

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Market Day - Wednesday 12 June, from 6-7pm. All students are expected to attend.
Matariki Celebration - be at school at 7am on Thursday 27 June. School will finish at 12.30pm.

Kia Ora Tatou,

What a terrific way to start the term last week - very rested and happy kids, fitting back into routines and play. This kind of settledness bodes well for the term ahead.

This term we are looking forward to keeping our school timetable free of extra items, so we can concentrate on a well-paced learning focused term. You will all be aware of the many offers of people coming in, events that we can enter, activities we can go to. We have decided that our students need a settled and focussed term and I know you will all appreciate that.

We are excited by the Technology unit all classes are doing together. This will culminate in a Market Day in Week 7 - Wednesday 12th June. Children are going through the technological process of researching, designing and improving, and then marketing a product. The picture here is of Lincoln, who during the holidays produced a string of bird-boxes. This is the kind of thing we are doing. A very rich learning experience for everyone. I am sure you will enjoy coming along to our Market Day evening and enjoy seeing what all our children have created and learned.



And this term we have two parent evenings planned and designed for parents: one about reading and supporting great reading at home, plus an Internet Safety evening too. Details to come. I am sure you will find both these evenings really useful for supporting your child's learning and their use of devices at home.

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Market Day Needs

Over the next few weeks, you'll see some requests for support with our Market Day preparations. Before we buy any materials, we'd like to know if we can source things from our community. First on the list:

- Zara and Harriet (R7) are after empty glass jars with lids. **Any jars will do**, but Nescafe and Maccona jars are particularly good. If you have any spare, please send them along to Room 7.
- Sean, Jamie and Tom (R8) would like a piece of garden hose, that is approx. 15m long (or shorter bits that equate to about that length). It doesn't matter if it has a hole or two in it.
- Alex and her team (R8), would like to get hold of balls of wool - the thicker the better (it's for crocheting).

Lost Property

We have a lost property bin outside the back of Room 4 where any found gear is placed at the end of the day. We bring these items out several times a term, and hold up in front of pupils at the end of the term too. If we still have gear in the holidays it gets donated to local charities. PLEASE make sure your child comes home with their gear each day, name your child's clothes, and come in and look through the lost property box to ensure your family don't waste dollars on clothing.

Taonga Puoro Performance

Thursday 9 May at 1.30pm, our students and staff will be treated to a special performance of Taonga Puoro (Māori musical instruments). All whānau are invited to attend. Here is what we're being treated to:

Power to the Puoro Show

This is an interactive experience where students connect through the power of Taonga Puoro and our natural environment relevant to Aotearoa. Grammy-award winner Jerome Kavanagh (Puoro Jerome) shares his whānau's collection of Taonga Puoro mixed with modern sound technology to bring together the ancient and the new. Share in the sounds and stories of these ancient instruments gifted by our ancestors from these lands.