WAIRAU INTERMEDIATE
NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi Atu, Taloha Ni, Ni sa bula, 你好, Namaste, 안녕하세요, Hola, اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ .

Mānawaitia a Matariki

What a spectacular way to welcome the Māori New Year! Last Thursday, our school community came together for an absolutely unforgettable Matariki festival. It was an honour to host and welcome our three contributing schools - Forrest Hill, Target Road, and Sunnynook Primary, making the celebration truly a collaborative event.

The festival was a beautiful showcase of our diverse and incredibly talented tamariki, whose performances and energy brought us all closer together. Thank you to everyone who joined us, contributed, and helped create such a special platform for connection, reflection, and celebration. A special thank you goes to our music teacher Mrs. Rebekah Kim, Matua Darius Witana, and Whaea Tracey Witana for ensuring our students performed at an exceptional level.

This evening of celebration also served as a reminder that the period of Matariki is about all of us, the people of Aotearoa New Zealand. As a school, it is a time for us to cherish those within our school community - our fellow board members, school staff and whānau. This karakia honours the rising of Matariki and celebrates the new year:

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi
Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te Tau. Whano, whano
Haramai te toki ata huakirangi,
Haumi e Hui e Tāiki e!

Student Learning Conferences & End of Term Reflection

Following on from that wonderful sense of community, we want to extend a massive thank you to all the parents and caregivers who attended our Student Learning Conferences yesterday. It was the perfect opportunity to celebrate student achievement and success after two full terms of learning.

As a school, we are incredibly proud of our students' efforts and progress. They have successfully navigated the Wairau waters, fostering friendships, building connections, and embracing new learning and opportunities at every turn.

We want all of our tamariki to take the time to truly recharge over the upcoming school holidays. This break is essential so they can return refreshed and ready to continue doing their best, with an increased focus on making the most of every opportunity both within and beyond the classroom.

With this in mind, I wish all of our students, staff, and whānau a restful, safe, and energising end-of-term break!

Community Consultation – Strategic Planning 2027 – 2029

As a Board, consulting with our community is incredibly important to us. Right now, we are planning our strategic goals which map out the big-picture direction of our school over the next few years.

We highly value your input and hope that you will take a few minutes to complete our strategic planning survey. Your feedback will directly shape the future of our school, and this survey should only take a few minutes to complete. Thank you for your time and partnership. Please follow this link or use the QR code to access the survey: https://forms.gle/VzjcD33tFgvLNMR27

We appreciate your time in completing this survey. Please add your name and email at the end of the survey if you wish to be included in the prize draw for a $50 fuel voucher.

SPORT

Basketball

Harbour Basketball has advised that Madi H. has been selected for the Player Development Programme for 2026. With 500 players trialling, Madi made the final selection and is now part of the Harbour Girls Basketball Division 1 Team! A very admirable achievement. Well done Madi!

On Monday evening our Wairau Basketball teams competed in the season FINALS.
The results were as follows:

Wairau Saints, 25-16 WIN against Westminster, **1st Place**.

Wairau Rams played valiantly against Rosmini Spurs, **4th Place**.

Wairau Whai, 24-11 WIN against MBIS Thunder, **3rd Place**.

Congratulations to all the teams!

Table Tennis

Congratulations to our talented Wairau Intermediate table tennis team, who recently represented our school at the North Shore Intermediate Schools Table Tennis Competition. Eight students proudly competed, with two doubles teams and four singles players showcasing excellent skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

We are especially proud of Max Clark, who achieved an outstanding **2nd place** in the Boys' Singles competition. Max's impressive result reflects his dedication, perseverance, and hard work, and is a fantastic achievement at such a competitive event.

Well done to all of our players for representing Wairau with pride, respect, and enthusiasm. We thank them for their commitment and congratulate them on a successful tournament. We look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in future competitions.

