



Pānui ā Kura Paerangi

Wednesday 17th June 2015

Kohiti-te-marama!
Tirama-nuku, Tirama-rangi!
Tiramarama te tini a Uru!
He whetu ururangi!
He whetu uruao, he whetu matarau!
Te whetu o te tau, E Mata e!
Tihewa mauriora!

Mōkori anō kia mihia ngā mate tuatini o te wā e takoto ana i ngā marae huri noa i te motu. Hoki atu koutou ki te huinga o te kahurangi, te munga o te tini, o te mano, ā, kāti e moe. Tātou ngā mahuetanga iho ki a tātou.

Tēnā rā tātou katoa.

Matariki occurred at the end of the harvest season, it was a time when pātaka kai were filled with food, and the land was at its most unproductive. It was a time of bountiful catches, with the migration of fish like the moki and korokoro. Kukupa, having feasted on native berries, were snared and preserved in fat. People gathered during Matariki to survive the winter months, to remember the past and plan for the New Year.

This is a good time of year for us to reset our goals and put in the preparation that will result in success later in the year, this holds true for our ākongā and their academic work. Our senior ākongā are working hard in NCEA with a number of assessments due over the next 2 ½ weeks. They have plenty of mahi and need to be using as much of their time, in and out of Kura, to ensure they put themselves in the best position to succeed at the highest possible levels. Our junior ākongā are continuing with their work programmes and will be retested in reading and writing to allow a comparison with the beginning of the year so that we can track their progress or where they might need further support.

Teachers Only Day

This will be **Monday 22nd June**, no ākongā are to attend Kura this day as all pouako will be involved with planning and marking.

Matariki – Relaunch of Whakaruru Te Hau

We are involved in the opening of the Whangarei District Council Matariki Celebrations on **Saturday 27th June**. The major point for us is that we will be officially relaunching our waka “Whakaruru Te Hau” here in Whangarei Te Terenga Paraoa. Matua Hekenukumai Busby and Matua Te Wārihi Hekaraka will be conducting the karakia for us. We will begin preparing our crew for the day and a group to provide haka pōwhiri, further details will follow.



Uniform

We are now into the winter months as Matariki approaches. Ākonga are able to purchase the warm tops (see photos) to wear at Kura as part of their uniform. Both of these tops are available from the Warehouse and are under \$20 each, tane and kotiro must wear their respective tops as depicted in the photos. How our ākonga wear their uniform is a good indication of the respect they have for themselves and the Kura so we expect that they have the correct uniform and that it is clean and tidy. This includes footwear which are solid black shoes and socks (no other colours, stripes or logos). Ballet flat shoes are a good option for kotiro.



Senior Reports

Senior reports will be sent home during the last week of this term. They will detail the progress each ākonga has made in their individual NCEA subjects, including a credit count and comments on attitude, application and any improvements that need to be made. We will have Hui Whakapiki in Week 2 of Term 3 for all senior ākonga.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Kura office directly on 094388422
Ngā manaakitanga,

Dr Nathan Matthews

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Te Kāpehu Whetū

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 27 th June	Relaunch of Whakaruru Te Hau, Town Basin
Wednesday 1 st July	Pōwhiri for new CEO Whangarei District Council, Kaka Porowini
Friday 3 rd July	Senior Reports sent home