



“Te Ako i te Ora” - “Learning through Living”

From the Principal’s Pen
Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have had an interesting last two weeks with our Matariki celebrations, which were well received by the children and with the cross-class and vertical class groupings, meant a lot of mixing of children and age groups. There were 20 activities the children could opt into and ranged from: Taiaha sticks, (traditional Maori weapons) weaving, taniwha design, and cooking. This culminated with an assembly on the Friday with the Senior kapa haka performing and some of the senior children and staff saying their pepeha.

If you look around the school, you will see some of the Matariki work being displayed. In the Office you will see some of the creative weaving. There are also some displayed in the hall and some work has been taken home as the children couldn't wait to show and share it with you! A special thanks to all the teachers who tried something new and to the Te Reo team for all the organization and locating of resources.

Examples of children’s pepeha :

Tena Koutou Katoa
Ko Rangitoto te Maunga
Ko Waitemata to Moana
Ko Mapeera te Kura
Ko Warren Toku Papa
Ko Alison Toku Mama
Ko Kasey toku ingoa

Greetings
The Mountain is Rangitoto
The Sea is Waitemata
The School is Marlborough
My Father is
My Mother is
My Name is

Tena Koutou Katoa
Ko Rangitoto te Maunga
Ko Waitemata to Moana
Ko Mapeera te Kura
Ko Jitendra Toku Papa
Ko Yashmin Toku Mama
Ko Simran toku ingoa

Tena Koutou Katoa
Ko Rangitoto te Maunga
Ko Waitemata to Moana
Ko Mapeera te Kura
Ko Narish Toku Papa
Ko Antika Toku Mama
Ko Chetali toku ingoa

Tena Koutou Katoa
Ko Rangitoto te Maunga
Ko Waitemata to Moana
Ko Mapeera te Kura
Ko Samir Toku Papa
Ko Zhinous Toku Mama
Ko Amelia toku ingoa

Accord Day

The teachers were on site and worked hard all day. We were looking and working on our current school’s curriculum and have revised it with current thinking, with the current staff. Teachers worked in curriculum teams and are ready to present back to all staff for discussion later in the year. We then heard back from our two in-school leaders (Community of Learner’s) regarding staff and student well-being and also on pedagogy. The teachers all undertook a STEM challenge and enjoyed the fun experience of working together. Teachers are quite innovative, competitive and always looked for the option which would ensure their team won! We then looked at our data gathered from the students regarding our school and what we as a school needed to consider. This data was originally gathered two years ago and when comparing the two, we have definitely made improvements, but as normal, a school is evolving all the time and we need to evolve and grow too.

CALENDAR DATES

Tuesday 29 June
FOS Meeting
7pm in staffroom

Tuesday 3 August
Photolife Individual
Photos

Term Dates

2021

Term 2
Monday 3 May to
Friday 9 July

Term 3
Monday 26 July to
Friday 1 October

Term 4
Monday 18 October
to

Principal’s Awards

Children from Room 13 - their Matariki poems - wonderful!
Mani S., Fergus M., Kyle D., Aadam L., Travis M., Maya C., and Eivin C.

Year 4-6 Netball Field Day

“On Wednesday 23 June our senior Netball Team had a Year 6 tournament at Takapuna Netball Courts. Our first game was against St Johns. We were extremely proud to win three out of four games and came first overall in our Grade.” - written by Isaac B. and Lusiola S.

Teams from all around the North Shore. Thanks to the parent helpers that provided transport and support on the day, without you these fun experiences wouldn't be possible.



Some writing from Room 7:

The Sun is a dwarf star. It takes 8 minutes ‘til the light arrives to earth from the Sun. The Sun is a big ball of gas. It is the biggest and hottest star in our Solar System. (Zander)

The Sun is the most hottest star in the Solar System. It can shine for a million of years. I can see the Sun in the atmosphere. I like the Sun to warm our planet - it brings life. (Almendra)

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun. No people can live on Mercury and it has lots of craters. (Maya)

Venus is the 2nd planet from the Sun. It has sulphur that’s why it is yellow. It gets really, really hot. Venus is the 2nd brightest star in the sky at night. (Matthew)

I am Mars. I am the coldest one. I have two moons and I am the 4th planet from the Sun. I have no life. A robot explores me. Don’t go to visit me! (Olivia)

Saturn is the 6th planet from the Sun and is a gas Giant. It has about 150 moons orbiting the planet. Saturn has a dragon storm with lightning and wild winds. Saturn has rings. 7 around it. They are made from ice crystals and dust. (Samuel)

Have a great week everyone
Sue Buckley
“Learning is at the heart of our journey together”

School Docs

To view our school’s policies, head to the following website:
www.schooldocs.co.nz
Login: Marlborough (lowercase)
Password: primary (lower case)

