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**Term 2
 Week 8**

Hello,

Yesterday, I sent home a newsletter advising that illness is reaching worrying levels at our school and advising that as a kind of 'circuit-breaker' we will be having a teacher only day this coming Thursday.

The hope is that along with the Matariki holiday on Friday and the weekend that follows, children will be able to hunker down and simply get well - ready to return to school again next Monday.

Whilst almost all of the illness is severe colds and influenza rather than Covid 19, we do still have a number of families that have contracted Covid 19 and are isolating. We are particularly worried that those children and their family members that have contracted Covid 19 will be affected by what appears to be severe winter illness.

I understand that the teacher only day is at short notice, and I apologise for any inconvenience caused. Hopefully though this will contribute to a healthier rest of the term for children and whanau alike.

The celebration of Matariki as a national holiday is long overdue and the government should be applauded for acknowledging this important time – well done to them and to all that worked to encourage them along the way. As at the start of each calendar new year Matariki is a time for remembering those that have past, planning for the future, and sharing with others. Covid 19 and the winter illness has got in the way of our community Matariki celebrations this year but from tonight we will light our big tree at the front of the school for all to see and enjoy and we wish everyone a happy and safe (and healthy) Matariki.

Manawatia a Matariki!

Paul Barker.

Dates for your diary

- June 23 Teacher Only Day
- June 24 Matariki Holiday
- June 27 BOT Meeting
- June 29 Art Exhibition Opens
- July 1 Cross Country – Totara North
- July 6 Art Exhibition closes
- July 8 Term Ends 1pm
- July 25 Term 3 begins
- July 26 School Photo Day

Students of the Week

Well done to last weeks Students of the Week. Phoenix, Lucy, Sid, Sindi, Raiha, Wairua and Rebekah. Nice learning guys!



Great Art Exhibition

Our Great Art Exhibition opens next Wednesday evening at 5.30pm and will continue to Wednesday the 6th of July. The art is spectacular, and I urge everyone to make the time to visit the exhibition. Opening times are on the back of this newsletter. Entry is by koha, and we ask that all adult visitors please wear a mask when visiting the exhibition.

In previous years we have run an auction in conjunction with our Art Exhibition but we will not be doing so this time. However, the kind folk at New World Kerikeri, Dreambuilders, and Noel Leeming Waiapa have provided some awesome items for the raffle that will run in conjunction with the event. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.



Attendance

Well done to Room 4 for taking out the weekly attendance award last week – in these cold and flu ridden days 90% was a great achievement.