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Hello,

A late newsletter this week so as to capture our Matariki Celebrations.

First of all, a big thank you to everyone who so kindly provided the kai – as always we were overwhelmed by the kind contributions.

Then a big thanks to all of our wonderful helpers – from the peeling and chopping, to the transport and packing it was an awesome and most appreciated effort. A special thanks to our wonderful hangi masters who did such a great job in cooking the kai and to those kind folk who lent us their steamers. Thanks too to Whaea Gee, Stephanie Campbell and Debbie Hancock and their band of helpers for organising the night.

Secondly, I want to reiterate what last night was about. Yes we were celebrating Matariki but also and importantly we were also celebrating that we simply can all be together again post Covid 19 and that we all, those directly involved with school but also the wider community, have safely come through, at least the first phase, of the pandemic safe and well.

Last night was also our thank you to everyone for their support and understanding of us here at school. We appreciated that so many families got on board with the Kaeo School at Home initiative, that you understood that teachers and staff were also affected by the worries and concerns around Covid, and that so many people took the time to support and encourage us during lockdown.

A big part of our success as a country in beating Covid has been that we have all worked successfully together, to act with consideration and kindness to others, to be patient around the little things that sometimes don't quite work out as planned, and to make a little sacrifice for the bigger picture – that Kaeo School has been a microcosm of that is a credit to everyone involved with our school. Well done everyone and thanks again.

Kind regards,

Paul Barker.

"You can't fall if you don't climb. But there's no joy in living your whole life on the ground." – Unknown.

Tracy Walker



Today is Tracy's last day at Kaeo School.

Tracy joined Kaeo School back in the middle of 2005 which by my reckoning means that she has been part of Kaeo School for around 15 years.

There are so many things that Tracy has contributed to our school over this time that it would take the whole newsletter back and front page (and indeed several other pages) to cover her contribution to Kaeo School and its children but in short Tracy has been involved in her committed, thoughtful, organised way in almost every area of our school over this time.

When one considers things like the extra assistance programmes that are so important to our school and its children, the effective running of the breakfast club and lunch orders, the wonderful Pre School programme, the Art Exhibitions, Productions and Pet Days, our always improving yearbook, school photos, running the PTA (often almost by herself) and more Tracy's quiet contribution is not often seen by those not working with her but to those of us who have that pleasure her involvement and influence is always understood and appreciated.

We will miss her at Kaeo School but wish her well in her new leadership role with Kiwi Can. A role that we hope will keep her close to and involved with Kaeo School.

Spelling Bee

Our annual Spelling Bee is next Thursday – last chance for a few days practice and preparation! If you can't find your child's list take a look on the School Web site under the "Missed a Form" tab – you will find it there.