

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Matariki
2021

TERM 2, WEEK 9

Kia ora,

As the end of Term 2 fast approaches we are all working hard towards our **GHS MATARIKI FESTIVAL**.

This is going to be an awesome community event where our tamariki get the opportunity to perform and share their work with you.

We have so much planned for you to enjoy (please see the timetable below), including an array of performances and work to see, along with delicious food to buy - Hangi (pre-ordered), curry, veggie nachos, hot dogs, sausage sizzle, dumplings, bunny chow and ice-cream.

Please note - this is a **CASH ONLY** event.

We still do need helpers to make our Matariki Festival a success. Time slots allow you as whanau to participate in the festival and contribute back to the school too. Please use this [link to sign up](#).



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Coming Soon to a School Near You
GHS Matariki Festival
On Thursday July 8th
From 4.30 to 7pm
There will be performing arts
Kapa haka, Choir, Dance, Drama,
Hangi and other delicious Food,
And just a little bit of sparkle and twinkling lights
for all the family
Save the date and time in your diary now!



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TIME (Times may vary)	EVENT	LOCATION (performances)
4.30 to 4.55pm	Whole School Kapa Haka Welcome	Shade Sail Area (Y3 to 6)
5.00 to 5.25pm	Year 1 and 2: Wai Ako - Greetings song Twinkle Twinkle Little Star - Junior Choir piece Tūtira mai ngā iwi - led by ngā purapura Year 5 and 6: The Seven Kites of Matariki - stage performance first show and then rolling performances- Gold Coin Donation Please visit <u>open classrooms</u> to check out our learning and complete our Matariki Treasure Hunt!	Shade Sail Area (Y1&2) Flexible Learning Space (beside Room 18)
5.00pm to 6.30pm	Have a Matariki whānau photo in the library or try soap carving outside Room 21. (Food and drink - cash only)	
5.30 to 5.55pm	Year 3 and 4: Ma Te Mahi Ka Ora Year 5 and 6: The Seven Kites of Matariki - stage performance - Gold Coin Donation Please visit <u>open classrooms</u> to check out our learning and complete our Matariki Treasure Hunt!	Shade Sail Area (Y3&4) Flexible Learning Space (beside Room 18)
6.00 to 6.25pm	Please visit <u>open classrooms</u> to check out our learning and complete our Matariki Treasure Hunt!	All Classrooms
6.30 to 6.55pm	Year 5 and 6: Aotearoa by Stan Walker Faith -Flash Mob Dance Matariki Jazz -Tuakana Choir Warm-up; Big Aroha -Tuakana Choir	Behind Room 15; in front of Room 19

BIG THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to the Bester family who entered a Warehouse staff incentive and won our school a \$500 voucher towards our Hangi food. Thank you to the Warehouse for sponsoring the school.



We would also like to thank Noah in Year 5 who has recently sold some of his toys and has chosen to donate \$50 towards GHS. This money will be going towards our new school playground.



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STAR GAZING



At 5am this morning, a group of intrepid Year 5 & 6 students and their families joined volunteers from Hibiscus Coast Astronomical Society to view stars at the lookout at Shakespear Park. There were slightly more clouds than ideal but we managed to get a peak of the Matariki constellation. Jupiter and Saturn were on full display along with many constellations. It was fantastic to hear the depth of questioning coming from our students and see their enthusiasm for this aspect of science. Many thanks to Juanita Hotham and her team from the HBC Astronomical Society for sharing their knowledge with us.

SAYING GOODBYE

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Crystal Viljoen this term. Along with having wonderful children at our school, Crystal has also taught singing across the school over the past few years. She has given all of her man hours for free and worked tirelessly with our tamariki to produce high quality vocal productions. Crystal also wrote and produced our very special GHS school song. Thank you Crystal and we wish you and your family well.

2022 TERM DATES



Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays	Setting up for Success days
Term 1			Tues 1st Feb Wed 2nd Feb <i>'Teaching & Nurturing our Community Together'</i> On these days we give the opportunity to make a meeting with the new teacher, see the classroom & build that first valuable connection to build towards a successful year of learning & fun.
Thursday 3rd February	Thursday 14th April	Mon 31st Jan - Auckland day Mon 7th Feb - Waitangi Day Fri 15th April - Good Friday	
Term 2			
Monday 2nd May	Friday 8th July	Mon 6th June Queen's Birthday Fri 24th June Matariki	
Term 3			
Monday 25th July	Friday 30th September		
Term 4			
Monday 17th October	Friday 16th December	Mon 24th October Labour Day	





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COMMUNITY NOTICES ...



Thinking Caps Maths Tutoring

**Term 3 Focus:
Fractions, Decimals
and Percentages**

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In school lessons: Years 3-6

Building up concepts and knowledge with hands on tutoring

Enrol your child for Term 3
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Orewa College Enrolment

Applications are now open for 2022 enrolments.

Please visit our website www.orewacollege.nz under Information/Enrol.

Out of zone applications can be submitted the same way and close on 1 September, with a ballot taking place on 8 September 2021.

Y7 Information Evening is on Thursday, 26 August 2021 at 7.00pm in the Orewa College Arts & Events Centre.

