

# NEWSLETTER WEEK 9, TERM 2



## MANAWATIA A MATARIKI 2022

Kia ora koutou katoa,

As you know, Matariki heralds the start of a new year. 2022 is the first time that New Zealand has marked this with a public Holiday and to celebrate it with our whole community with our first whāngai i te hautapu o Matariki ceremony was truly special and the start of a new and important School tradition.

Matariki is a time to acknowledge the dead and to release their spirits to become stars. It is also a time to reflect, to be thankful to the gods for the harvest, to feast and to share the bounty of the harvest with family and friends. Our hautapu followed tradition with three parts: Te Tirohanga - the viewing of Matariki rising, Te Whakamahara i ngā mate - remembering the dead with a presentation created by Raven Pouwhare of the photos and names of those who had passed away since the last rising of Matariki and, Te Whāngai i ngā whetū - feeding the stars with the uncovering of the hangi and the steam of the food rising into the sky to feed Matariki followed by the sharing of food in a community hākari.

I want to thank our whakaruruhau and the Matariki roopu, led by Muriwai White and Miriama Iti-White, for all their advice, planning, and hard work. Special thanks also to Matua Te Taahe and Matua Muriwai for the karakia. All of the school came together to make the hautapu a success. Our community also rallied, and I am so thankful for the koha provided by so many. Lastly, I want to thank everyone who came and shared this wonderful event with us.

For Murupara Area School, this is also a time to acknowledge our past, to reflect on everything that makes Murupara Area School such a special place to learn and work in, and for us to bring the community together as we look forward. Covid had diminished our opportunity to be together and to hold the events and activities that bind us as a school but now together we can begin to renew and grow the opportunities for our tamariki and rangatahi here at Murupara Area School.

**Mā tini, mā mani, ka rapa te whai**

Ngā mihi

Dr Angela Sharples, MNZM

### IMPORTANT INFO

#### School Term Dates 2022

Term 2 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Term 3 25<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Term 4 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – 13<sup>TH</sup> Dec

#### Key Dates

July 5th– Tauria Whakamana Y1-Y10 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

(Y1-Y10 students to attend interviews with parents)

August 9th - Senior Cross Country

PH: 07 3665 602

EMAIL: [office@mas.school.nz](mailto: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.

**Kia ora whānau,**

My name is Caroline Davies and I am the school nurse here at Murupara Area School. Next term I will be offering HEADSSS assessments to all our Year 9 Students.

### **What is HEADSSS?**

Adolescence is a challenging time when many emotional and physical changes take place. Most adolescents make it through their teenage years and enter adulthood without major traumas. However, for some teenagers this may be a very dangerous time of experimentation. HEADSSS is a screening tool to assess risks that can be used for all adolescents. It provides a systematic approach to the adolescent interview progressing from the least threatening topics to the most personal and sensitive subjects. The acronym stands for Home/Education, Eating, Activities, Drugs, Sexuality, Suicide/Depression and Safety. This interview format is flexible and can be catered to all adolescents. All Year 9 students in New Zealand are offered this assessment as it can help identify any issues they may be experiencing and support can be given if needed. This might be just an opportunity for the young person to talk or can be further referral to other services if needed. If anyone has any questions they would like to ask, please come in and visit me at the school on a Monday or Tuesday.

### **Want to give up smoking?**

Hāpainga is a FREE service to help people in the Bay Of Plenty quit smoking. Every person is paired up with a stop smoking practitioner, who will meet them where ever works best, to work out a quit plan together. They also run a 6 week group programme for Wahine Maori between the ages of 18-30. each session covers an area of quitting, along with gifts, kai and fun activities to help you stay smokefree. For hāpu māmā and those caring full-time for tamariki under the age of three they offer \$250 worth of vouchers and up to \$150 worth of vouchers to their quitting buddy.

Interested? Contact Hāpainga on 0800 427 246.

