



Matua Hamuera's pic of the action floundering

Manawatia a Matariki\*





### Tēnā koutou katoa

*On the front page, Tū Rangatira brave the cold waters of the Muriwai lagoon to go floundering in preparation for Matariki celebrations next week. Above, Whare Atawhai fly Manu Aute to celebrate Matariki.*

### Kua tae mai a Takurua

Winter has certainly arrived and we are seeing four seasons in one day at the moment. Influenza numbers have soared in Te Tairāwhiti and this has affected many of our learners and kaiako at Kaiti. There are now more people sick with Influenza than Covid. Keep warm whānau, Thank you for sending in your absences. The phone number to message or call is 022 528 1976.

### NZEI Kaiako hui - Kura closing early on Friday

Kura is closing early this Friday at 1pm to allow time for Kaiako to attend the NZEI Union teachers hui for pay negotiations. School will be open as usual on Friday morning. Lunch will be provided for all students at 12.30pm. We will have limited supervision for tamariki who cannot be collected at 1pm. Please call us at the office if this is the case for your child.

### Whānau Ora - Winter Wellness Packs

Kaiti School is a whānau ora Kura. This means that we are provided funding through the Horouta Whānaunga Collective to support whānau ora through our Kaiārahi Kōkā Trish Hina. This term, whānau have been coming to kura to learn Te Reo in wānanga with Kōkā Mereono. As well, one of our amazing whānau ora Mama's Kala Williams, has led wānanga for Rongoa. Yesterday's wānanga was on Rongoa for the puku and Rongoa for congestion. We have received over 200 Winter Wellness Packs for our Kaiti whānau. These packs will be distributed by Kōkā Trish and Kōkā Margie to as many whānau as possible over the next two weeks. #winter is here #feeling lucky at Kaiti Kura #whānau ora #horouta whānaunga

### Matariki Moments\*

Lots happening over the next two weeks @ Kaiti♥

### Kura closing early on Friday

Whānau mā  
We are closing @ 1pm this coming Friday to allow kaiako to attend the NZEI teachers Hui.

Please send your Tamariki to kura for the half day. Lunch will still be on for everyone. Collect tamariki @1pm.

Thank you♥







## Matariki Moments @ Kaiti

Across the kura we have been learning about Maramataka, the Māori Lunar Calendar and Matariki - Te Tau Hou Māori. Every class has learnt the whakapapa of Matariki, every whetu that is part of Te kahui whetu o Matariki and its role in the cluster, the special role of Te waka o Rangi, the waka in the sky and Hautapu - the special early morning karakia and celebrations that occur across the country. A big mihi to our kaiako who have taken the time to research and learn more about Matariki so that they can teach our Tamariki about this special time of year.

**Tuakana /Teina** - this term we have been learning alongside others, older students with younger students. This week our Roopu have been learning together for Matariki. Above Boss of Whare Tipu and Shiloh of Whare o Aroha learn together about the Whetu Tupuarangi and all the kai that comes from above the ground and the skies. Did you know Kererū were harvested for kai celebration by our tīpuna during Matariki.

**Stars in your Eyes with a Matariki Disco** - the Kaiawhina/Teacher aides at kura will be running a Matariki disco for all junior classes next Wednesday 22nd June. Entry is by GOLD coin donation, dress up as your favourite Matariki star. Give your gold coin to your classroom teacher to look after. All coins will go towards the Kapata Kai that stands at the back of the kura on Montrose street. Student leaders will be purchasing kai with this koha to put into the Kapata with our junior Tamariki over the next few weeks. #making a difference for others #sharing is caring #kia tū rangatira

**Matariki Breakfasts** - all classes have been planning their menu for their own special Matariki breakfasts next week. Tamariki across the kura will be cooking their own special breakfasts to celebrate the arrival of the Māori new year.

**Matariki Hangi** - A huge mihi to Puku Ora for providing HANGI for lunch next Thursday 23rd June. Please make sure your tamariki are there for Thursday's Hangi.

**Manawatia a Matariki** - Friday 24 June is a national public holiday to recognise Matariki. Lots of kaiako and whānau will be rising in the early hours to catch a glimpse of Matariki.

We ♥ Matariki holiday ...Friday 24 June



# Whānau Hui ✱

In the spirit of Hiwa i te Rangi ...it is time for us to gather some fresh ideas and set some new goals for the coming year @ kura

Wednesday 29 June @ 5pm



Photo from Whare Topito collections

Matariki - a time to set new goals - Whānau Hui - Wednesday 29 June @ 5pm.

We didn't manage to get a Whānau hui in last year. This year, the Board of Trustees and our kaiako are very keen to gather some feedback on our current programmes and seek fresh new ideas for the year ahead. Please note this date down in your calendar. We are gathering feedback and new ideas for: curriculum learning programmes and kaupapa nui; Puku Ora will be there with some tasty samples and some feedback forms for the lunch menu; Tōnui Collab will be there to share the new Digital Technologies programmes we offer in kura; Aotearoa Histories - what important histories should our curriculum include at Kaiti?; Whānau ora: Hinemaia fitness: Rongoa : Te Reo Maori ; Attendance: other than COVID and the FLU what else keeps our kids from coming to kura?; Out the gate - where should we take our kids for out the gate programmes?; Well-thy Banking - set up your bank account for your tamaiti to start saving for their futures: Hauora and Sports programmes - hopscotch, elastics and what else? We will be giving our Matariki packs for whānau with some special treats inside and some BIG 'Pack n Save' and 'The Warehouse' door prizes as well.

## Special Mentions

Well done to Quantum who is focused on his goal of having 100% attendance this term. Quantum had a bit of time off last term like lots of tamariki, to isolate safely with his whānau for COVID. When he returned to kura, he decided with our Kaiarahi for attendance - Kōkā Amoe, to set a goal for term 2. ...to come to school every day. So far, you have achieved amazing results. You've got this Quantum, kia kaha tōnu, keep smiling, stay well and keep coming to kura.

Kia Ora - thank you♥

Kōkā Mandy, Kōkā Moana and I have had many opportunities over the past two weeks to kōrero with whānau. Thank you for coming to see us, we appreciate your feedback, your input and your time to talk about your tamariki to do the best that we can for our Kaiti kids each and every day.

Kōkā Billie-Jean  
Tumuaki

