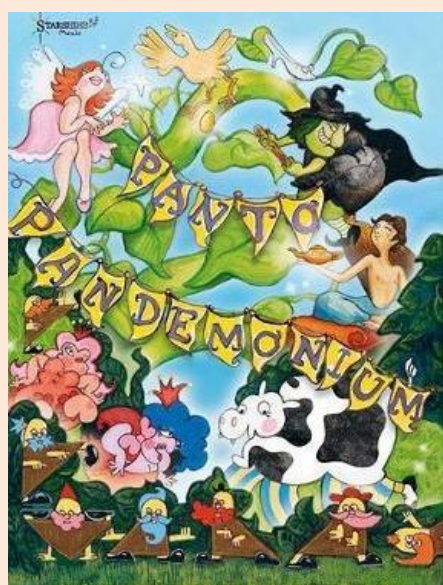


Diary Dates

Coming up . . .

- Wednesday 12th June **pyjama and crazy hair day** (primary only)
- Thursday 13th June **BoT/Council AGM**
Tōtara 7.30 pm
- Friday 14th June **year 7 technology**
- Monday 17th June **Tāwari opening**
8.30 am high school
- Monday 17th June **BoT/Council meeting** 7.30 pm staffroom
- Tuesday 18th June **Interzone cross country**
- Friday 21st June **year 7 technology**
- Friday 21st June **Matariki concert**
10 am–11.30 am high school
- Friday 21st June **Matariki evening hakari** **5 pm–8 pm** high school

Production ‘save the dates’



Preparations for our term 3 primary production are well underway. Mark the below performance dates in your diary now and keep an eye out for further information at the end of this term regarding ticket sales.

Tuesday 13th August 7 pm
Wednesday 14th August 6 pm
Thursday 15th August 7 pm

This Week

Matariki

By Ava Szabo–Principal

Kia ora whānau

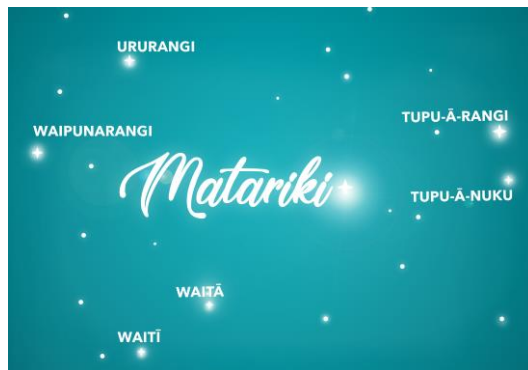
There is a lot happening in our community over the next couple of weeks that we would love you to be part of beginning with our AGM this Thursday evening. This is your opportunity to hear a summary of what has been happening at Wā Ora over the last year via the annual reports.

This year we will also be welcoming our new Board members and farewelling those who are stepping down. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Board members for the hard work they do for us at Wā Ora; much of this work goes unseen and ensures that our school’s governance is robust.

Our second major upcoming event is the official opening of our new Tāwari extension in the high school. This has been a major build for us and we are very proud of this fabulous new space for our college ākonga, ensuring there is space for them to learn and grow. Please join us at the high school next Monday 17th June at 8:30 am to open this space. There will be speeches, kapa haka, a tour of the new space and much more.

As the weather gets cooler and winter closes in we are moving closer to our Matariki celebrations, which will be the next big community event.

Matariki is the Māori name for a cluster of stars in our night sky and signals the start of the Māori New Year. It is a time to celebrate new life, to remember those who have passed and to plan for the future. It is a time for us to come together as a community, spend time with our whānau and friends, enjoy kai (food), waiata (song) and kapa haka (cultural performance). Our Matariki celebrations at school are scheduled for Friday 21st June.



Following on from the success of last year, we will be continuing with two Matariki events; a daytime performance hosted by our ākonga across all areas of the school, with each class performing a short item for you to enjoy. This will be followed by an evening community gathering where we can share kai, enjoy kapa haka and catch up with old friends we haven’t seen for a while.

Both events will take place at the high school. The daytime performance will begin at 10 am and our evening event will start at 5:30 pm. All are welcome.

I am looking forward to seeing you at these events over the next two weeks. It would be wonderful if you could celebrate with us.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

BoT/Council AGM this week

All school community whānau are warmly invited to our BoT/Council AGM, to be held THIS Thursday evening in Tōtara class at 7.30 pm. Come along to:

- hear the new BoT members announced,
- farewell and acknowledge our outgoing BoT members,
- hear the reports from our Principal, BoT Chair and Treasurer, which give an informative account of the BoT/school activities for the past 12-months, and
- nominate and vote for the 2 parent Council/Proprietor members, and
- enjoy drinks, nibbles and community.