**Ngā Mihinui,**

**Caroline Davies (RN)**

# NĪOREORE PĀNUI

**Tera a Matariki ka rewa i te pae**

**Nau mai , hara mai nga hua o te tau hou Maori**

Firstly let us acknowledge those that have passed away in the last 12 months “e kore tātau e warewaretia” What an absolutely amazing day held by our school celebrating Matariki, with our first whangai i te Hautapu, engaging with our whanau of the school and wider community, revitalizing our tikanga that has been lost for many years. An experience that our staff, tamariki and whānau will no doubt remember for a long time. We have a saying “Ehara te toa i te takitahi, engari i te takitini ke” we can not be a champion without the support of others’ that is exactly what was seen on our Matariki day, from our young tamariki to the seniors of our school, our staff and some of our whānau who were available to tautoko. Everyone was involved in the preparation of the kai, the setting up of the dining room, the Matariki and Maramataka displays, the dishing out of the kai and the clean up straight after the hākari. Uara exemplified by all, Whanaungatanga, Manaaki, Akoranga, Tiakitanga, Kotahitanga and Pono ki te kaupapa. We are so proud of each and everyone of our students for stepping up. The uara being displayed carried on into the day when we celebrated a fun Matariki activities/competition day. Our young one’s had a fun filled day on the bouncy castles and doing kapa haka whilst our years 4-13’s were split into 10 groups and rotated around 5 activities. Wharewhare (bingo), Kēmu Māori (māori games), Planting, Mahitahi relays and Multi Sport. During these activities they were given points based on their uara. All groups were also given a task to name their group, make up a chant and wear an outfit for the day. This was also an opportunity to gain points. But like all competition events it was FIERCE, it was CRACK UP, but most of all it was GREAT FUN! Prizes were given to the top team, the most outstanding student at each activity and our main prizes to our students who exemplified Manaakitanga throughout the duration of our lead up to our big day. A massive congratulations to the following students who were our main prize winners:

Raven Pouwhare, Hunter Mellon, Helena Hokianga-Hillman, Matengatahi Poumako,  
Justin Bromwhich, Noera Nuku, Marunui Ruri Poumako, EJ Te Aho, Leona Pouwhare-Adams and Kowhai  
Sidney-Higgins.

**Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou!**

**Naku Noa,**

**Whaea Miriama/Matua Muriwai**





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## KOHA

Koha is a tikanga māori that has been happening for centuries, it is a way in which one can express aroha to someone else or to a kaupapa in the form of kai, a physical gift/taonga, resources, putea or something intangible, like one's time or great advice. Our Hautapu o Matariki this year could not have happened without the generous koha given by our whānau, our staff and some of our local organizations. We are absolutely humbled by the massive aroha and tautoko our community have given to contribute to the huge success of this event. Nui noa nei te mihi ki ēnei:

Te Runanga o Ngāti Manawa

Te Puni Kokiri

Ngāti Manawa Charitable Trust

Honeycombe whānau

Ngāti Koro

Kia ora Hauora (Lakes DHB)

Te Ika Whenua Hauora

Lil Vic's

Te Roopū Manaaki

O'Neil Whānau

Reporoa College

Whaea Joan

Raureti Grace

Te Aho whānau

Nathen Merriman

Whaea Puihi (RTLb)

Aroha o te ngakau

Chris Hall

MAS BOT

Rangitahi Kohanga Reo

Whaea Heeni McClunie

April O'Brien

New Beginnings Church

Hangi Boys

All MAS staff and students

Gwyneth Howden

Beamsley whānau

Ngāti Whare

Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora

Rewi whanau

“Nau te rourou, naku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi”





# KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

## Term 2, Week 7 Year 9/10 Boys MAS Ballers

Tonight we traveled into Rotorua to play basketball against RBHS Tane Mahuta. Sadly we came away with the loss but the boys did well. They played their hardest offense and defense. So proud of our boys. Player of the day - Te Warena Hanuera Matekure.



