



Verran Primary School

Education to Ready Children to Thrive in Life



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IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2 2017

Monday 1 May- Friday 7 July

Friday 23 June

Kaipatiki Schools Matariki Festival
Birkdale Intermediate

Tuesday 27 June

Room 3 and 4 to Auckland Museum

Wednesday 28 June

Room 1 and 2 to Auckland Museum

Thursday 29 June

Room 6, 7 and 8 to Auckland Museum

Friday 30 June

Verran Matariki Celebration at School
5:00 - 6:30pm

Monday 3 July 9:00 - 10:00am

Senior Syndicate Celebration of Learning

Thursday 6 July 9:00 - 10:00am

Junior Syndicate Celebration of Learning

Friday 7 July

Last day of Term 2
School finishes 2:00pm

Term 3

Monday 24 July - Friday 29 Sept

Term 4

Monday 16 Oct - Friday 15 December

Yummy Fruit Stickers.

We will be collecting these again this year. The school receives free sports equipment from the Yummy fruit company. So please collect a sheet from your child's teacher or the office and send it back when it is full.



Thursday 22 June - Newsletter 19/2017

Welcome

We have welcomed Rusty Kennerley to Room 8 this week.

Trips to Tiri Tiri

As children climbed off the bus a common comment was "that was the best trip ever". Thank you to staff and parents who helped make this such a memorable experience for the children. A wide range of bird life was witnessed, they had great guides and children ready to continue their learning. Well done to all involved.



Cluster Matariki Festival

On Friday 23 June, Birkdale Intermediate will be hosting the annual cluster Matariki Kapahaka Festival. Verran Primary School, (Te Ao O Te Rangī) is scheduled to perform at 1:15pm.

What is Matariki?

Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster known as the Pleiades. Some people think of Matariki as a mother star with six daughters, and it is often referred to as the Seven Sisters. Others think that Matariki are the 'Eyes of the God'. When Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother were separated by their children, the God of Wind, Tāwhirimātea became angry, tearing out his eyes and hurling them into the heavens.

Matariki appears in the eastern sky, sometime around the shortest day of the year, and is thought to determine how successful the harvest crop will be in the coming season. The brighter the stars, the more productive the crop will be.

Some iwi or tribes start celebrations when Matariki is first seen, however, it is the first new moon after Matariki that officially signals the Maori New Year. Some people celebrate the New Year on the day the new moon rises, and others celebrate on the day after the new moon. Celebrations can last up to 3 days. For national purposes Matariki begins on 25 June 2017.

Matariki has two meanings, both of which refer to the cluster of stars. Mata Riki means Tiny Eyes, and Mata Ariki means Eyes of God.

In years gone by, Matariki was thought to determine your crop for the coming season, and therefore it was important to recognise the part it

played in nature's cycle. The disappearance of Matariki in Autumn signalled the time to gather and preserve crops, and so was an important marker in the harvest calendar.

Nowadays, Matariki is seen as an important time to celebrate the earth and show respect for the land on which we live.

Traditionally Matariki was celebrated by gathering with whanau and reflecting on the past. The festival's connection to the stars provided an opportunity for families to remember their whakapapa (genealogy) and those ancestors who had passed away to the heavens. Offerings were made to land-based gods who would help provide good crops and new trees were planted to signal new beginnings.

Many of these traditional celebrations are still practised today alongside many other community events. Follow this link I used as a reference for ideas and events in the community <http://www.mch.govt.nz/nz-identity-heritage/matariki>

*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari
he toa takimano
My strength is not that of an individual
but that of the collective*



Verran Matariki Celebration

Along with the BOT and PSG we are organising a Matariki Celebration on **Friday 30 June from 5:00pm - 6:30pm**. The Celebration will begin with our Kapa Haka Group performing for us all, and then the unveiling of our Verran Values Pou. Each Year group has contributed to the painting and design of the Pou. It would be great to have our families join us. Hangi orders have sold out so if you want to stay and eat, bring your own Matariki dinner. Please join us for this Celebration.

Matariki Breakfast

Early in the morning Kara and Mum and Dad were taking kai to Aunty's house. "Can you tell us a story, please?" Kara asked Koro. Koro said "One day Maui slowed Tama-nui-te-ra, the sun. So Tama-nui-te-ra hid and the winter came and all the people got sadder and sadder. Matariki and her six daughters shone their light and sang. Tama-nui-te-ra came out and everyone was happy."

By Connor Room 3

Matariki Breakfast

Kara and her mother and father walked up the path. They brought a Matariki breakfast. Their Koro told a story about the Matariki. He said "Maui, the great demi-god, pulled down the sun with his strong tribe. The sun hid behind a mountain. It was freezing for the people. Then Matariki and her six daughters sang a song and the sun came up." After the story, the whole family went to the lookout and they ate the food.

