



## WEEK 6

Term 2 continues full of activity. Children are working hard on their calendar art, which will be presented at our Matariki celebration on 23rd June, and available for purchase over the following couple of weeks. They are also practising their skipping for Jumping June on 30th June.



Certificate winners from this week's assembly



# Matariki Celebration 2022

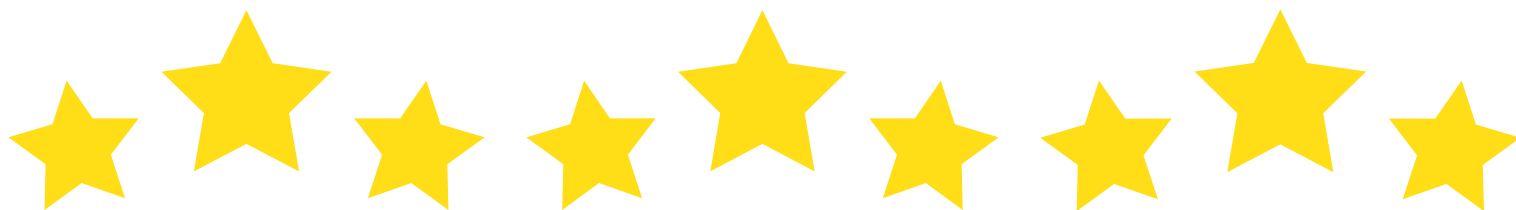
Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It is a time of renewal and celebration in Aotearoa that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster.

Thursday  
23 June 1-3pm

Hangi &  
Fry bread available to pre-order.  
Via office / Kindo

Nau mai,  
haere mai

We invite our MGK Whānau to acknowledge, celebrate and experience Matariki together Thursday, 23 June 1-3pm. There will be a Powhiri to welcome our new families in the library, Matariki Art exhibition on display and Matariki activities to join in on with your tamariki.



## THANK YOU

A huge thank you this week goes to all our Support Staff. Support Staff are often the unsung heroes of any school. Support Staff have a varied role and often keep the school going. This week is Support Staff week, however teachers will be celebrating with a Support Staff morning tea on Thursday next week. If you see any of our support staff on your travels, please feel free to stop and thank them.



### Drop-off and Pick-up Reminders:

#### Mornings:

**A reminder that the area around and behind the school crossing is for pedestrians only. We have had a couple of close calls recently and we don't want a child to get hurt. Please use the school parking areas when dropping children off.**

#### Afternoons:

**We have had a request from the fire service to remind our school community not to park in front of the fire station. It is a major risk if an emergency was to occur.**

**Thank you and I acknowledge that both of these are a handful of people and that most of our community are already following these guidelines.**





## SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP

### **What is a school board of trustees?**

Our school board includes parent representatives, a staff representative, and the principal.

### **Who can become a trustee?**

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

### **What do trustees do?**

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

### **What skills do trustees need?**

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

### **What help do school trustees get?**

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

### June:

Tuesdays - Small sticks hockey sessions

15th - Ruru puppy bake sale

20th- Board meeting

23rd- Matariki celebration

24th- Matariki holiday (school closed)

27th- Teacher Only Day (school closed)

30th- Jump Rope Challenge

### July:

4th & 5th- Parent teacher interviews  
(school closes 12.30pm)

8th- End of Term 2

### Ongoing:

Wednesdays 22nd June, 6th July

- Assembly @ 2.30pm

Thursdays from 19th May - Rocket Challenge

Fridays - Lunch Orders



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE  
FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

**LEO  
TYLER**



### Scholastic Book Club

#### - Issues 3 & 4 Out Now!

Order online through the Scholastic LOOP website or app, or using the order form through the school office (cash payments only please).

Issue 3 orders close 1st July, & issue 4 closes 16th July.



In our next newsletter you will receive information about how reports will look this term and next week you will receive the interviews survey for booking in to see your child's teacher. Teachers are working hard assessing, writing reports and preparing samples of work for the end of term.

We are looking forward to our Matariki Celebration coming up on Thursday 23rd June. We will be sharing art, having class activities and welcoming new students and whānau to the school with our powhiri. We will also see our kapahaka group leading in the school powhiri songs.

The term is marching on, with only 4 weeks to go. There is a lot happening over these few weeks, so please keep an eye on our Facebook, your emails and in your kids bags for details.

Ngā Mihi,  
Simon Schuster  
Tumuaki/Principal

**THE  
FINAL  
WORD**