

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Raapa 15 o Haratua 2022



Dear Parents,

**Matariki is now a public holiday**

Next week we celebrate Matariki and all week long our tamariki will be



having fun games and activities to mark the rising of the Matariki star cluster (also known as the Seven Sisters and its Greek name Pleiades.) Traditionally Matariki for Maori was a time when food stores had



been built up and there was more free time for people to gather, share the kai, korero and celebrate and plan for the New Year ahead.

From the coldest darkest part of the year to longed for warmer months summer must have seemed

like a distant mirage. Did you know this time of the



year is also when many Maroi lift their kumera beds and our keen Junior School gardeners are hoping to haul in a bumper crop. This year the Government has set Friday **24th June as our first public holiday** to acknowledge the start of the Māori New Year. **So there will be no school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. School will recommence as normal on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45am.** I hope you enjoy the long weekend with your child.

**Matariki Glow Show**

As part of Matariki celebrations this **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June the Junior School is going to the Vodafone Events Centre.** This should be a magic way to start the celebrations. Permission letters with full details have already been sent home. There is no cost to whanau for this show but we do require your written consent that your child can attend.



**Rugby League**

Well, we certainly have some wild weather hitting us which even cut the power supply off to the Collegiate. So I suppose its no surprise to say that our rugby league



game has been **postponed till next Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

**Sustainability Group**

Last week a group of Junior/Middle and



Senior School pupils helped plant out a hillside in native trees. Like our tamariki these are small saplings

now but they will grow and one day bring another part of NZ back to the magnificent



forests of yester year. It was hard work, but our team kept at it and by day's end they had planted over 800 trees.

Very impressive. I know sometimes on the news we hear nothing but environmental disasters, but this is an example where

the tide is turning and we are restoring our natural environment. Our thanks to Mr Boone our garden to table specialist and Mrs Boone our Assistant Principal who helped put this altogether.

**NZEI Paid Union meeting**

On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June the Junior School will need to close at 1pm** to allow teachers to attend their paid union meeting. If you would pick up your child earlier at the 1pm time on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June that would be appreciated. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

**BOT Tri-annual elections**

Just another reminder that it's that time again for BOT nominations. Our elections are scheduled for later in September, and you need to consider if you or someone you know would like to stand as a Board member. If you would like to know more about what's involved feel free to come and see me.

**Junior Award**

The hardest working pupils this week are: Tavake McCormick Akau for improving on his reading and writing and Mosese Vakapuna for working hard and being an angle. Both in Room 14. Our congratulations to both these pupils.

Yours truly,  
**John Shearer**  
**Principal**

**Return Slip** (Return this slip and go in the draw for a book prize!)

I have received the newsletter & I have read it.

Signed.....

