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Week 10

Hello everyone,

No newsletter for a couple of weeks due to the weather and then Matariki, so a bit of a catch up before the winter break this time around and not much space for me except to wish everyone a safe, warm, fun filled holiday.

Kind regards, Paul Barker.

Matariki



A big thank you to the Runanga o Waingaroa for their organisation of our very first Whangaroa Primary Schools Matariki Day last Thursday.

It was great to be joined by Totara North School, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Whangaroa and Matauri Bay School for what turned out to be a very enjoyable day and a real celebration of Matariki.

Thanks especially to our experts in the classrooms sharing their time and skills with the children and to Karen Smith who wove an amazing 'Matariki Sky' to which the children added their work and which will, after a short time on display in the Whangaroa Museum, take pride of place in our school board room.

Matariki Paro



We hope that everyone enjoyed receiving their Matariki paro last week. A big thanks to Awhi Lawrence and her team of helpers for weaving the paro. Thanks too to Raina and Eric Rush owners of New World Whangarei, and to New World Kerikeri for their very kind donations of the winter vegetables. Finally, thanks to Whaea Gee who drove this project and made it all happen.

Junior School Cross Country

It was great to take a group of Junior School children to the Kerikeri and Districts Junior Cross country. As always, the children did us proud by giving their very best on the race track and equally importantly managing themselves positively as they waited for and after their races.

A special mention to Grayson McDonald who won the 5 year old boys race and to Naina Peterson who finished 5th in her race.

Thanks to everyone that came to support the children and our school, and a special thanks to Beau who acted as a marshall for our school.



Grayson with his medal for first place.

Last Day of Term

Tomorrow is the last day of this term and the day ends at 1pm. School resumes on Monday the 22nd of July.

<u>Message from The Board of Trustees - Principal</u> <u>Appointment</u>

The work to appoint a new principal is continuing. The Board is keen to get the views of students, staff and the wider community about what skills and attributes you would like to see in our new principal.

A short community survey is available for you to give your thoughts and ideas and can be found here https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5ZWLMQP. The survey closes on Friday the 19th of July. Your input would be appreciated.