

Ngaruawahia High School Newsletter



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Year 9s celebrate Matariki

Day 1 – Star Lab and Ngā Miro Healthy Eating

The Matariki Celebrations began on Friday 11th June with a touching korero and karakia by Matua Dawson followed by a waiata tautoko by Whaea Tiria that had been learnt earlier in the week about Matariki.

First up on the programme was the Star Lab Planetarium. Here the rangatahi (and Teachers) had to crawl into a huge inflatable tent that resembled an igloo and was pitch black on the inside.

Rangatahi learnt about the constellations in the Southern Night Sky, how we get day and night, the phases of the Moon and most importantly, how to locate the Matariki (Pleiades) cluster of stars.

Following this interesting and astounding experience the rangatahi were taken into Ngahia where they were greeted by Whaea Ku's crew from Nga Miro.

The rangatahi were up for a real treat where they had the opportunity to sample delicious fruit kebabs and smoothies whilst learning

about the importance of eating healthily.

Ngaruawahia Primary School, St Pauls and Bernard Fergusson were our local Primary Schools that joined us on this day. They were welcomed and looked after by some of our Year 9 leaders for the entire time they were at School.

Day 2 – Ngā Pīpī Paopao

Today would turn out to be a big day for our Year 9's and lots of planning and preparation had taken place beforehand by all involved to



make the day a special one for our visiting Kohanga Reo and Early Childhood Centres.

Approximately 35 tamariki and Kaiako from Turangawaewae Kohanga Reo and Waikeri Kohanga Reo entered our mahana hall from the wet and cold outdoors.



The tamariki were absolutely gorgeous, some wearing their potae (hats) that they had made for the Wearable Arts Competition.

The morning began with a waiata session where our Year 9's participated in singing and teaching the tamariki some simple hand actions to complement the song.

The tamariki were then treated with a whakaari (play) called 'Taane me te whaanau marama' starring our taura (students) from 9 Taumata.

After the play, the Year 9's helped the tamariki decorate their own star wand which they could take home with them.



The tamariki were ecstatic after having their faces painted by our Year 9 artists. They then sat down to have



karakia which followed with yummy pancakes, marshmallows and warm milo which had been prepared by Ruki and Lisa and their team of 9 Te Kakano students.

kaiako/whanau attended from Galbraith Kindergarten, New Castle Kindergarten and Kids Time. What a fun and fantastic day!



Each pre-school was presented with a gift box full of goodies that had been made by our Year 9's.

With full puku's, happy painted faces, and magical star wands the tamariki were waved goodbye and headed back to their kohanga.

After a quick cleanup the whole experience was repeated again but this time approximately 60 tamariki and

Day 3 – Kite Making and Harakeke Crafts

The plan for today: Traditional Maori Kite making and Harakeke Stars.

Today would prove to be a more low key day with only St Pauls Primary School coming in the afternoon session to partake in the Kite Making session.



Our expert and tutor for the Kite Making session was Whaea Kahu Rata while our own Whaea Rangimarie Morgan taught all present Year 9 students how to make a harakeke star. A great day had by all!

Day 4 – Whakatō Maara Kai

Today was all about Planting kai. 9 Te Kakano students were fortunate enough to help the tamariki at Turangawaewae Kohanga Reo to plant their maara kai (vege garden) while 9 Te Hiranga and 9 Taumata stayed at school to 'beautify' our Year 9 Cebus area and plant our own maara kai.

The atmosphere was amazing as all of the students pulled up their sleeves and got dirty.

The result was fantastic with a beautiful, well groomed Cebus area and a brand new garden.

If ever there was an example of "mahi ngā tahi" ("working together") then this was it. Te Puaea would have been proud of the work that took place this day.

The afternoon ended with a hikoiki to Turangawaewae Marae where the students learnt about the significance of "Te Paki o Matariki".

Day 5 – Conservation

Our guest speaker for today was Matua Norman Hill from Te Papa Atawhai (Department of Conservation).



He managed to keep the attention and excite our Year 9's whilst educating them on the importance of our role as kaitiaki (guardians) of our mighty Waikato River.

After his entertaining presentation we all boarded the bus and headed to Firewood Creek.

Matua Norman showed us the extensive work that had taken place by Te Papa Atawhai and other local schools to try to restore this area to its natural condition.

The fresh air and chance to connect with the natural environment was appreciated by all.

Due to the enthusiasm Kahikatea and Ethan displayed throughout the morning, they won an awesome opportunity to join Matua Norman on

a full days excursion working as Department of Conservation Officers.

