

KIA ORA - GREETINGS

The NZEI is running paid Union Meetings for teachers. Schools have chosen how to manage the release of staff. We have half our staff offsite both this Friday afternoon and Friday 2 July.

CLASS CELEBRATIONS

Pae Ake

We have been 'tinkering' with some Digital Technology tools over the last couple of weeks in Pae Ake. We have used Moana Coding, Lego Educate and Beebots. It has taught us a lot about algorithms and using code.



Poutama

Poutama has been enjoying Te Ao Maori sessions with Pa Jack this term. They have been learning about greetings and numbers as well as learning how to ask simple questions in Te Reo Maori.



Pounamu Atawhai

On Monday and Wednesday afternoon we had a range of options for our tamariki to choose from.

There was Music with Mr Carter, STEM with Mrs Speirs, Sphero Challenge with Mrs Pedersen, and Kind Hearts with Mrs Kenyon. The kind hearts kids did some yummy baking for the Arohanui Hospice.

The Sphero challenge was to create a chariot for the robot to pull using lots of different materials.

The learning opportunities were great.



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Ari Stowers, Henrico Smit, Makayla Ahern, Charlie & Sam.



NGĀ MIHI O MATARIKI TE
TAU HOU MĀORI

Matariki Open Day

Kia ora whānau,

Our Kura is open to you all on Thursday the 1st of July from 12pm - 3pm. This is a chance for us to come together and celebrate Matariki.

12pm - 1pm: Matariki activities in class

1pm - 2pm: Traditional Māori games, Māori activities and kai

2pm - 3pm: Te Puawai or Te Ao Māori

Please fill in the Google form on our School App under links to RSVP

MATARIKI

What is Matariki?

Matariki is a time to gather with family and friends to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future. Our Inquiry for the rest of Term 2 is focusing on what Matariki means to us and how we can showcase this through the Arts.

Our tamariki will be looking at ways that Matariki can be present in our kura, our whānau and our community.

Does your whānau celebrate Matariki? How could you celebrate Matariki?

You could celebrate by cooking and sharing kai, gathering with your friends and loved ones, getting crafty, make a kite, getting outdoors and exploring our whenua, look for the Matariki star cluster, tell some Māori stories or myths, sing some waiata.

Best of all, have fun!!

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori, koutou!

Happy Matariki!

MATARIKI CONTINUED.....

MATARIKI

Recount - by Charlie Morland

Papatuanuku and Ranginui lay down together so close that it was very dark. Papatuanuku and Ranginui had children and for a time it was all good... The children started growing. The children were starting to fight and argue. Some felt trapped. The parents woke up and said stop fighting and then they felt something. It was Tane Mahuta pushing them apart. Tane Mahuta had separated his parents and the children were finally free. Ranginui was so sad he cried which we see as rain. Tawhirimatea threw lightning up to the sky. In the sky we can see 7 stars of Matariki.

MATARIKI

Recount - Ethan Woolaston

In the beginning there was nothing except darkness. Papatuanuku and Ranginui got married and had children. All was good until the children started growing. Tane decided to tell his parents to separate. They didn't, so he pushed his parents apart. Ranginui started crying and so did Tawhiri but his tears were lightning. He threw his tears to the heavens and they became the stars of Matariki. The eyes of the Ariki.

COMMUNICATION TEAM

Members of the Comms team this year have been completing jobs around the school to earn a trip to the beehive in Wellington in Term 3. They are learning the value of setting goals, being responsible and working towards something big. The team have picked up rubbish in their local areas, volunteered for a variety of tasks helping others and have been completing small jobs around the school during their break times.



DANCE EXPLORERS

Our Dance Explorers were lucky to have Georgia Lunn from Awatapu College come in last Tuesday and work with them. Georgia is choreographing a dance routine for the team with the aim of entering Dance NZ Made later in Term Three. We look forward to seeing the finished dance at one of our assemblies in the future.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



TERM DATES

Events also on the Parent Calendar via the School App and on the School Website;

WEEK NINE TERM TWO

Wednesday 30 June	Board of Trustees Meeting - 5.30pm
Thursday 1 July	Matariki Open Day 12 - 3.00 pm

WEEK TEN TERM TWO

Friday 9 July	Right Choice Day
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WEEK ONE TERM THREE

Monday 26 July	Term 3 Starts
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WEEK TWO TERM THREE

Monday 2 August	Mid Year Reports sent home
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Term 2 ends Friday 9 July 2021

Term 3 starts 26 July 2021

Term 3 ends Friday 1 October 2021

Piako Tahī

Isla Dunbar for putting a high level of effort into all her learning.
Hugo Mumford for being such a creative thinker.

Piako Rua

Aurora Bell for her positive attitude towards learning.
Scarlett Oppatt for her progress in literacy.
Noah Wright for his consistent contributions in literacy.

Pae Ake

Harper Manson for being an amazing helper within our classroom.
Luke Mayo for being a kind and caring friend to others.
Evie Morland for consistently working hard in all areas.

Poutama

Oliver Small for determination in improving your literacy and numeracy.

Max Garvey for his consistent effort and success in Maths.
Indi Cameron for her enthusiasm for learning every day.

Pounamu Atawhai

Devon Blackburn for having a positive attitude to learning.
Oliver Helm for creating and sharing imaginative and inspiring writing.

Kyah Tairaoa for consistently striving for excellence in all her learning.

Amelia Wilson for her confidence and joy towards reading.