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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Te Karere a te Kura Tuatahi

Newsletter 9

22 June 2022

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*Tena koutou, Guten tag, Goedendag, Namaste, Sat-sri-akal, Bula, Konnichi-wa, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Mabuhay, An nyoung, Greetings to all whanau.*

### **Matariki: Te Tau Hou Māori**

Matariki marks the start of the Māori New Year. Signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky, this is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead. Each star holds a certain significance over our wellbeing and environment, as seen from te ao Māori.

Matariki tāpuapua. Matariki nāna i ao ake te kai ki runga. Matariki hunga nui. Matariki ahunga nui. Te ope o te rua Matariki. Ka rewa a Matariki, ka maoka te hinu. Ka rewa a Matariki ka rere te kanakana. Matariki is the star that signifies reflection, hope, our connection to the environment and the gathering of people. Matariki is also connected to the health and wellbeing of people.

Our tūpuna (ancestors) would look to Matariki for help with their harvesting. When Matariki disappeared in April/May, it was time to preserve crops for the winter season. When it re-appeared in June/July, tūpuna would read the stars to predict the upcoming season – clear and bright stars promised a warm and abundant winter while hazy stars warned of a bleak winter.

At school the children have been taking part in a range of activities to celebrate Matariki. They have been reading legends, taking part in art activities, playing traditional games, planting seeds, sharing kai and flying kites.

### **Ambassador and Mayor's Visit to KKPS**

We had a surprise visit on the 10th June from Irish Ambassador, **Peter Ryan, and our mayor, Garry Webber.** Mr. Ryan's interest in our Irish ancestors and our connection to Dave Gallaher, led to his visit. The children greeted our visitors with a powhiri and really enjoyed listening to Mr. Ryan who had a great sense of humour. The children got to show him our murals and to talk about how our house system worked. It was a pleasure to host our visitors and our children, as always, did us proud.

## Mid Year Reports

Your child will be receiving their mid-year report in the last week of term. For children in Years 0 – 2 this will come home as a paper copy on Tuesday the 5th July. For children in Years 3 – 6 their reports will be available on Seesaw on Tuesday the 5th July with paper copies being sent home to those unable to connect to Seesaw. If you are not **currently connected to Seesaw, please contact your child's classroom teacher**. The reports will be uploaded onto Seesaw at the end of the school day, all reports should be online by 5.00pm.

**The reports will let you know your child's reading age and their curriculum level for Maths and Writing.** When you look at these levels, please bear in mind that we are only halfway through the year and we have also had a very unsettled start to 2022 due to Covid. **Your child's report will show you where they are working currently and at the end of the year will show their new level.** This allows us to show progress over the course of the year and enables you to celebrate **your child's progress with them. Every child is unique and learns at their own pace.** Sometimes they will make accelerated progress and at other times they will plateau – this is quite normal. Please have a look at the Years and Curriculum Levels illustration on the report which shows that children usually take two to three years to work through each curriculum level but can often take longer. If you have **any concerns about your child's learning, remember we are always here to help.** You are welcome to make an appointment with your **child's teacher at any time during the year. Either email your child's teacher** (addresses are available on our website) or contact the school office to make an appointment.

## Agriculture Day:

**Unfortunately, last year's Ag Day was cancelled due to COVID.** This year we want to see how many children are interested in participating in Ag Day towards the end of October. Could you please email **[mpaterson@katikati.school.nz](mailto:mpaterson@katikati.school.nz) with your child's name, class, year level** and what animal you are raising (lamb, calf, kid or cria) to see if we have the numbers to make this go ahead. Thank you.

## Library Corner

Rhiannon, our new librarian, is doing great things in the library to make it a fun and exciting place for our children. Below is an update **she has written to keep us informed of what's happening in the library.**

As we're approaching Matariki this week, I've selected some Matariki-themed picture books for reading aloud during class visits. I also have some great Matariki-related activity sheets (courtesy of Te Papa) that I'll have available for students at morning tea and lunch breaks this week.

