

Room 7 – Tirama Matariki

Our class wanted to share this waiata with everyone for Matariki. It is sung to the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". Video on **YouTube – Tirama tirama Matariki by Rotokawa 5**



Tirama Matariki

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me ana tamariki

Tupu-a-Nuku, Tupu-a-Rangi,

Waitī, Waitā,

Waipunarangi e,

Ko te potiki ko Ururangi.



AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Number 18

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katou

1) Celebrating Success - Support Staff Day

This week is 'National Support Staff Day' which gives us the opportunity to acknowledge our brilliant support staff. At Ahipara School we are very proud of our support staff team. These dedicated people provide a fantastic service to the school and are the unsung heroes. **John** and **Carole**



provide an outstanding service in the office and ensure administration in our school is run very smoothly and efficiently. **Whio**, **Dorothy** and **Te Aroha** keep our classrooms and grounds spick and span, providing the children and teachers with a clean and healthy environment to work and play in. Our fantastic teacher aides - **Kathy**, **Rata**, **June**, **Alison**, **Lisa**, **Christine**, **Leeann**, **Ani** and **Ellen** support the learning programmes for our children, working hard in the classrooms. All of our support staff go beyond the call of duty, helping our tamariki and teachers wherever possible. We value our support staff and would like to say a big "Thanks Team."

2) Matariki



All classes are currently exploring and celebrating Matariki with a wide range of activities. We are hoping to cumulate this learning with sharing with our whanau. This will happen at a class room level so watch for class newsletters for more information!

3) 'Snapped Ya'

'Snapped Ya' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. The PB4L focus for this week is 'How to be a Good Friend'. The recipients are **Brody Cranch**, **Max Richards**, **Kate Hammond**, **Ina-Rae Paora**, **Matteo Wakarua-Noema**, **Shaye Rawiri**, **Aynjewel Thompson-Marsters**, and **Bella Huntley**



4) Students Arriving Late to School

Unfortunately we have a number of students who continually arrive late to school. When students arrive late they often miss learning and it is generally the same curriculum area that they miss. The reasons given by some of the students frequently arriving late are: I slept in, I had to buy my lunch, I missed the bus. Please ensure that your child leaves the house in plenty of time to arrive at school before the bell at 8.45 a.m. We appreciate the parents/caregivers who phone in that their child will be late and giving a valid reason. Every time your child arrives late they are losing learning time and affecting the class learning. They need to be caught up with what is being learnt or they simply miss out, which of course effects their learning goals.

5) Home School Partnerships

Home School Partnership is working with parents and the community making connections and opening communication. Ahipara School encourages parents to be involved in the school. We have an active (and hopefully social) PTA. We have many parents who help us, some to complete a project, reading support, classroom support and others who help on the big days like swimming and cross country and EOTC. A school is only as strong as the community that supports it. Here at Ahipara School we enjoy very strong support and this comes in many forms. Your BOT and Community members who work tirelessly and enthusiastically for all our learners, our parent helpers, reading tutors, sports coaches, team managers, parent helpers for school excursions, library volunteers and our breakfast co-ordinator. These are just some of the people who help us and most importantly support us. So on behalf of all here at Ahipara School, I say thank you. We just couldn't be the great school that we are without you! If you would like to help out at the school, come on in and have a cup of tea. I'd be very happy to meet with you. We are currently looking for some people who could help to read with some of our little people. If you have any other skill you could share with our tamariki, we'd love to hear from you.

6) Mid Year Reports and Three Way Conferences

On **Thursday 6th July**, we will be holding our annual Parent/Child/Teacher Report Conferences. Interview times will start from 8:00am and will finish at 6:00pm. During this time our teaching staff will not be available for normal teaching duties. **I would also like to state that you will receive your child's report at the actual interview.** The main reason for this is so that we can have the opportunity to explain your child's report in depth with you and your child. We strongly recommend that you bring your child to the interview as they are the main stakeholder in the partnership that can ultimately effect positive change to their achievement levels. Students will also be taking an active role in this process and will be reporting on their progress in literacy. Next week, all pupils will be given a slip to take home for parents to select preferred times for these interviews. You will be given a choice of three options to enter on the slip just in case your times are already taken. The 15 minute time slots will be allocated on a 'first in, first served' basis. These times will be confirmed with you. A reminder of your interview times will be sent home with your child prior to the interview day. We are hopeful that with a **combined effort from home and school we can see our pupils**

achieving to the best of their abilities. If you are unable to attend this interview day, please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher to make alternative arrangements. **We are aiming for 100% of our students being able to provide a report on their achievements to date this year.**

7) Camps

Year 7 and 8's will be going to Goat Island and looking at marine reserves. If you are thinking you would like to be part of the parent help on camp this year you must complete a Police Vetting form. These forms need two forms of ID, one being a photo ID eg drivers license and the other is a birth certificate, passport or gun license. These forms will be given to you once your parent help is confirmed.

8) PTA Matariki Disco Volunteers

Our annual Matariki disco will be **Friday 23rd June**. Entry is \$3 per person or \$5 per whanau. There are two sessions: Under 5s and Junior School, 4pm-5pm and Middle School up, 5pm-6pm. The PTA are needing volunteers before, after and during the disco. If you are able to help please fill out the slip below and return it to the office or if you are in the school there's a sheet you can fill at the office.

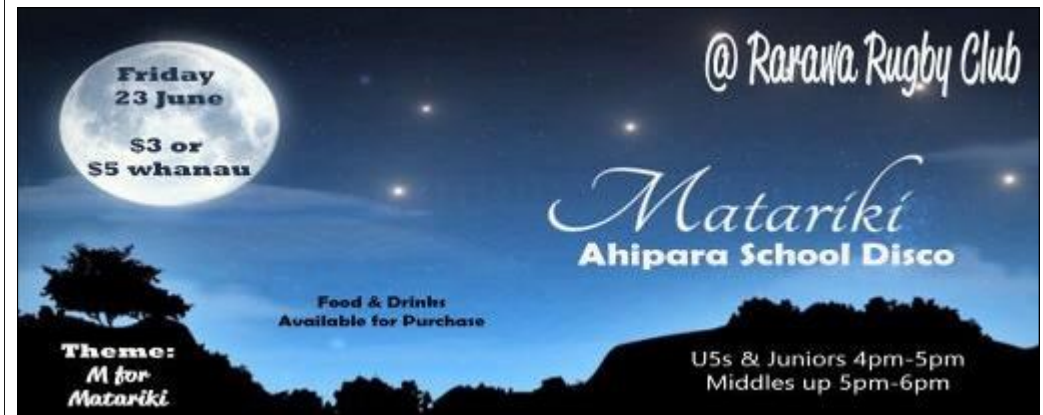
Matariki Disco Volunteers

Friday 23 June - Rarawa Rugby Club

Write you name and tick where you can help. Thank you whanau!

Name:

- ☐ **Set Up** Friday afternoon with seniors
- ☐ **4-5pm** U5s & Juniors session
- ☐ **5-6pm** Middles Up session
- ☐ **Clean Up**



Kia Ora,
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal