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Matariki Celebration

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter. For many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. Traditionally, Matariki was a time to remember those who had died in the last year. But it was also a happy event – crops had been harvested and seafood and birds had been collected. With plenty of food in the storehouses, Matariki was a time for singing, dancing and feasting.

On Wednesday 5th July, we will be having a Matariki Breakfast at school. We hope to be able to see the stars in the morning and then celebrate with breakfast. As the children will need to be up early to get to school we have decided to make it Pyjama Day also. We would love for everyone to come to school and celebrate with us.

- 6:30 am - Arrive at school in the dark wearing pyjamas to see the stars
- 7:00 – 8:00 am- Breakfast (menu- bacon, sausages, eggs, baked beans, hash browns, toast, pancakes, fruit, yoghurt, cereal, tea, coffee, and milo)
- 8:00 – 9:00 am create feathers for a school korowai

Breakfast is free for everyone however donations towards the cost of the breakfast will be gratefully received.

Friday Farewells

We will be having a fare well for Mrs McLeod, the Boustead family as well as other children leaving our school this term on Friday at 11:30am. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch.

Everyone is welcome.



Return Slip

We would like to get a rough idea of numbers attending both events for catering purposes. Please could you complete the slip and return to school ASAP. Thank you.

Name _____

We will attend Matariki Breakfast **Yes / No** (please circle)

Number attending

We will attend Farewell morning tea & BBQ **Yes / No** (please circle)

Number attending