

# Newsletter Term 2

## Wk 10 2022



### Term Dates 2022

**Term 1**  
Wed 2 Feb – Thur 14 April

**Term 2**  
Mon 2 May – Fri 8 July

**Term 3**  
Mon 25 Jul – Fri 30 Sept

**Term 4**  
Mon 17 Oct – Thur 15 Dec

Two teacher only days will be scheduled.  
1. 4th March 2. tbc

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### Important Dates

#### Term 2

**8 July** Last day of term 2

#### Term 3

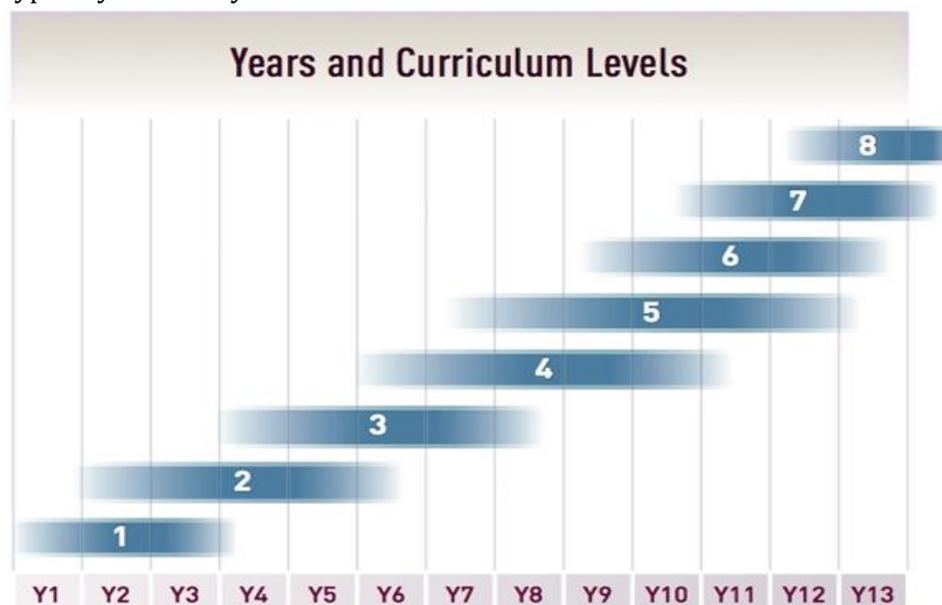
**25 July** First day of term 3  
**2 August** Parent Interviews (school closes at 1pm)  
**3 August** BOT nominations close  
**4 August** Parent Interviews  
**7 September** BOT election day  
**13 September** BOT results announced  
**14 September** New BOT takes office

**Friday, 8th July 2022**

Kia ora e te whānau.

### REPORTS

This afternoon you will receive your children's mid year report. This report will inform you of where your child is achieving against the expected levels of the New Zealand Curriculum. The diagram below shows how curriculum levels typically relate to years at school.



In week 2 of term 3 there will be an opportunity for you to book a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the report. These meetings will be:

- Tuesday 2nd August between 2.00pm and 7.00pm.
- Thursday 4th August between 3.10pm and 5.30pm

On the first day term 3 you will be sent more information and a link to the School Interviews website as well as a password.

Please note on Tuesday 2nd August we will be finishing school early at 1.00pm and please ask, if you are able to collect your children at 1.00pm. If you are unable to collect your children early we will be able to arrange for them to be supervised till 3.00pm. Early next term we will send out a Google Form asking you to let us know if your child will need to stay at school on Tuesday 2nd.

## PROPERTY

Work is underway! It is bittersweet really, on one hand it is great having the security fences up as this means the work is underway. On the other hand having the security fences up means disruption to the school.



## COVID

You may be aware that there has been a resurgence of covid cases in the community lately. This is a combination of people getting it for the second time as they are past the 90 day reinfection period or people are getting one of the new more infectious strains. If case numbers increase significantly here at school we will consider a return to all staff and students in year 4 to 8 wearing masks in classrooms.

