



# Kaitaia Primary School

Kia Ngawari (Be Kind)

## NEWSLETTER

Thursday 4th July 2024 Term 2 Week 10



Room 1 on our Matariki dress-up day

Wk 9 MANAWA Winners

Kia ora koutou!

We've definitely had an exciting wrap up to the end of Term 2, with Matariki games and a Soccer tournament both happening earlier this week, and a Matariki disco on Wednesday night.

Well done to Rooms 13 and 20 for having a wonderful camp experience in Auckland last week. From all accounts, our tamariki behaved wonderfully and got to visit some amazing places. Thank you to all the staff and parents who went along and kept all our kids safe too.

We have new carpet going into some of our classrooms over the holidays, which will look awesome when we come back. Have a safe and happy holidays everyone!

Nga mihi,  
Brendon Morrissey (Mr M)  
Principal



### Reminders

- If your child is sick, or their end of day transport routine is going to change, please let the OFFICE STAFF know before 2pm. Children being picked up early also need to be signed out through the office please.
- Follow our school Facebook page to see notices, reminders, event results, and photos from around our school: [www.facebook.com/kaitaiaprimery](http://www.facebook.com/kaitaiaprimery)
- School Assemblies are held every Friday at 9.45am. Whanau are always welcome to attend these with us.

### Upcoming Events

- Friday 5th July - Last Day of Term 2
- Monday 22nd July - First Day of Term 3

## SPOTTED AT SCHOOL!



Aarona and Mum at our Matariki Whanau Day

Jacob working on a science experiment during a visit by the Otago University Science team



Hamiora working on his Circability skills



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM...



## Room 5

The highlight of our term has been our Matariki activities. They started with a trip to Te Ahu to listen to a story, decorate stars and do a treasure hunt in the museum. Then we all pitched in and prepared for our hangi that was shared with the Junior Syndicate. We peeled kumara, potatoes and carrots. We got to break up the bread for the stuffing. We even had enough to share with whanau and staff and teachers from the Top School. It was delicious! In class we enjoyed Matariki stories and lots of arts and crafts. Then we had our Whanau Day. Thank you to all our whanau who were able to come in and help us make our kites.



## Room 6

Room 6 really enjoyed learning about Matariki over the past two weeks. We learnt what each star represents, why Matariki is important and how we are able to celebrate the Maori New Year with our whanau and friends.

We learnt through listening to different purakau (stories), preparing Kai for our hangi feast, created some beautiful artwork and made kites with our whanau!  
Mānawatia a Matariki



## Room 20

Room 20 (along with Room 13) had a fantastic time in Auckland on our camp last week. We visited the Auckland Zoo, and then got to explore the Howick Historical Village and see what life was like in the 1850's in New Zealand.

An interesting thing I learnt at Auckland Zoo is that tigers have retractable claws and that baby tigers don't play with their dads, only their mums. Tigers are isolated animals that don't want to hang with each other. Something interesting that I learnt at Howick Historical Village is that schools had to use slate to write on and an abacus to learn maths.

By Rawiri



## Room 21

Check out what we've been up to in Room 21 this term. We started off with a mini ANZAC assignment, and followed that with a not-so-mini assignment about Matariki. We then created framed representations for a star of our choice. We timelined the massive navigational voyage made by our ancestors 3500 years ago to Aotearoa and everything in between, including Kupe, Captain Cook, and the early settlers like the Whalers. Yes! Lots of mahi has happened this term. There is lots more to see - come and take a look in Room 21!