By Joseph Room 3

Matariki Breakfast

Kara and her Mum and Dad were bringing kai to her Aunty's house. They were having a Matariki breakfast at the lookout. It was very early in the morning. It was cold and dark. Wai said "Let's have a story." "Yes, let's have a story" said Kara. Koro said "Some people from our iwi tell the story of the sun. Maui hurt him so much that he hid. The people prayed he would come back. Matariki was a cousin of the sun. She watched the people. They were sad. Matariki and her six daughters went and got the sun. he came back out and the people showed aroha." Everyone said "Let's eat our breakfast now"

By Molly Room 3

Regards
Jeanette Dunning

SCHOOL FEES & DONATIONS

School Donation

- One child \$130
- Two or more children \$230

These donations are used to enhance the learning opportunities that all children are given. They are an important part of school funding.

I can assure you every child directly benefits from school donations, as we are able to buy additional resources for learning. The School Donation is a Tax-refundable Donation.

Activity Fee

\$25 per child per term - these are now due.

This covers Class Trips, Kiwi Sport Festival Days, Cultural Visits to school, Life Education.

Please Note: Swimming, Waterwise, Sports Teams, Science Roadshow trips are additional costs.

Materials Fee

\$5 per child per Term - Materials associated with class programmes where extra materials need to be purchased.

Sport Results

Basketball

Verran Cheetahs v Chelsea ~ Won 11 - 4

Player of the Day: Taylor Van Walen

Verran Jaguars v Willow Park ~ Lost 8 - 4

Player of the Day: Campbell Thorne

Verran Tigers ~ BYE

Verran Leopards v Hauraki ~ Won 12 - 6

Player of the Day: Luke Waller

Verran Lions v ~ Cancelled

Verran Pumas v Bayfield ~ Won 8 - 7

Player of the Day: Briar Douglas

Hockey

Verran 1 v Willow Park ~ Won 5 - 1

Player of the Day: Whole Team

Verran 2 v Windy Ridge ~ Drew 1 - 1

Player of the Day: Thomson Farmer

Netball

Verran 3/4 v Birkdale North ~ Lost 5 - 1

Player of the Day: Ray Chai

Fair Play: Tیره Gilroy and Juliet Croll

Verran 5A ~ BYE

Verran 5B v Kauri Park ~ Won 8 - 2

Player of the Day: Ash Setford

Fair Play: Whole Team

Verran 6A v Birkdale North ~ Won 6 - 4

Player of the Day: Jade Setford

Verran 6B v Kauri Park ~ Lost 10 - 6

Player of the Day: Skye Gilroy

Matariki Breakfast

One early morning Kara and her whanau went with some kai to their Aunty and Koro's house. Wai told the story of why we have a Matariki breakfast. Wai said that their iwi only told the story of how Maui slowed the sun with his brothers. They slowed the sun with a net. The sun was sad because it hurt so much and he hid behind a mountain. We celebrate Matariki because the stars sang to the sun and got him to come back out.

By Toby Room 3

NEW

**Pita Pit deliver lunch
to Verran Primary**

available every Thursday
starting May 11th

It's simple; all you need to do is register at
www.lunchonline.co.nz
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
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Hells PIZZA Lunches - Term 2

Hells Pizzas available certain Friday's to pre-order. To make money handling easier you can pre-order for any or all of the four Fridays that Pizzas are available for the remainder of this term. *Please take note of the Fridays for this term that we have Pizza lunches, the first Friday is not until Friday 19th May.*

Pre-Order your Hells Pizza Lunch

These, pre-ordered, snack sized pizzas are only \$5. Each pizza is made to order with fresh ingredients by Hell Pizza Glenfield. Order yours now by completing the form below and returning, with money, to school. New order forms will come out the week before each Friday the Pizzas are available but you can take advantage of ordering ahead of time if you wish. Eftpos available at the office or you can deposit money into the **Verran Fundraising account 12-3035-0515665-00** and then **email the order form** to the office. **Without an order form your order may be missed.** Each fortnight **orders must be received by the Wednesday 9am** before the Friday of the dates below. Any queries please contact the office.

HELLS PIZZA MENU

DOOM HAM, CHEESE AND PINEAPPLE
PRIDE MUSHROOMS, CAPSICUMS, TOMATOES, PINEAPPLE, FETA
CHAOS HAM AND CHEESE
MISCHIEF CHEESE, FRESH TOMATOES, OREGANO, SALSA

All dietary requirements can be specially catered for, including gluten free bases or vegan pizzas.

For Friday 19th May pizzas please return order & money to the office by Wednesday 17th May

NAME: _____ ROOM: _____

*Pizzas \$5 each

	CHAOS	DOOM	MISCHIEF	PRIDE	GARLIC BREAD	WEDGES	CORN NUGGETS
Fri 19th May							
Fri 2nd June							
Fri 16th June							
Fri 30th June							

Dietary or special requirements: _____

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Art in the Holidays

Drawing and Painting one-day workshop for ages 7 - 12 yrs.

