

NEWSLETTER WEEK 6, TERM 2



WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY CROSS COUNTRY 2022

Kia ora koutou katoa,

The school is buzzing with heaps of learning around Matariki, from art, to social studies, English, technology and science the students and teachers are integrating learning around Matariki. As you know, the rising of the Matariki star cluster signals the Māori New Year and is a time of renewal and celebration in New Zealand, and for the first time this year a public holiday. We hope that it will also be a renewal for Murupara Area School now that the restrictions around the Covid pandemic are being lifted. It is so wonderful to see students being able to compete in sporting events once more and it is a time for us as a school to rebuild and strengthen relationships with others to support the learning of our taura.

As part of moving forward and supporting our taura with their learning we need the support of our whānau and community to make sure that children are at school on time, every day. **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!** It is not OK for children to miss school unless they are unwell, have a bereavement or other justified reason. This is because it stops their learning and they get behind. If an absence is not explained, or the reason given is trivial or a throw-away excuse, it is **TRUANCY**. Examples of reasons for children being away from school that are **not acceptable** include, being late, sleeping in, refusing to go to school, looking after a family member, visiting a family member, going into town, going shopping, going hunting, avoiding tests or camps, or going on holiday during term time. Our children's learning is so important as it affects the opportunities they have as young adults. Please support us to make sure your child is at school on time every day.

Our celebration of Matariki on the 23rd of is a wonderful chance for us to connect as a community and for you to come in and see the learning your child has been doing this term. I want to thank everyone in the community who has supported this kaupapa with a koha or donated their time and knowledge. Please put this day in your diary and join us for Hautapu O Matariki 2022. It starts at 5:00am with karakia at 5:30am. This is followed by a hakari and then a variety of learning activities and a chance for whānau to be with your child and see what they have been learning. Tēnā koa uru mai ki a matou.

Ngā mihi

Dr Angela Sharples, MNZM

IMPORTANT INFO

School Term Dates 2022

Term 1 1st Feb – 14th April
Term 2 2nd May – 8th July
Term 3 25th July – 30th Sep
Term 4 17th Oct – 13th Dec

Key Dates

13th - 17th June - Service Academy
Bushcraft Trip
14th June - School Photos
15th June - Blue Light Road Show
23rd June - School Matariki Celebration
24th June - Matariki (SCHOOL
CLOSED)
July 5th– Taura Whakamana Y1-Y10
(SCHOOL CLOSED)

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office@mas.school.nz

Please contact us with any
enquiries and if your child
will be absent.

OFFICE NOTICEBOARD

Kia ora everyone. A few important pānui from us here at the office:

- We need up to date contact details for caregivers and emergency contacts as we have been unable to reach a number of you. If you have changed your phone number or email recently or moved give us a call at the office 07 3665 602 and update your details please.
- If you or your child has tested positive for COVID 19 or has become a household contact please call and inform the school.
- Our school gates will be locked between 9:00am and 3:15pm.
- Please remember to sign in at our front office before entering the classrooms.
- A huge welcome to our new Sports Co-Ordinator Tui Matekuare, we are ecstatic to have her be apart of our kura whānau.
- School Photo Day is approaching fast, we have available at our school office the Photolife Individual and Sibling Portrait request forms. Class photos will be available to view and purchase online 3 weeks after photos are taken. If you wish to purchase you will be given an access code to ensure you are purchasing the right one.
- We have a job opening here at our kura, if you are interested do not hesitate to call our front office and find out more information.

Murupara Area School

SITUATIONS VACANT

Community Connector



The Community Connector is to work collaboratively with the students, teachers, whānau, Attendance Officer, SENCO and other professionals to promote the attendance and engagement of students by providing whānau support, one on one and small group mentoring for students at risk of disengagement with their learning, and support for school-wide attendance processes.

Key responsibilities for this role are:

- Provide one to one or small group support using specific strategies developed in partnership with the SENCO and/or teacher to access quality learning and maximise their achievement.
- supporting positive student engagement / behaviour
- positively engage with whānau to offer support as needed to engage students in their learning at school and attend every day and for every period.

This is a fixed term position for the remainder of 2022 with a possible renewal subject to funding for 2023. The position is 35 hours per week. Remuneration will be based on experience and qualifications. Experience working with teenagers with learning needs is advantageous but not essential.

Please email in your curriculum vitae along with a cover letter to our Executive Officer; jgiffkins@mas.school.nz

Applications close: 3.00pm Monday 20th June 2022.
The successful applicant will need to be Police vetted.

For all enquiries please contact:

Jan Giffkins
Executive Officer
Murupara Area School
84 Pine Drive, PO Box 26 Murupara
Phone: (07) 3665 610

NĪOREORE PĀNUI

Year 1-3 Craft Activities

Our topic for this term is focused on Maramataka and Matariki. So our tamariki have been very busy utilising their skills in making amazing craft pieces centered around our Māori calendar, moon phases and the nine matariki stars.

What was so good with each one of them was their listening skills in following instructions as you could see on their faces how intent they were when it came to using the scissors and doing their best to cut out shapes carefully. As adults we can take it for granted that using a pair of scissors is easy, but when it is the first time for most of them it can be a daunting task. Then to see how serious they were when it came to be able to put it all together the right way and the right side up.

Weaving paper for their kite was a bit of a challenge which they tackled with enthusiasm and I have to say, although we may think they are not perfect, for little ones they did some great work. Our Year 3 tamariki have been greatly challenged working with needle and thread designing their tukutuku panel to create the new Matariki design logo, you just got to love the determined look on their faces and how they refuse to give up, because it was hard.