The afternoon was spent peeling potatoes and kumara, cutting pumpkin and cabbage, preparing the stuffing, and making rewena bread for the hangi.



With the help of our senior food technology students and the use of Matariki (the food technology room) everyone worked hard to complete the food preparation in one hour.



We ended the day with a well deserved game of Ki-o-rahi.

Day 6 – Ki-o-rahi Tournament

The last day of our Matariki Festival was finally upon us. All of our



Rear: John Devonshire, Morgan Kutia, Christy Te Kurapa, Heremaia Samson, Carl Shepherd, Latanya Murray.

Front: Tukotahi Tapara-Tukiwaho, Zhadon Cook, Tukuaterangi Tapara-Tukiwaho, Korowai Taukiri, Hope Waitere, Jojo Waitere (with trophy), Kahikatea Campbell-Matika, Autumn Reid, Shannon Daniels.

Year 9 students had been eagerly anticipating the Ki-o-rahi tournament.

The Sport Waikato crew were joining us to help run and umpire the tournament.

Our year 9's would be competing against one another in their Whanau groups (Pare Hauraki, Pare Waikato, Mokau and Tamaki) and against local primary schools Glen Massey and St Pauls Primary Schools.



Whilst Whaea Rangi, Whaea Haz and Whaea Reg were helping with the tournament, Matua Barney and Matua Waki were cooking the hangi, Whaea Adrienne and Whaea Aroha and their helpers were preparing the tables and the hall, Whaea Tiria and her crew were organising the BBQ for the Primary Schools.

The Ki-o-rahi tournament was taken out by the skilful Tamaki Whanau who received a beautiful trophy carved by Matua Noel. The presentation was carried out by the Sport Waikato team

with lots of spot prizes awarded and the primary schools were fed before being farewelled.

We had come to the end of our week long celebration and everyone was ready for the kai hakari (feast).

The hall looked amazing and the kai was so delicious. There was so much food which was enjoyed by everyone.

To top off the celebrations, Santana spoke on behalf of the Year 9's to thank Whaea Rangī, Whaea Tiria and Whaea Reg for the mahi they put into organising this event.

It was followed by an



invigorating haka by the boys. What an awesome way to close our Matariki Festival!

*"Matariki ahunga nui –
Matariki provider of plenty"*

Winners of the Wearable Arts Hat Competition:

Pre-School section

- 1st Place: Top Kids (Spider Man Hat)
- 2nd Place: Top Kids (Colourful Mad Hatter Hat with Black Buckle)



3rd Place: Top Kids (Red Rimmed Plastic Bottle Hat)

Year 9's section

1st Place: Gemma Robson (Fancy Button Top Hat)

Colouring Competition winners

Best Poster Design:
Caleb Eastwood

Pre-School section

Turangawaewae Kohanga Reo
Waikeri Kohanga Reo
Top Kids

We would like to thank the following organisations, people and local primary and pre-schools for your contribution and participation in our festival:

- ✓ Te Puni Kokiri
- ✓ Solid Energy
- ✓ Ngā Miro
- ✓ Sport Waikato

- ✓ Norman Hill (DOC)
- ✓ Gloria Witheford (Star Lab)
- ✓ Kahu Rata (Twin Rivers Art Centre)
- ✓ St Pauls Primary School
- ✓ Ngaruawahia Primary School
- ✓ TKKM o Bernard Fergusson
- ✓ Turangawaewae Kohanga Reo
- ✓ Waikeri Kohanga Reo
- ✓ Kids Time
- ✓ Galbraith Kindergarten
- ✓ New Castle Kindergarten
- ✓ Turangawaewae Marae Committee

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Pre-school children attending one of the Year 9 Matariki programmes in the school hall.

COMING EVENTS

Friday 2 July

Last day of term 2

Monday 19 July

Term 3 commences

Thursday 19 & Friday 20 August

School closed for Koroneihana

August Open Evening for prospective Year 9 students. More information will be available closer to the date.

COMMUNITY DANCE NGARUAWAHIA

Jazz/Ballet 4 yrs and up; Jazz/Hip-hop 7years and up.

We are now enrolling for our end of year performance. Be in quick as spaces are limited.

Phone Meredith on **824 8002** for details.

NATALIE MAINE

Natalie graduated with a diploma in Civil Engineering from Wintec. She is now working for the Waikato District Council.