With step-by-step instruction from artist Eion Bryant children will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way.

Venue: Beach Haven Community House, Beach Haven, Monday 10th July, 10am - 3.00pm

Cost: \$50 (includes all materials)

BOOKINGS: eion@eionbryant.com, ph. 483 6703

It's almost time for our AUCKLAND HOLIDAY WORKSHOP with Zac and Jen!

The Marrzipan Holiday Workshop runs from 10am-4pm Tuesday 18th - Thursday 20th July. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day!

Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment.

For more information check out our website - marrzipandrama.co.nz Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!





Meet your Neighbours and Help Bring Back the Birds!

Bring your families, friends and neighbours to these free volunteer events this winter and help keep our bush beautiful. You'll learn skills you can take to your own backyard too!

Saturday 24 June - Matariki planting with Ngati Whatua Orakei at Bastion Point, 10am start

Saturday 1st July - Weeding Day - beside Chelsea Pony Club off Eskdale Rd 10am start

Saturday 29th July - Tree Planting Day - beside Chelsea Pony Club off Eskdale Rd 10am start

Saturday 12th Aug - Weeding Day - Glenfield Road 10am start

Saturday 2nd Sept - Planting Day - Upper Harbour Time TBC

Saturday 9th Sept - Planting Day - Upper Harbour Time TBC

At these events, we are either preparing the areas for planting, or replanting some native trees and shrubs into Eskdale Reserve in Birkdale and Bastion Point in Orakei. These community planting days are a real highlight of our year, and we hope the days are a highlight of yours.

These events help the plants, help bring our community together and revitalise the mauri of these places. Please join us and give it a go.

If you intend to bring a group (more than 10 people) to this working bee please let us know so that we can plan accordingly - thank you. Don't forget your spades and covered shoes too. Refreshments provided.

Community Bushcare Day
This Saturday
17th June
10am – 12 Midday
 Sat 17 June – Paa Harakeke, Merrill Place off Eskdale Road, Birkdale.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
www.kaipatiki.org.nz/volunteer or call 09 482 1172

Get outside this winter and help keep your local environment beautiful. Bushcare days involve weeding and planting from 10-12 with a BBQ provided at the end. Families are invited to come along. Planters are encouraged to wear gumboots and bring gloves and a spade if they have one. Large groups please contact us beforehand at admin@kaipatiki.org.nz

www.kaipatiki.org.nz
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Holiday Programme

Trip Day	07:30 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$65.00
Half Day AM	07:30 a.m.-01:00 p.m.	\$35.00
Half Day PM	01:00 p.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$35.00
Full Day	07:30 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$55.00
Short Day	07:30 a.m.-03:00 p.m.	\$45.00



Science Day Tornado

Mon 10 Jul

Tornado Tammy
a whāriki-2-upiān

SPECIAL DAY: Amazing science experiments and slime making with Science genius Tornado Tammy! Teaches children science theory and processes.

Treasure Hunt at AM

Tue 11 Jul

TAMOKI PŌHARIRIA AUCKLAND MUSEUM

TRIP DAY: Hunt for treasures at the Auckland Museum with your mates! Enjoy a day filled with laughter and learn more about New Zealand!!!

African Theme Day

Wed 12 Jul

Our famous culture day comprises of cooking+ history, geography, arts and crafts, story telling in a fun interactive manner! A must go

French Carnival Day

Thu 13 Jul

SPECIAL DAY: 3 Ring Wire comes to teach children spinning, juggling, flower sticks & COOK a french Ratatouille with Le Cordon Bleu Chef Joy.

Super Speed Day

Fri 14 Jul

We aim to teach children perseverance, diligence and team work, our super speed day will be a day filled with fantastic games!

Dutch Theme Day

Mon 17 Jul

Appreciate the colourful culture of the Netherlands through cooking+history, culture arts and crafts and lots of games. Learn and have fun!

Self Defence and Fir

Tue 18 Jul

SPECIAL DAY: Teaching children how to survive in critical situations and to be safe in a fun way. Jiu Jitsu and First Aid training.

Mission Impossible

Wed 19 Jul

Teaching children the importance of resilience and that things can be done with determination. MI challenges are worth going w your mates!

On-Board Skates

Thu 20 Jul

ONBoard

SPECIAL DAY: Teaches children balance, flexibility and teamwork... Full safety gear and skateboard and scooters provided.

SKIDS Winter Party

Fri 21 Jul

An end of the holidays party focusing on friendships and celebrating

Morning and Afternoon tea provided No short day bookings on Special Days/Trip days

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