**Ngā mihi**  
**Caine Webster - Principal**

## FROM THE OFFICE

### BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The board of trustee election process for Pauatahanui school has started, and earlier this week you should have received information and nomination papers by email. **If you have not received this email please urgently contact the school office ([office@pauatahanui.school.nz](mailto:office@pauatahanui.school.nz)).**

Board of Trustee elections for schools across New Zealand are in September this year. All parents, caregivers and people in the wider community can be parent representatives on school boards. If you are interested in getting involved in the running of our Pauatahanui school and would like to know more, get in touch with our current board members on [bot@pauatahanui.school.nz](mailto:bot@pauatahanui.school.nz).

### Key dates for the nomination and election process:

Process	Key Dates
1. Nominations close	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022
2. Pauatahanui Board of Trustee Election day	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
3. Election results announced	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
4. New Board takes office	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2022

### ABSENTEES AND LATE ARRIVALS

Please make sure you either call or email Sue if your child is absent from school. It is also important that you give a reason for the absence. We need to report this to the Ministry of Education.

If your child is arriving after 9 o'clock, they need to come to the office and sign in. This is an important emergency procedure as we need to know at any given time who is on school grounds.

### BREAD TAGS

We are still collecting plastic bread tags!

Thanks so much to all who have sent bread tags into school! We are in the final collection stages as plastic bread tags are finally on their way out and being replaced with cardboard.

The suppliers are still collecting them until September 1st. The more we collect the more good we can do! Please send them to room one and place them in our new bread tag collection box. They get recycled into seedling trays - all the profit then goes to a charity, some locally in New Zealand and some in South Africa where they buy wheelchairs for people who need them. Many thanks, Mrs Layfield and Room 1.



### HIGH FIVE

In last week's senior assembly the following students were awarded with a certificate. Well done to all recipients!

Emma Ho  
Ruby  
Jade

Tyler  
Cooper  
Mason

Clare  
Fletcher  
Mackie

## Regional Cross Country - Harcourt Park

Here is our team of Pauatahanui students at Regional Cross Country on Tuesday. Congratulations to them all, but especially to **Hayden who came in fourth position** and qualified for the next stage, the Inter-Regional Event. We wish him well for this race.



**Jade (Year 6), Riley S (Year 6), Hayden (Year 5), Toby (Year 4)**  
Abs: Nova (Year 4), Georgia M (Year 5)

# Kapa Haka Performance Group

## Matariki Experience



Last Friday the Kapa Haka Performance Group hopped on a bus and headed to Te Rauparaha Arena for the Matariki Experience. This was a free event put on by the Arena.

Inside the arena a spectacular indoor starlit setting and stories about Matariki were shared on the big screen. Then there were a variety of interactive Matariki themed activities to try out, glow in the dark poi, star writing, a look at the local fresh water food that can be found.

It concluded with a story told by locals about what the Porirua Harbour and waterways were like when they were young, the huge eels they caught, the plentiful gardens that provided their kai and the fun they had.



# Matariki Celebration

Last Thursday night it was wonderful to gather as a school community to celebrate Matariki. Thank you to those who were able to join us as we combined with Pauatahanui Preschool to share waiata and kai.



It was great to see families catching up, games of Poi Rakau being played in the learning centre and yummy sausages and delicious hot chocolates being consumed.

The Kapa Haka Performance group did a great job of leading us after a long break with no official performances. We look forward to many more times of coming together and celebrating as a school community in the months to come.

**Mānawatia a Matariki!**





*We are the ones. 111*

### **Onesie Day**

Last year Pauatahanui school contributed to help raise a record breaking \$280,000 towards the Wellington Free Ambulance Onesie Day, helping to purchase the very first Onesie Day Ambulance. Thank you, this was a fantastic effort everyone!!