MEDICATION

If your child is an asthmatic please ensure they carry their inhaler with them or leave a spare in the school office as the school does not have inhalers in their medical supplies.



NCEA EXAMINATION FEES

Time has come around again and NCEA examination fees will soon be due. To be eligible for a financial assistance application you will need to have one of the following:

- **Beneficiary-based application** - (you need to be receiving a Work & Income

or Study Link benefit)

- **Income based application** - (your joint family income is below the levels set for receiving a community services card). We need your community services card number
- **Multiple candidate application** - you do not qualify for beneficiary or income based financial assistance but you are applying on the basis that you have two or more candidates undertaking qualifications that would otherwise cost you more than \$200.

NGARUAWAHIA TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the club will be closed until April 2011.

For further information contact Joyce Coleman 824 8530.

TEXT BULLYING

Text bullying is becoming a problem. What to do if you are receiving bullying texts:

- do not respond for three texts
- save those texts
- take the texts to the Police
- notify Telecom/Vodafone or other providers of the harassment and they will take action through their network

VISITING/CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

A reminder that ANYONE visiting the school during school hours must sign in and out through the school office. This is a Health and Safety issue and a school requirement. We ask that you do not visit

classrooms directly as this can be an interruption to the classroom programmes. If you are dropping things off or need to get a message to students, the office will do this for you.

A REMINDER . . .

That the only person/s information will be given to regarding your child is the person/persons who are on the Student Manager information sheet. This also is a health and safety issue.

If you need someone else to pick up or see your child then we will need your permission to release the student.

YEAR 10 LEADERS CORNER

Naomi Randall: A highlight from this term has been when we said farewell to Matua Barney. The school was so united and had so much mana. It was so cool.

Taane Ngakete: A highlight from this term has been the haka that we did for Matua Barney and Whaea Roa. I really enjoyed doing the haka and the time that Matua Barney spent with us.



The most fun thing we did this term was table tennis, mostly everybody in the school was in the school playing it and I would like to see it again later in the year.

Larissa George: One thing I enjoyed from this term was when we could play ping pong at break times. It was fun playing around the world and having rallies with different people.

ENGINEERING DAY

WECA and Wintec organised an information day for students interested in trades and those taking maths and physics who could be interested in civil, mechanical or electrical engineering. Students toured the Wintec campuses and visited an industry. The highlight was using metalwork skills to make a metal mask at Mainline Sheetmetals.



Senior students get bowled over on their night out

Early in June the Year 13 pupils, along with several of their teachers, entertained themselves with bowling and “dining” in Hamilton. They financed the activity themselves in this annual event.

GAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOT.	
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JADE	3	4	5	1	3	6	5	4	3	X	X6	94
ALISHA	0	1	3	X	9	1	6	6	1	7	X	79
SEN	1	4	4	2	5	8	3	4	3	6	X72	53
MRS.CA	8	8	7	8	8				4	4	12	42
MRS.CANIN	8	15	23	31	31	31	31	39	42			
Team 18											15.21 Km/h	



Ruki Simon and Thomas Janssen show their form.



Kendal Moanarua, Hayley Clay and Ruki Simon.



“Cadbury Kids” Jade Findley and Sen Heremaia



Seniors at work, watched by Mrs Cann (NHS Careers Advisor).



Year 13 students, to be released upon the world at the end of this year!

Exchange students return home next week after their 12-month stay with us



Thomas Janssen
Hedikhuizen, the Netherlands

Thomas has been working on a virtual walk-through model of the school during his time in the Computing classes. He has also been involved with the senior basketball team.



Philipp Tischer
Berlin, Germany

Philipp has been working on a community project for the local football club, creating an inter-active model of their clubrooms. He has also been a member of a Hamilton school field-hockey team.

Taane wins free Year 10 Camp registration!

On Thursday 24th June at around 6 pm the Year 10 parent Information Night was held.

The night started off with two Year 10 Leaders, Justice Tango Pointon and Larissa George, welcoming the parents and thanking them for coming that evening.

Next, Whaea Kimai and Whaea Huirama talked about the achievements made in the past asTtle tests, Graduation Points and the Literacy classes.

After they were finished, Mr Lichtwark then explained what was going to happen at the Year 10 Camp in Term 4.

All the names of the students whose family had come were put into a hat and one was picked out as the lucky winner of a free Year 10 camp (worth \$55.00). It was **Taane Whanga-Ngakete**.

Then everyone had supper and parents were given a Graduation booklet to look at their child's achievements.