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By Sharon Prestidge

Matariki - Time to Reflect, Unify and Look Forward.

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As we approach the halfway point of the year, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the journey we have embarked upon together. Matariki is the perfect time to reflect and celebrate progress before looking ahead to what is coming next for us as a school community. [Read more](#)



Senior Team Projects

Our school inquiry this year is 'Taku Haerenga, Tō Mātou Haerenga' My Journey, Our Journey. The senior team researched local and early New Zealand history for our Matariki projects this term. [Read more](#)



Kōwhai designs Junior playground

Have you heard? There is going to be a new junior playground (fingers and toes crossed)! [Read more](#)



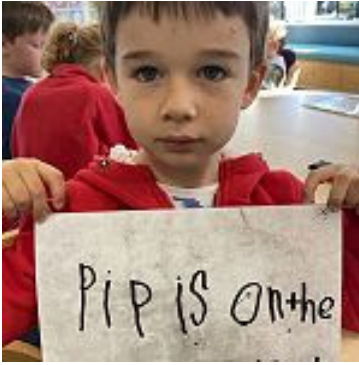
Whole School Planting - streamside restoration.

The whole school have been involved in planting the stream banks - to make it more attractive, increase biodiversity and help our planet! [Read more](#)



Tōtara's paper mache creations

In Tōtara this term we've been learning about animals that go on incredible journeys. We made paper mache models of some of these animals, including the royal albatross, leatherback sea turtle, and longfin eel. [Read more](#)



Harakeke Have Been Busy Honing Our Structured Literacy Skills.

We have been learning to read cvc (consonant/vowel/consonant words), cv/vc words and instantly recognising some 'heart words'. Heart words are words that we don't have all the sounds to decode. [Read more](#)



Thanks Intermediate Team For Giving Us Your Left Over Clay.

How exciting to be gifted some clay. We decided to make waka like Matua Hautere would have used. [Read more](#)

Junior Team Time Is A Fabulous Part Of Our Week.

At every opportunity we use the middle block on a Friday to hang out as a team. [Read more](#)



Matariki - He waka eke noa, we are all in this together.

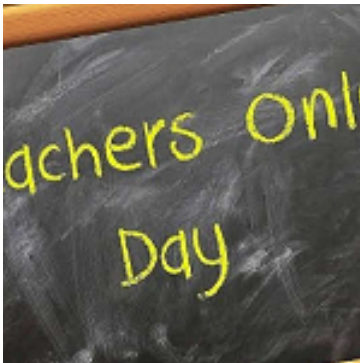
Matariki was a special event for our kura that saw whānau, tamariki and our wider community come together in the true spirit of manaakitanga.

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Wonderful, Whacky Water - Middle Team Science Term 2

Water is important stuff. It makes up well over half our body, covers 70% of our planet and is essential for all living things to survive - including us! Water is also that vital ingredient which allowed many of our ancestors to make it to Aotearoa. Since we have all been taking a deep dive into NZ history recently, we thought our science study could also take the plunge into water. [Read more](#)



Advance Notice - Teacher Only Day Dates

We have been notified the dates available for our Ministry of Education Teacher Only Days, so have been able to make a decision on our school Teacher Only Days for the remainder of 2023. [Read more](#)



Streets for People

Since late last year Nic Brydon (who is part of the Streets for People Working Group) has been coming out to consult with our Travel Champion Group (Isla, Zoe C, Zoe L, Mackenzie B and Saskia T) about road safety around Māpua. Recently she set the girls a challenge and what a result we had!

[Read more](#)



Cross Country!

Whether you love it or hate it, it is always an amazing event! [Read more](#)



Pit Fired Pottery

This term in the lead up to Matariki the intermediates were lucky enough to work with Darryl Frost to create some unique ceramics. [Read more](#)



FOMS Kindo Wishlist Fundraising

WOW! What a great start! Over \$1000 raised already. [Read more](#)



Library makeover

The library makeover has been on full steam this term. [Read more](#)

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