Queries can be emailed to: enrolments@orewacollege.nz





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Parent & Child Puberty Presentation



August 11th | 6.30pm
Whangaparaoa Baptist Auditorium
No religious content | Years 6-8 Students



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

(Please note more events and dates may be added, we will keep you informed)

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday 6th July	7.00pm in the Staffroom	PTA Deckhands Meeting
Thursday 8th July	4.30 - 7.00pm	Matariki Festival
Friday 9th July	SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 3.00PM FOR THE HOLIDAYS	
Monday 26th July	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8.30	
Thursday 5th August	7.00pm in the Staffroom	PTA Deckhands Meeting
Wednesday 18th August	School Day	Whole School Mudrun <i>(more info will follow)</i>
	6.30pm in the staffroom	Board of trustees Meeting
Thursday 19th August	School Day	Year 5/6 Hockey Interschool
Wednesday 25th August	School Day	Whole School Mudrun <i>(rain saving day)</i>
Friday 27th August	7.00 - 10.00pm	Community Quiz Night
Thursday 2nd September	7.00pm in the Staffroom	PTA Deckhands Meeting
Friday 10th September	SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY	
Thursday 23rd September	School Day	Year 5/6 C/Country Interschool
Friday 24th - Sunday 26th September	Exact Times TBC	Year 4 Outdoor Weekend Adventure
Friday 1st October	SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 3.00PM FOR THE HOLIDAYS	





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Whanau Team Notices

Term 2 Week 9

NEW ENTRANT/YEAR 1 (Gill Steel & Abi Copley)

Matariki Festival Lots of learning is taking place around the stars and planets. The children are looking forward to singing some songs at our Matariki Festival next Thursday. We hope you are able to attend.

Winter coughs and colds At this time of the year we have a lot of colds and runny noses. Can we please remind parents that if your child is feeling unwell it is advisable to stay home.

Handwashing - we are encouraging children to wash their hands on a regular basis . Are you able to make sure that your child has a hand towel in their bag to dry their hands.

Waka Challenges - Well done to those who have been slowly working through the WAKA Challenges and uploading the evidence onto Hero. These can be found [here](#) on the school website. For those parents who are new to school, children can complete a minimum of 12 waka challenges over the school year, and parents can upload evidence to your child's Hero profile.

YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year 2 Group Leader)

Matariki Festival Lots of learning has taken place this term around Matariki and the Maori culture. The children are looking forward to singing some songs at our Matariki Festival next Thursday and our classrooms will be open so you can see our artwork. We hope you are able to attend.

BIRTHDAY CAKES & LOLLIES - We love celebrating our children's birthdays at school by wishing them a happy birthday and singing to them but we do ask that cakes and lollies are not brought into school.

Book Bags - Just a reminder that these need to be returned to school every day. Can we please ask that all readers and library books are returned inside the book bag. It just ensures that little extra protection for our valuable books against water bottle spills and lunch boxes that sometimes come undone .

Lunchboxes - Our School has 3 food breaks a day so it's important that your child has enough food in their lunchbox. We have a 'brainfood break' which is time for fresh fruit or vegetables, morning tea and lunch.

TEINA WHANAU

YEAR 3/4 (Rebecca Wong & Hayley Brass Year Group Leaders)

Matariki Festival - The Year 3/4 children have been working hard exploring the topic of Cultural Diversity. In the classrooms you will be treated to artwork inspired by celebrations such as Diwali, Chinese New Year, The Day of the Dead, and of course, Matariki. You will marvel at the descriptive writing and narratives the children have produced. The Teina Whanau will also be sharing learning in performing arts through their Kapa Haka performance and a song they have been practising in class with the help of the Year 3/4 choir.

YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Whanau Team Leader)

Matariki Festival Our Year 5 students have been finding out about symbols used in different cultures. They have used clay to create a piece of art representing themselves and their family. We would love to welcome you into our classrooms to see these during the Matariki evening.





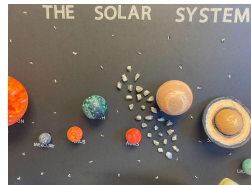
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YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Whanau Team Leader)

As we head relentlessly towards the end of term, week 9 brought more excitement, awe and wonder (but that was just my week!). The Space Projects coming in have been extraordinary - I cannot wait to see the final ones come in next week - a HUGE thank you for the support at home to ensure that these projects have been and will be truly awe-inspiring! Our Scary Stories are very nearly complete, also, and we have been creating tessellation-patterned cuboids as part of our Maths. Wonderful effort!

Reminders for Next Week:

- **Space Projects** - Please start bringing the remaining projects in from Monday next week, if you haven't already done so.
- **Matariki Celebration Night** - This Thursday! Expect singing, dancing, presentations in class and Space Projects galore! Look forward to seeing you there! Here is a sneaky peak...



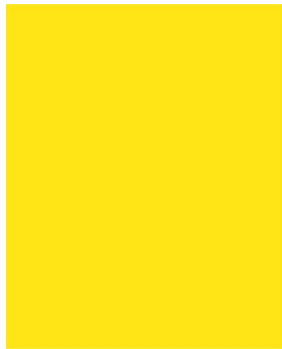


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