

Matariki NEWSLETTER



Welcome to all new students and families - we hope you settle into your new class and make many new friends, welcome to:

Nickson Sambo, Sunia Siulua, Maselusi Stowers, Kendy He, Legend Oltaches-Edmonds, Ishmael Tairea, William Huynh, Jeshiv Kumar, Mahnvi Mudaliar, Kanwar Partap Singh, Taylor Andrew-Toia Tararo, Jason Stevhen, Ron Uppal, Ian and Luis Osigan and Dwayne Maranga.

MATARIKI KITES

Challenger 2 have been extremely busy with glitter, feathers, paint and glue making amazing Matariki kites to celebrate Matariki 2020. The following websites may be of interest for finding information about Matariki with activities to do in the school holidays.

- www.matarikifestival.org.nz/
- www.tepapa.govt.nz/watch-how-find-matariki-star-cluster
- www.tepapa.govt.nz/discover-collections/read-watch-play/maori/matariki-maori-new-year/whare-tapere/matariki-star-facts



MAIL DELIVERIES IN DISCOVERY 2



In Discovery 2 we have been sharing the poem "Friends at School". We decided to write to our own friends and share our favourite things. We posted our letters and waited... Today we received letters back from our Enterprise buddies. They came to help us read our letters, it was a lot of fun!

A huge thank you to all of our parents and community for their support, co-operation and kind words, while we have worked through the COVID 19 requirements to keep our children safe. We are so proud of our students and the new independence that they have developed.

THIS LITTLE PIG NEEDS A HOUSE

In Apollo three the children have been reading the tale of 'The Three Little Pigs'. They felt sorry for the poor little pig whose house was destroyed by the Big Bad Wolf. So everyone decided to design and build him a new home. A3 used toothpicks and mini marshmallows for the construction and even though the marshmallows were really tempting... all the marshmallows survived!

Lucky Little Pig!

Pictured below: Lenna Keova Chan studiously building her Little Pigs house, and a big 'thumbs up' from Taiboiku lannang when she finishes hers.



**25 June
2020**

Reading Buddies

Three Little Pigs

**Budding
Scientists**

**Dental Clinic
details**

Matariki kites

Innerfit

Road Patrol

Whats On?

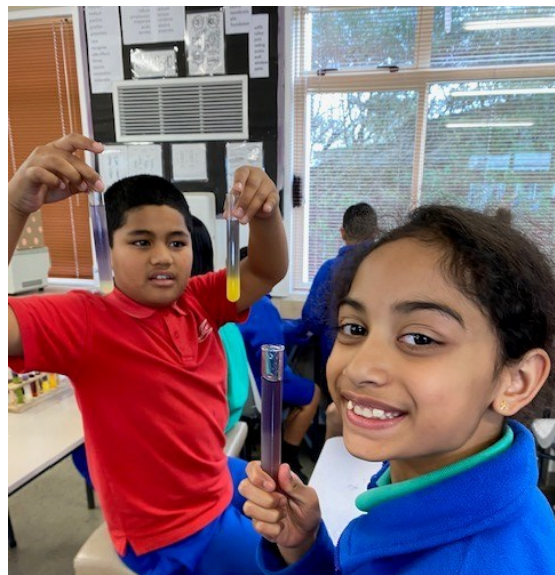
**30 June
Portrait
Photos**

**3 July
Last day
Term 2**

**20 July
First day
Term 3**

**Parent Teacher
Interviews
Thursday
23 July
(Week one)**

SCHOOL CLOSING 3PM ON 3 JULY



BUDDING SCIENTISTS WORKING IN ACTION

Mouldy Bread Experiment

Our year 4 classes conducted an experiment to illustrate the effect the presence of bacteria on our unwashed hands has on the things that we touch. In this experiment the children were put into 3 groups. Group one handled pieces of bread with hands previously washed with soap and water for 20 seconds. Group 2 handled pieces of bread with hands previously cleaned with a hand sanitiser. Group 3 handled pieces of bread with unwashed hands. A control sample of bread was not handled. All the bread groups were left in the classroom untouched for ten days. Finally, we put the pieces of bread under a UV light which enabled us to see how much mould had formed. Group one's bread (washed hands) had small amounts of mould growth. Group 2 (sanitiser hands) had similar amounts of mould. Group 3 (unwashed hands) had heavy mould over most of the surfaces. The control bread had a small amount of mould as well.

Our mouldy bread experiment is a timely and powerful reminder to all students about the importance of hand cleanliness especially when handling food.

Pictured far left: The science of slime, Explorer 5 are investigating its properties, and Left: Testing fruit samples for vitamin C. Pictured right: Making slime !!!!



LEARNING ABOUT SELF CONTROL

Endeavour Pod has been enjoying the Self Control InnerFit unit in Health & Physical Education.

Character Focus: They have been learning how to develop Self Control through patience and taking the time to think about what to say in a variety of situations.

They have also been learning how to correct their mistakes and move on. What an amazing skill for our Tamariki to learn and practice.



ROAD PATROL HATS AND GLOVES

The school has once again outfitted our 25 Road Patrol monitors with 'High Visibility' beanies and gloves for the winter season. Please remember to park safely and legally to assist our team at those busy times outside school. Auckland City Council parking wardens and NZ Police are sometimes present to ensure the safety of all of us. Thank you for your support with this.



The Children's Community Dental Service has reopened some of its clinics for children with urgent dental care needs.

We will be in contact with you if your child requires an urgent appointment.

Alternatively, if your child is in pain, or you have immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak with one of our therapists.

We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes.

This means that your child's routine appointment may be delayed.

For more information, search for 'ARDS' on the Waitematā DHB website.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

Term Two
28 April -3 July

Term Three
20 July -25 Sep

Term Four
12 Oct - 9 December

Jane Milner, Principal