash Rathore
Lions Coco Xiao

Netball

Meteors Harper Gardiner
Magic Hailey Coetzee
Comets 11/6 - Armani Addy. 18/6 - Kenzie Humphrey
Invaders TBA
Ferns Sonny Whitiara
Shooters TBA

DATES COMING UP

Fri 24 June Matariki Celebration Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Thurs 30 June BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 8 July TERM 2, ENDS @ 3.00pm

Mon 25 July TERM 3, BEGINS @ 8.55am
Tues 2 Aug Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Wed 3 Aug Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Wed 3 Aug PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Wed 10 Aug Photolife Groups & Cluster Sports Photos

Anne Fraser

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 3rd August at 7:30pm** in the Staff Lounge. All parents and caregivers of students of Te Totara Primary School are able to attend, so please book this date in your diary today! We would love to have you join us. We will also be discussing and finalising our next events to be held in Term 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 3rd August at 7:30pm

Your PTA Committee: *Kerri, Adelle, Navneet, Kerry & Angelique*

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

We are often asked to put Community Notices in our newsletter. Due to the large number of requests, we now have a "Community Notices" section on the notice board in the School Office, where you will find more information on the notices below. **Please note that this does not necessarily imply School endorsement of these notices.**



MATARIKI
Journey Through The Stars

Seven stars, seven locations,
seven amazing opportunities
to learn and celebrate.

Activities include
Stargazing ★ Painting ★ Movies ★ Traditional Maaori kite making
Seed growing ★ Entertainment ★ *and so much more!*

FREE EVENTS!

30 May - 17 July


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WRITE
like an
AUTHOR

The camps start on **Tuesday, July 19, 2022** and run until **Thursday, July 21, 2022** at **Rototuna Junior High**.

There will be a three day camp for children aged 9 to 14 and a one day workshop for children aged 7 to 10

Young writers (or their parents) can register here:

http://www.writelikeanauthor.com/CampListing.asp?wc_id=323

Young illustrators (or their parents) can register here:

http://www.drawlikeanartist.com/CampListing.asp?wc_id=342



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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY

TRAINING SESSIONS

9:00AM -
10:30AM

Mini & Little Ballers
School years 1 - 4

10:30AM -
12:30PM

Intermediate Development
School years 5 - 8

1:00PM -
3:00PM

Junior Development
School years 9 - 11

TUE, WED, THUR
BOTH WEEKS

VENUE:

The Peak

COST

Mini & Little Ballers - \$30+GST per day
or \$80+GST for 3 days

Intermediate/ Junior Development
\$40 per day or \$100 for 3 days

VISIT JUMPBALLACADEMY.CO.NZ TO REGISTER



WINTER READING PROGRAMME 2022

GAME ON!

4-29 JULY

AGES 5-12

BOARD GAMES TO BE WON AT EACH LIBRARY!

THE MORE YOU READ, THE MORE CHANCES TO WIN!

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS. REGISTER ONLINE

Lots of fun activities including make-your-own game, big games, board games and more!
Register and read from 4 July!

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