Ladies played Te Koutu and won by default, so they had a fun game. This gave our senior boys a chance to play too. Player of the day - Meheyla Delamere. Well done ladies on a great team game, shots were definitely on tonight. Great to see Matua David cheering for our kura and all our whanau supporters from Murupara.



## MAS Kiwis Up Coming Ref Training



Referee practice for Manaia Te Paea Le Foe and Te Whetu Hillman. Well done ladies, a big thanks to Te Kirikauri and Ngatai who have been supporting our girls. Their confidence is growing tremendously. Keep it up girls.



Nāku Noa,

Leona Pouwhare-Adams

# **RANGIPŌ/SERVICE ACADEMY PĀNUI**

## **Trades**

### **Year 13 Level 3 Hospitality Class**

Every Thursday and Friday there are 4 of us who travel into Rotorua to attend our hospitality class at Toi Ohomai campus. We have been learning about food safety and how to present dishes to restaurant quality standards. At the moment we are cooking dishes from different countries and have really enjoyed every part of it. Our tutor David Collier-Baker is a chef and also has the funniest sense of humour. He has a lot of things to share with our class and we have gained skills from him. I would highly recommend attending this class if you are interested in the cooking industry and would like to pursue it as a career. Overall thought of this class is that it is an awesome class where you learn so much about food and the safety aspects that come with it.



**Raven Pouwhare**



**Rusty Delamere**

### **Level 2 Agriculture**

Every Wednesday I travel into Rotorua to Toi Ohomai to do a farming course with a group of year 12s. Every week our little group goes to different places around the Bay Of Plenty to help farmers with their jobs. Some jobs that we have done so far are weighing cows, administering B12 and oral drenches to sheep, drying cows off, mustering sheep, fencing, dropping and dragging sheep and many other jobs. It can be difficult, but the experience is fun and there's always something new to learn.

## **Matariki**

What a fantastic kaupapa this was! From the students involved in preparation for the hangi to the end of the school games it was all fabulous.

Rangipō tauira were all involved in the various tasks that go with kai preparation. They also had displays they had been working on throughout the term and were put on display in the Karangaranga area for the community to see. They were put into teams where the uara of whanaungatanga really shone. They were tuakana to the junior school as teina and took on many leadership roles.

We acknowledge the organizing committee for their work, the community who willingly gave of koha and staff who filled in where needed.

Special mention to the hangi crew who stayed up all night to get the hangi out on time and to the kitchen crew for the set up of the eating area.

All in all it was a special time for Murupara Area School as a way to connect with our community. We thank all those who came to celebrate this time with us.

**Ngā Mihi,**

**Whaea Teri**



# RANGIPŌ / SERVICE ACADEMY PĀNUI

## Bush Craft

On Monday the 13 June, 3 academy students attended the Bush Craft Course based in Whirinaki Te Pua ā Tāne for one whole week, with 5 other academies from the central region. Through this course we build on our leadership skills which we learnt during our time as basic leaders, just in an outdoor bush setting. There is also the opportunity to gain NCEA credits.

We were lucky enough this year to be able to do a multi day hike which was 9.7k one way, we started at Plateau Rd and walked to Central Whirinaki Hut and stayed for one night. On our way to the hut we are able to put to the test our navigation skills, 4 and 6 figure learning and also put to the test our cooking skills with a cooker and ration packet kai we are issued at the beginning of the week.

During the course one of our instructors unfortunately rolled her ankle so we were put to the test in real time to make a stretcher with what we had around us (which wasn't very much) and perform a stretcher carry up and over the many hills to reach the car park back up at Plateau Road to get her out safely.

Our week ended with a short 2.2km walk around the H-Tree track where we learnt about the 5 main podocarp trees and how to identify them from their bark. Overall our trip was an enjoyable experience which pushed us physically and mentally.

## Nā Hunter-Lushayne Mellon

