



TERM 2 NEWS



UP and COMING EVENTS

- July 7 House Haka Comp. in the hall at 2pm
 - 8 Matariki Assembly at 11.30am
 - 9 Matariki rotations in the morning
- School holidays begin
- July 26 Term 3 begins

OUR COLLEGIATE

VALUES

Respect, Excellence

LEARNING IS FUN

Room 9 has been designing and building planter boxes for our dome glasshouse. They measured the area for the inside of the dome then designed the planter boxes to fit into that space.

The students found that their designs were a little too complicated so while they were building their boxes they changed the design. This type of learning is what we call authentic learning. Research tells us that if students are taught through authentic learning they will retain that information better than just being told or by reading information.

The boxes are very strong and will be used to grow plants in our dome over the winter season and beyond.

They have built several boxes for the dome so that they fit around the inside edge of the dome.

Thanks Room 9.



LEARNING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

During the school holidays it is important to keep minds active. This means that they should do reading, maths and writing. If your child has access to a computer and internet there are some sites they can use at home. They just need their school email address to gain access. They will be able to use EP (Education Perfect) where they can do work on reading, writing, maths, science, social studies and other subjects that may interest your child. If you would like to have this opportunity for your child please contact the school. The school holidays begin on July 9th and are for 2 weeks.



MATARIKI

Over the last four weeks our students have been looking at what Matariki represents and will showcase and share their learning on Friday.



Over this week the students have been doing extra activities within their own classrooms but also with some ECE centres from our area. We have started our Matariki week celebrations with the making of a kite and then taking it outside to fly. Lots a squeals and laughter could be heard from the students as they ran and flew their kites.



Classes also put the skills they have learnt in their PE lessons to play the Maori game Ki o Rahi with each other.

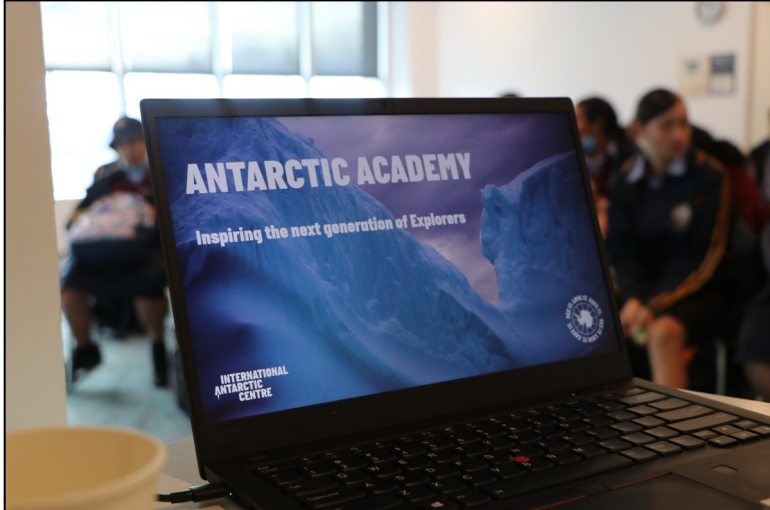


Then on Wednesday our school hosted local ECE for a sharing Matariki day where our students shared their skills, teaching poi, decorating and making colourful stars, and personalising a bag for themselves. For the remainder of the week we will continue to have other sharing of activities.

Come along and watch our Matariki Assembly on Thursday at 12noon in the Main collegiate hall. Each pod will be performing their Maori songs they have learnt as well.

A DAY IN CHRISTCHURCH

Our school leaders travelled to Christchurch to visit the Antarctic Heritage Centre.



LEARNING ABOUT OTARA



Students from Room 3 visited Kia Aroha last week to learn about how Otara got its name. They heard from people who were descendants from the Hapu in Otara, Ngāi Tai, The Maxwell whanau.

They learnt that Otara was named after a paramount chief called Tara te Irirangi. O-Tara means the place of Tara or territory belonging to Tara. Tara te Irirangi was a signatory of the Tiriti o Waitangi. He had a daughter called Ngeungeu. She married Thomas Maxwell and they had a son called James Maxwell.

The land that Otara is on is volcanic and there are two cones found in East Tamaki 'Te Puke o Tara' and Matanginui which are the Maunga for Otara.

The Ngai Tai Marae is Umupuia Marae found in Maratai. Today in Otara there are 2 main Ngati Otara Marae and Whai Ora Marae.

SHARING THEIR LEARNING

ATTENDANCE

Over the last couple of weeks our ESOL students have been cooking with Mrs Espie and preparing some amazing 3 course meals which they then provided their teachers with a special lunch invite. The learning that the children had is what we call authentic learning where they had to read recipes and follow instructions. When they presented their food to the teachers they shared what was in each dish and how it was made. The menu was Soup, chicken chow mein on noodle and for dessert jelly fruit parfait.



Thank you to Mrs Espie for her inspiring lessons and the time she spends supporting our ESOL learners.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEK 9 ATTENDANCE GRID

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
RM 1	70	74	83	87	87
RM 2	88	79	92	92	83
RM 3	80	76	92	84	84
RM 4	80	80	87	80	80
RM 5	75	58	88	83	75
RM 8	74	70	83	91	83
RM 9	94	81	92	96	88
RM 10	76	68	84	80	76
RM 11	71	75	79	79	75
RM 12	70	78	74	74	74
RM 13	86	71	86	82	100
Totals	79	74	85	84	82

Whole school weekly rate was 80.90 % As a school we need to work on student attendance to raise the rate.

Respect,

Excellence

Whanaungatanga

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