



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week 8 as we look forward to our Matariki community celebration tomorrow night. Matariki is a time to come together as a community and it celebrates the Maori new year. It's a time to reflect, celebrate and look forward to the future. As a school we love to support this community event and as per our tradition we will create the special Matariki patties for our burgers for the BBQ, there will also be some sausages. This is our way to say thank you to our community for having our back as a school and how much we appreciate that. Sadly with my broken ankle which has now been screwed back together I will have to miss my first Matariki bonfire. But I look forward to seeing the photos and hearing all about it.

Reflection is also a great thing to do as we come to the end of the term. It signals the halfway point of our learning year. It is also time to reflect on our learning as reports come out and the Board of Trustees looks at school wide data.

Building on from last week's newsletter, reporting is different this round. From the start of 2025 we had a legal obligation to be using the new refreshed curriculum for Maths 0-8 and English 0-6. The Year 7-8 English is still currently in draft. In having to use the curriculum, plan with it and create goals with kids, go through the new progressions, living it in teaching and learning each day. It made sense to report against the new curriculum which was the original expectation from the government. Some schools are saying they are not ready and are continuing to report as they did previously. We believe having to convert our new curriculum teaching and learning outcomes back to the old curriculum will be way too confusing so we are running with the new curriculum.

This does come with some challenges and it will make progress hard to show in some cases. The main area of change is maths. The easiest way to explain is that the goal posts have changed. So we are having to teach concepts that have never been covered before or at that level before. The biggest shift is in the middle and senior school. So even for the best mathematician being about to say they are proficient is really hard as there are concepts we are delivering they have not had time to master. Just know we are working so hard in maths and covering a lot of concepts to fill these newly created gaps. But it will be quite a common grade to get 'progressing towards' at this point of the year as we work on these new goal posts. Trying to get to that 'proficient' by the end of the year. Please know this data shift is across the country and all schools are concerned at what the data will look like, so we are not alone.



WEEKLY REMINDER

MATARIKI BONFIRE THURSDAY 5.30PM

RAGGEDY RANGE NEWS

Kia ora,

Have a great time at the Matariki Bonfire this Thursday. Sorry I can't be there but I look forward to hearing about all the stories.

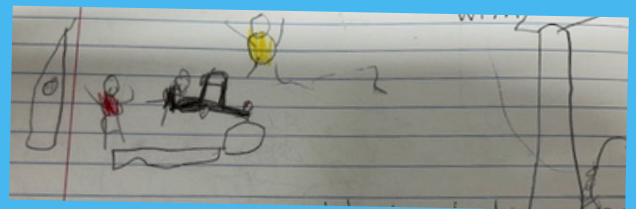
Writing: Thanks for all the photos of your child's special person. This has given us the opportunity for some thoughtful writing. We have been trying to include adjectives in our writing and create a picture in the reader's mind. Read some of our stories below and see how much we love our special people.

Maths: This week our learning is all about shapes, 2D and 3D, and their attributes. We have got quite good at naming them along their sides, vertices and faces. Last week we got to make some pretty impressive shapes with Mrs Chamberlain using sticks and mini marshmallows. At home you could help us to find and name shapes in our environment.

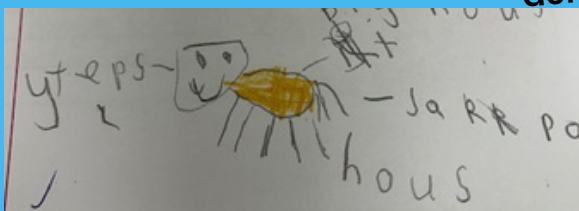


Ka pai to wiki
Deb

I was shooting with my Dad.
I shot a deer.
Gordon



I did target shooting and I had heaps of fun. We had to take turns to shoot the box and we had fun shooting the box.
Kooper



I was at the Jackpot.
I was riding a big horse.
I was on my friends horse it was fast.
We had to go around the barrell.
Makaela



My Grandad is the best. He takes me out of the house and he gives me ice cream. We lick together then I get it all over me. I got another ice cream and I was super full.

Bran



ROUGH RIDGE NEWS

Discovery Den has really been showing off self management at the highest level this past week and a bit. With Mrs Gare away they have been working with her on zoom and through individual projects. They have been outstanding and not only are they completing work they are completing it to a high standard. This awesome group of kids really has grown true intrinsic motivation this year to work hard for themselves and they are all seeing the great results of this. They are currently all working on individual passion projects, watch this space there is some amazing, thinking research and ideas happening.

Year 8 had the famous masterchef competition at Tech last friday. Mrs Stevenson said the quality was amazing. A few issues with the microwave and some exploding food. But it was a great day. The winners of the competition were Jack M, Cam and Shannon, they made white bait patties for entree, venison nachos with guacamole for main and an inspired by Tanja berry and white chocolate shortcake slice, finished with a lemon, lime and bitters drink.



MATARIKI COMMUNITY BONFIRE

Gather 'round the crackling flames, sip on drinks, and revel in the enchanting atmosphere. It's a night to remember, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the cozy glow of a roaring bonfire. Celebrating Matariki!

Thursday, 19 June 2025

**Fire Starting 5.30pm
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BBQ supplied by Poolburn
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REMINDER:
Please send along
tomorrow to school
500g of mince and
mystery ingredient for
patty making!
Thanks to those who
have offered to come
along and help on
Thursday afternoon
Look forward to seeing
you all at the Bonfire!

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SCHOOLS 150TH CELEBRATION



LABOUR WEEKEND 2025

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Brodie Nicolson
Maja Rutherford
Aria Rutherford

steps winners
Bonnie Copland
Henry Heaps
Charlie Heaps
MATHLETICS WINNER
Bella Heaney

TERM 2 CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Week 8 16/06 Dunstan Zone Cross Country	17/06 	18/06 Assembly	19/06 MATARIKI BONFIRE	20/06 MATARIKI Public Holiday
Week 9 23/06	24/06	25/06 BOT Meeting	26/06	27/06 Technology



Ski Camp forms have been sent out this week - please get this back to Melissa by Wednesday 25th June

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Week 1 14/07	15/07	16/07	17/07	18/07 Technology
Week 2 21/07	22/07 TEACHER ONLY DAY	23/07	24/07	25/07  Pink Shirt Day
Week 3 28/07	29/07	30/07 BOT Meeting	31/07	01/08 Technology



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 IS FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 IS MONDAY 14TH JULY

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