Council nominations (direct)

Wā Ora needs to appoint two parent members to the Council/Proprietors directly (not via the BoT election). Nominations will be called for at the AGM and voting will happen with the two highest polling nominees being appointed to the Council/Proprietors. To be able to be voted for, as a Council member, you must be in attendance at the AGM this Thursday night.

Who qualifies as a nominee?

Any parent whose child attends Wā Ora, in either the preschool, primary or the high school can be nominated. Also all teachers can be nominated.

Crazy hair and pyjama day

9–12 students Sophia, Freya and Rose have organised a pyjama and crazy hair day for primary students (preschool is NOT participating) this Wednesday, 12th June to raise funds for a young girl in Indonesia, who needs surgery to correct her feet and improve her quality of life. Come along to school in your PJ's with your crazy hair for the price of a gold coin donation.

Sport**Badminton**

Junior Boys (Year 8–10) vs HVHS 2, 5–1.
Junior Girls (Year 8–10) vs St Oran's, 1–5.
Senior Mixed (Year 11–13) vs Naenae 4, 5–1.

Basketball

Seniors (Year 11-13) vs Wellington College 3, 45–55.
Juniors (Year 8–10) vs Scots College 2, 32–50.
Miniball (Year 5–6) vs Belmont Rockets, 6–14.

Cross country

Congratulations to the following primary students who qualified at the Central-North cross country event last week and will represent Wā Ora at the interzones this week: Finnigan, Ollie, Angus, Sophia, Vanisha, Svetlana, William T, Marcel and Thea.

Netball

Wā Ora/Raphael House combined (Year 9–10) vs Wainuiomata, 31–14.
Miromiro (Year 7-8) vs Fergusson Int Tigers, 14–7.
Toutoutwai (Year 5–6) vs Sts Peter and Paul Korokoru, scores not recorded at this level.

Matariki details–Friday 21st June**Daytime**

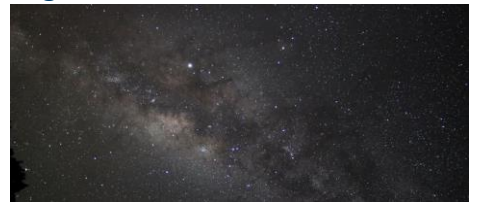
Come along to T2 (downstairs at the high school next Friday morning from 10 am–11.30 am and enjoy the performances at our Matariki concert. Ākonga from all classes will be celebrating new beginnings and remembering the past, through waiata, kapa haka and more.

Evening

Join us later that evening for a Matariki Hākari (feast). This will begin at 5.30 pm in T2 at the high school, the same venue as the morning performances. Please bring a plate of finger and we will all share supper and conversation together. Please label your ingredients to help our whānau with allergies and dietary requirements. All are welcome to this all-ages event. There will be activities/games run for the children.

Scholastics

Brochures went home/were put in your primary child's notices pocket last week and the deadline for orders (online or delivered to school) is next Monday 17th June.

Night Skies on Matariki

Come along to celebrate Matariki on 29th June at the Wainuiomata recreation area, Whitcher Grove and enjoy the dark skies of Wainuiomata. Arrive anytime between 7 pm and 9:30 pm. The Wellington Astronomical Society will be on hand to provide telescopes and help explain what you can see in the night sky. Pop your woolly hat on, make a hot drink (provided by us) and cuddle up to hear ruru, and maybe even a kiwi if you're lucky! Lighting will be controlled around the telescopes so don't forget a torch (preferably red light if you have one). We will be running buses from the main car park to the upper dam throughout the night to save your legs for the exciting bit. Spaces are limited so book your spot now!

Family Fun Night @ YMCA UH

Come along to this FREE event this Friday night (14th June) from 6 pm–7.30 pm at YMCA, Somme Road, Upper Hutt. A fun event for the whole family! We'll have a bouncy castle, face painting, Y-Dance with Tarsh, games run by the Raise Up crew and a sausage sizzle.

Guided walk: Glow worms at Otari

Glow-worms are alive and well and living in Otari Wiltons Bush. We walk down through the bush at night, past tree ferns, rimu, epiphytes, rata, eels—and glow-worms. This is your chance to see glow-worms up close, complete with their midge-catching, sticky-thread nets. You'll need good shoes, warm clothing, and a torch. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Otari Information Centre, 160 Wilton Road, Wellington. Walks happen on Friday nights from 7 pm–8 pm. Children under 12 years are free and general admission is \$6. You can buy tickets [here](#).