



# Ake Runga

## Our best always

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE  
WEEK 8

Kia ora e te whānau,

### Mānawatia a Matariki!

We've had a beautiful day here today, enjoying our connections and celebrating our differences in our little kura. I've really enjoyed the *Matariki mā Puanga* theme this year, as it reminds me of my time as Principal of Waiouru School, where Puanga was celebrated with our tangata whenua—Ngāti Rangi ki Ruapehu Maunga. They would hold their Puanga celebration on the maunga, and the view of the stars was always spectacular.

Personally, this time of year is an opportunity to reflect on our achievements, challenges, and sometimes... whoopsies. I had quite a large whoopsy last month with one of my little friends from Team Two that I think you may all enjoy.

So, this particular little friend and I have a running joke in the mornings where he tells me to growl Matua Alex for being naughty at Breakfast Club for not pushing in his chair. I then pop my hand on my hip, shake my finger at Matua Alex, and say Yes! he is very naughty—and then we all giggle our way back to class as the bell rings.

Unfortunately, this little joke didn't quite translate well one morning, when my little friend dragged his poor father up to me at the gate, giggling all the way. He pointed to his father and announced at the top of his lungs:

"He's been naughty! Give him the Finger!"

☹️ Oh no! 😞

Kids—you can always count on them to throw you right under the bus at exactly the right (or wrong) moment. *Sigh*.

Have a spectacular long weekend,

Ngā mihi maioha,  
Whaea Mārama



### JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 20th** - Matariki (school closed)

**Friday 27th** - It's in the bag

**Friday 27th** - Last day of term 2

**Monday 14th July** - First day of term 3

**Thursday 24th July** - Child Centered Conferences

**Monday 28th July** - Maths Teacher Only Day



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# GUEST WRITERS

The Matariki stars are shining in the sky with the moon. It is night time. I like being with my family.

By Amaia-Lee Pomana

The Matariki Stars are up in the sky. The moon is up in the sky. They are shining brightly in the sky.

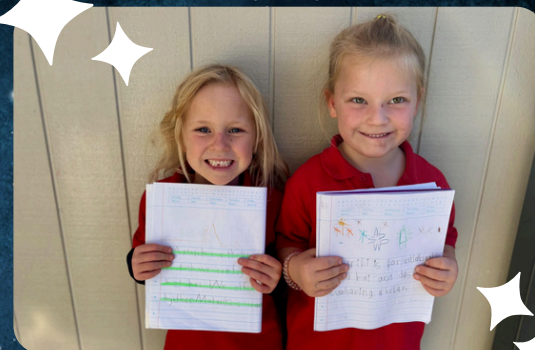
By Lucien Cooper

Matariki is the time to fish. We come together to eat kai. We eat fish together. Matariki is amazing.

By Lilian Wathall

Matariki is for celebrating, having kai and dancing. We are having a barbecue.

By Ayla Olsen



Tessa proudly showcasing her amazing sewing creation Sunny!

### CHILD CENTRED CONFERENCES

Thursday 24th July

Please make sure that you book for the CCC's. We want all parents and their children to attend. We want to hear from you about your goals for them, from the child themselves and we will share our thoughts on how things have started as well. We would love a 100% turnout.

Scan the QR code to make a booking or visit the website below and enter the code. Phone the office if you do not have internet access.

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### OUR KAIAWHINA

Did you know .....

At Apanui School, we have two Kaiawhina, Matua Alex and Whaea Vanessa, who are dedicated to supporting our tamariki as they grow and develop their hauora. They offer mental health support for a wide range of needs and ensure our tamariki have the resources they need to thrive at kura. Alex is currently in his final year of a Counselling Degree, while Vanessa brings a wealth of experience from her nursing background. Both are parents of students at our school and are passionate about working with children. If you feel your child would benefit from additional support from our Kaiawhina team, please don't hesitate to talk with your child's teacher or Kylie Whitehead.