We encourage you to come along on the Thursday 23rd June and take a look at your tamariki's mahi, you will be so proud of what they have done.

Nga mihi

Whaea Audrey



NĪOREORE PĀNUI

Kia ora whanau,

Matariki is fast approaching and we in Nīoreore have been very busy learning about Maramataka and of course all of the stars in the Matariki Cluster and what they represent.

These past two weeks have been tough, with a lot of our tamariki and staff falling sick as winter has definitely set in. So please make sure our tamariki are dressed appropriately for this weather. Jackets are a must when outside and long black pants/trackies will definitely keep them nice and warm. If your tamaiti is needing a jacket there are some KidsCan Warriors jackets still available at school, so just ask your child's kaiako about these. Lastly, if your tamaiti is sick please keep them home to get better, with our open learning environment coughs can spread like wildfire. So, if they are at home sick or are away for whatever reason, please notify the school, or message your child's teacher so this can be recorded.

Kia kaha e te whānau!

Kaupapa Ako

Learning about our topic

Learning about the Maramataka in our hub this term has brought new learning for our tamariki and staff alike. The year 5-6's have been studying the moon. They have researched, read and summarized their information about the moon and have created explanation posters in pairs/groups. This poster was the first of their inquiry of our Maramataka kaupapa. Currently they are on their third assignment which is all about the Maramataka and the moon phases. They are researching, reading and answering six questions in which they will create a storyboard explaining what the moon phases are and what they mean. This is a work in progress but they will definitely be completed before our Matariki Celebration in week 8. Here are a few pictures of their work.



Uara Draw - Week 5

A big mihi to our last week winners of our Uara Draw:

Gisaleya (yr1), Te Pihopa (yr3), Mayjah-Cole Tawhara (yr5), Mauri Murray (yr6) and to Arai Harris who earned a Principal's award for his awesome mahi!

Congratulations to you all!



KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

Te Urewera Cluster Cross Country 2022

On Wednesday 8th June, eight of our students from Years 4-8 competed in the Te Urewera Cluster Cross Country event held in Galatea, at Lake Aniwhenua.

All competitors performed very well and represented our school with pride.

The results were excellent, having 3 students qualify for the Bay of Plenty Cross Country competition, and some extra icing on the cake with Whiti Manaena breaking the record and taking 1st place overall.

Year 4 – Arai Harris, Ajay Manhas

Year 5 – Tyrese Hiko

Year 6 – Jackson Kirk-Grootjans

Year 7 – Tuterangi Te Are, Davina Rutene

Year 8 – Whiti Tamahou-Manaena, Hikurangi Rolleston

Whiti Tamahou-Manaena, Jackson Kirk-Grootjans, and Tuterangi Teare successfully qualified for the Bay of Plenty Cross Country competition.

Thank you to Pauline Teddy for taking our students out and supporting them all the way!

Nga mihi

Weka Kirk

WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY

CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday 8th June four of our Senior students travelled up to Managatarata in the Hauraki region, for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cross Country. Candice Nicholls our Year 9 student. Rusty Delamere Year 12, Justin Bromwich and Hunter Lushayne Mellon. The course was of a very high standard which seemed to have tested ALL the participants who were there. Well done to our students who represented us.

Nga Mihi,

Matua Truby



RANGIPŌ / SERVICE ACADEMY PĀNUI

This past 2 weeks have been focussed on completing the mid term assessments due in for marking. These assessments will contribute more credits to students' goals of achieving NCEA L1, L2 and L3. We thank you for your support in helping with homework .

As you know we are also targeting the attendance of every student because if students DO NOT ATTEND OR ATTEND INFREQUENTLY, they miss out on the teaching and learning needed to achieve. This is not only for our seniors but also the students from Years 1 - 10. We have an open door policy to welcome you in to talk about anything that may be impacting on your child's learning. If school is not the right place we are more than happy to come to you.

Important Dates

Week 6 - YBOP X-country (Seniors), Te Urewera Cluster X-country (Juniors)

Week 7 - Trades Tuesday—Friday

Academy "Bushcraft" Course - Whirinaki

Week 8 - MATARIKI - Hautapu. Taite 23 Hune, Karakia 5am Naumai, haeremai whanau mā. School will finish at 12 noon.

Week 9 - Rangipō reports/credit update to caregivers.

Week 10 - Taura Whakamura Yrs 12 & 13. Catch-up for Year 11 who were not available earlier this term. Appointment times to be sent out week 9.

He manako te kōura i kore ai

Basketball Y9/10 Girls and Boys

Ladies played RGHS JA2 18-52 on 3rd June. Great team work by all. Awesome to see you the whole team working hard to put into practice all skills they are learning at training. Player of the day - Meheyla. Terrific to have Whaea Miriama N Matua Muriwai , Whaea Weka, Whaea Tania, Matua David and his partner as well as whanau support cheering our ladies and gents on. Boys played a fun game instead of the scheduled one on the draw, this was an opportunity for their new coach EJ and supporter Paetahuna to have a game as well. Great game tonight boys. 32- 48 Player of the day - Te Warena . I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Eden Te Aho for coaching the Jnr boys team last year and this year. We wish you all the best in your new job and are really sad to loose you. Thanks for all your knowledge, skills and commitment to our Kura Miss Eden.