M.A.C. Matariki Art Exhibition

The Mairangi Arts Centre are holding their annual Matariki Art Exhibition between 18 July - 8 August, with their opening ceremony on Saturday, 18 July. A number of our students will be showcasing their art work, so please head down to 20 Hastings Road, Mairangi Bay sometime to check it out. A taste of the art work -

Term 2 - Principal Values Recipients

Block 3

- Manaakitanga - Respect: **Phương Nghi (Noel) Lê** (3/12)
- Pono - Integrity: **Carson Zhao** (3/11)
- Kaha - Courage: **Paco Veloso** (3/10)
- Aroha - Empathy: **Ryder Mills** (3/9)

Block 2

- Manaakitanga - Respect: **Madelyn Brown** (2/7)
- Pono - Integrity: **Rwess Nesperos** (2/6)
- Kaha - Courage: **Oskar Ogawa** (2/7)
- Aroha - Empathy: **TK Gerrard-Edwards** (2/5)

Block 1

- Manaakitanga - Respect: **Jude Zeeman** (1/3)
- Pono - Integrity: **Stephen Wood** (1/0)
- Kaha - Courage: **Alexy Lal Thannickal** (1/1)
- Aroha - Empathy: **Reneya Natalia** (1/2)

Warm regards,

Yolanda East
Principal
Wairau Intermediate School

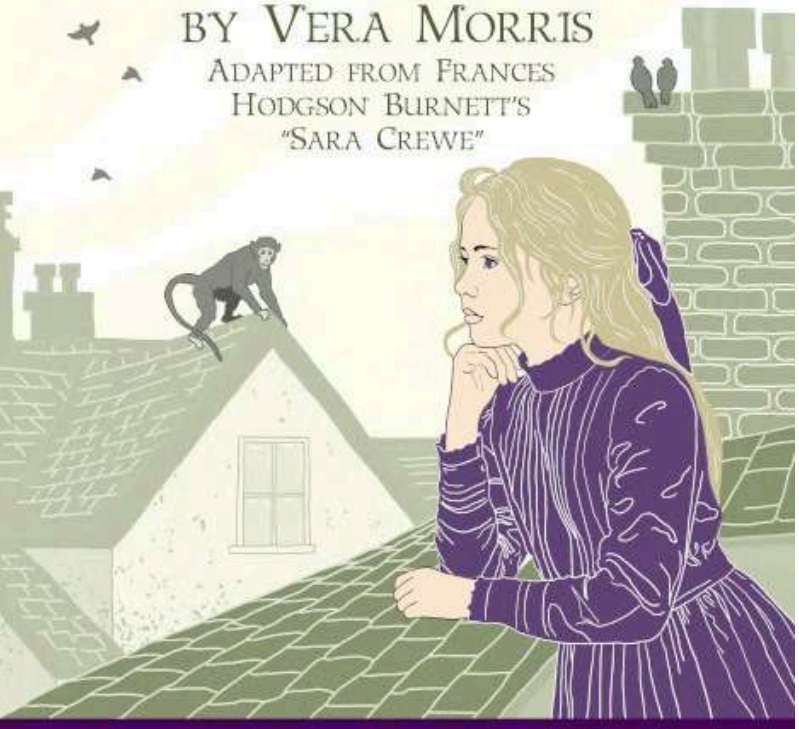
Important Dates

Term Dates	
Term 1	3 Feb - 2 Apr
Term 2	20 Apr - 3 Jul
Term 3	20 Jul - 25 Sep
Term 4	12 Oct - 16 Dec
Sport	
Monday, 27 July	Rugby League Zone Day
Wednesday, 29 July	Netball Zone Day
Friday, 31 July	School Cross-Country
Events and Other	
22, 28, 29 July	Year 6 Transition Day Visits
Thursday, 23 July	Glenfield College visit Year 8
Thursday, 23 July	Kapa Haka Performance in Newmarket
Friday, 24 July	Kapa Haka Performance at Westlake Boys

A Little Princess

by Vera Morris

Adapted from Frances Hodgson Burnett's "Sara Crewe"



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