The catalogue system in the library has been upgraded to make things easier for the children. Laptops will be set-up when classes visit so students can begin learning how to search for and find items within the library. I'll do a brief demonstration of how to search with the new catalogue in classes, and I'm also working on a little scavenger hunt activity to help Yr 3 - 6 students get familiar with how to search using the catalogue.

Congratulations to the latest class to receive the Best Library Class Award: Whaea Lindsey's Room 25. I was really impressed by how attentive the students were this week during the read aloud, how conscientious they were with their paddles or library cards when browsing, and how well they used their library time for independent reading. Nicely done Room 25!

## Cross Country

Very well done to those children who went through to the North Cluster Cross Country Competition at Whakamarama School on the 8th July. It is a very different course to our school cross country, the children having to run on steep slopes through the forest. The children really did us proud showing great behaviour and sportsmanship on the day – encouraging each other to do their best. Please see the sports page for the results.

**Fruit:** Children across the school have a fruit break at approximately 10am. If you have fruit trees and have excess fruit, we would love to take them off your hands. Please drop off to the school office.



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# Sports Corner

## **SPORTS DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> June – BOP Cross Country

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July – Waimata Netball Tournament (Yr 5/6)

## **NORTH CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY**

We had a beautiful sunny day up at Whakamarama School this year for the North Cluster Cross Country. Our team of 37 Year 4-6 children gave it their all. It was great to see the competitiveness and determination of our students to do their best despite the cold, muddy conditions that the Whakamarama course challenges us with! A great day was had by all. A huge thank you to those parents who volunteered to help marshal at this event and those who helped with supervision and supported our children on the day!

**Congratulations to: Year 4 Girls: Jordan Monds – 7<sup>th</sup> Place**

**Year 5 Boys: Alex Hollows – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Monty Groenewald – 7<sup>th</sup> Place**

These 3 students qualified to go the WBOP Cross Country, Waipuna Park.

## **WBOP CROSS COUNTRY**

The WBOP Cross Country was held yesterday at Waipuna Park. Unfortunately both Jordan Monds and Monty Groenewald were both unwell and unable to attend. Alex Hollows did attend but didn't quite have the energy he had wanted to gain a placing for the next level and later that day went home unwell also.

## **WBOP GYMNASTICS – YEAR 5/6**

Congratulations to Isabella Hart from Room 22 who competed for her club at ARGOS Gymsport Tauranga on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. She had a great day and added a few ribbons to her collection. Well done Isabella!

## **WAIMATA NETBALL TOURNAMENT**

To be held at the Waihi Netball Courts on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July (no postponement)

Katikati Tornedos Yr 5/6 Team permission and payment for this tournament is now due. Please register through our Kindo School Shop.

## **GIRL CODE Rugby Holiday Programmes are back for the Term 2 Holidays!**

Venue: Blake Park, Mt Maunganui

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Time: 9-12:30pm

Ages: 5-13 Cost: \$5

We create a fun and social atmosphere that support girls having a blast whether they are current players or just want to give it a try! What to bring: Running shoes/boots, warm jacket in case of bad weather, morning tea, packed lunch and a drink bottle. Rugby boots and mouthguards are compulsory if your child would like to do tackle. No mouthguard no tackle.

For further information please email [reception@boprugby.co.nz](mailto:reception@boprugby.co.nz) or to register go to <https://www.sporty.co.nz/boprugby/COMMUNITY-RUGBY/Junior-Rugby/Holiday-Programme>

***Email us to let us know any great achievements by your children in sport to include in the newsletter.***

***Christine Townsend, Sports Co-ordinator***



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## TERM CALENDAR.

*THIS CALENDAR DOES CHANGE AND OUR  
ADVICE IS TO CHECK FOR CHANGES*

- 24 June— Matariki (public holiday)
- 28 June—BOP Cross Country
- 30 June—Kiwi Comp English & Maths / BOT meeting 4.00 pm
- 1 July—Waimata Netball Tournament Year 5/6 only
- 7 July—MUFTI DAY
- 8 July—End of Term 2
- 25 July—Term 3 starts
- 18 August to 25 August—Scholastic Book Fair
- 14 September—Photolife
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