



# Te Kura o Te Awahou

Newsletter - Term Two - Week Nine - 2025



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## Tēnā koutou katoa

*Tumuaki James Los'e*

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

As this term comes to a close, I want to take a moment to acknowledge someone very special to our kura, Whaea Elaine. During my time as Principal, her steady presence, reliability, and unwavering support have been a huge part of everything we've achieved. Having someone you can trust completely, who holds space for others to lead, is rare and so appreciated.

While I feel a real sadness in saying goodbye, I'm also incredibly excited for Whaea Elaine as she steps into her new role as Principal at Te Awapuni School. They are lucky to have her, and we know she will thrive in this next chapter.

Looking ahead to next term, there are some exciting things on the horizon. We're welcoming new kaiako and tamariki, and continuing to build a kura where identity, Te Reo Māori, and positive learning thrive side by side. To any whānau who might be looking for a kura that offers a balanced, bilingual Māori learning environment, come in and have a kōrero with me or our amazing staff.

You may have noticed I've been away from kura the past few days. I've had some health challenges and needed to take a bit of time out, something that's easier said than done! I'm hopeful that after a small procedure, I'll be back refreshed and ready to go for the start of Term 3.

Until then, stay well, stay warm, and as always:

TĀTOU KI A TĀTOU, we are in this together. Have a good holiday!



## Message From Whaea Elaine

Tēnā koutou e te whanau,  
It is with a mixture of excitement and sadness that I inform the school community that I have accepted the position of Principal at Awapuni School in Palmerston North. It will be a quick transition into the position and I would like to thank all the tamariki, staff and whanau, both past and present, for the amazing time that I have spent here at Te Kura o Te Awahou. I wish everyone well for the future and hope to be able to visit you all regularly. Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa. Nā Whaea Elaine

*We will host a poroporoaki on  
Thursday 17th July 1.30pm-  
3.00pm with a shared afternoon  
tea. All whānau are welcome.  
TBC*

*18<sup>th</sup> July we also will attend the  
pōwhiri as a kura for Whaea  
Elaine TBC*

## Pōwhiri

A reminder that our pōwhiri for all new kaiako and tamariki will be held at 10am, Tuesday 15th July. We'd love to see as many whānau as possible join us to welcome our new kura whānau and show them the manaakitanga that makes our kura special.

## Art Auction

Art Auction, This Wednesday!  
Come along to support our tamariki and their beautiful mahi toi!  
Our Art Auction is on Wednesday, 6pm-7pm, held in classrooms. Walk through, enjoy the creativity, and bid to support fundraising for kura trips. The dedication of our tamariki to their artwork has been outstanding, let's show up for them!





# Lights over Te Awahou

We are asking if any of our tamariki are available to come and support Whaea Ani Watson at the Lights over Te Awahou Festival this Saturday. Tamariki will need to be at kura by 3pm to get dressed and ready for karakia and the performance. After their bracket, tamariki can be picked up from the venue.

This is a beautiful opportunity for our tamariki to show leadership, manaakitanga and pride in our culture. We would love to see them there helping represent our kura and tautoko one of our own.

Also Whaea Ani will be running a Māori kai stall, if any whānau are able to come and help with her, please get in touch with the kura.

## Grocery Grab

All raffle booklets (sold or unsold) must be returned by **Wednesday 25th June**. The draw will happen this week, on Thursday so make sure they're back at the office!

## Basketball

This week marks the final round for basketball. Ka rawe to all our tamariki who gave it their all, and to the amazing parents, coaches and staff who supported them with trainings, transport and cheerleading, thank you! We had three teams this season and couldn't be prouder.



### Netball Reminder

*There will be no netball during  
the school holidays, rest up  
and be ready to return  
refreshed and strong in Term  
3!*

**HOROWHENUA  
POITŪKOHU**

**BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP 2025**

**FREE**

**2 days**  
**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Registration /Check in : 8:30am**

**Horowhenua Event Centre**  
**Open to 7-18 year olds**

**Rangatahi 4 Waiora**

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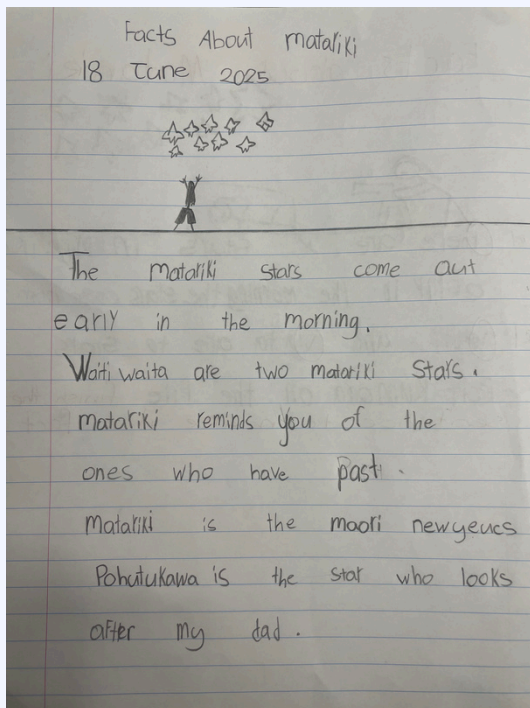
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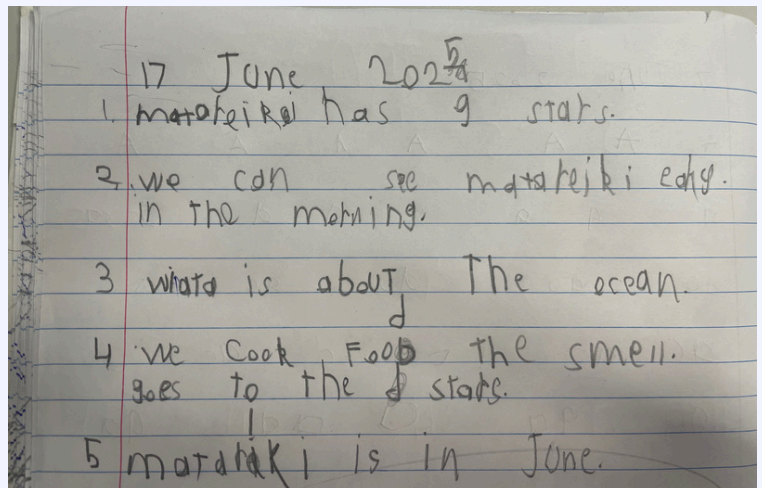
# Facts About Matariki

As part of our Matariki celebrations, our kura has been learning about the meaning of each star and where they sit in the sky.

Here is some facts from Turanga, showcasing what they've learned about Matariki.



By Blake Rolinson- Turanga



By Lennox Turnbull- Turanga



## Upcoming Events

### Art Auction

25<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm-7pm  
Classrooms

### Last Day of Kura for Term 2

26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Parent Teacher Interviews

27<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 9am-3pm

If you haven't yet booked and would like an interview scan the QR code below, or ring the school.

### Lights over Te Awahou

28<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm  
Meet at kura

### Term 3 Starts

14<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 8.45am

### Poroporoaki Whaea Elaine

17<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 1.30pm-3pm

### Pōwhiri For Whaea Elaine

18<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 9am-12.30pm  
Leave kura by bus to Awapuni