## WHITIREIA HUB

### Statistical Investigation

The last few weeks in maths we have been learning about stats investigation. We learned the mean, median, and range. The mean is the average of a set of data. The median is the middle number in the set of data. The range is the distance between the smallest and largest number. Later we had to think of something to discover by ourselves. We had to find out the information and put it into a graph. We liked it because we learned lots of things and it was interesting.



Therese and Ruby

We hope you enjoy some of Raukawa hubs amazing writing.

### *The eyes of Tawhirimatea*

By Sam Preece, Rūma Ono

Before time, as the world was created, the sky god, Ranginui and the earth goddess, Papatuanuku were pressed so close together that there was mysterious darkness between them. Their children, the gods wanted to see the light, but Tawhirimatea disagreed.

Tanemahuta pushed his parents apart, to the great disapproval of Tawhirimatea, who began attacks on his brothers. His brothers decided to ignore him, but Tumatauenga, the god of war, would not miss out on the chance of one.

Tumatauenga and Tawhirimatea fought and fought, and as swift as an eagle the god of war defeated his brother. In a rage Tawhirimatea quietly pulled out his eyes, crushed them in his hands and threw them into the sky.

Tawhirimatea then joined his father in the sky. You will feel his winds when he is either angry or just feeling his way around the earth, because he is blind. Among the clouds you might see the eyes of Tawhirimatea at sunrise. They are known as the nine stars of Matariki or in some places the Pleiades.

### **Matariki**

It was the night before the Matariki stars came out to glow (the 24th of June.) My family & I were going out to see the cluster of shining stars. I was extremely excited about the adventure! We would lie out on the grass hill on the soft blanket & admire the family; it would be amazing- "Lucy! We're leaving, grab your stuff & get in the car!" "Coming!" Oooo~ It's going to be so awesome, the bright lights that resemble different things, it's quite amazing thinking about it!

We took the car up the grass hill, placed our blankets & laid on the soft surface. I stared up at the bright stars: Pōhutukawa, Waitī, Waitā, Hiwa i te rangi, Waipunarangi, Matariki, Tupu ā nuku, Tupu ā rangi- "Wait where's Ururangi?" I asked but nobody knew where she could be... "She's probably behind a cloud or something" added my older brother (he wasn't a huge fan of Matariki & didn't really connect with them.)

I decided to have a little walk after sitting there, thinking for 10 minutes. I walked down the hill away from the other families. But then there's this dim light behind some tall, forest trees. Curious, I slowly walked closer to the light to find Ururangi sitting there with her head resting on her knees. She was a glowing light but quite dim for a star, I wonder what happened?

I stepped forward with the intention to help but the second I moved she flung her head around to face me. "I'm not here to hurt you, I just want to return you back to your place in the night sky" She seemed uncertain with me but opened her mouth just to close it again. She tried again, "I-I couldn't get back in the sky, usually when this happens I get pulled back up by my family but I'm too dim for them to see me!" Now that all my questions were answered, I need to figure out how to get her back up before the sun rises. "How did you get so dim?" I asked, worried about what might happen if we didn't get her back up. "Well, the star's brightness goes up when they're happy but then shrinks when they're upset, this is why the Matariki family are so bright on Matariki." She must be upset by not being up there on her morning. I decided to cheer her up & she slowly levitated upwards towards the sky. I said goodbye & let her float up. I returned to my family & there she was once again with her family shining just as bright as anyone else.

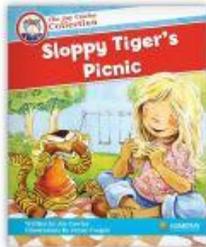
by Jade W

# TAINUI HUB

Tainui hub loved sharing their class performances with each other. We have enjoyed exploring the Arts



# Room 3 and 4 Kawhia Hub



Last week our big book was 'Sloppy Tiger's Picnic'. We had fun reading this story, learning and writing facts about tigers, making tiger headbands, completing tiger art and lots more!



"Tigers cool down by lying in water"  
Bella



"Tigers can scratch".  
Lachie

"Tigers are orange with stripes"  
Annie



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