

# PAPATŪĀNUKU

Year 0-2

Kia ora e te whānau,

We hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed the festivities of Matariki weekend, celebrating the Māori New Year with friends and family.

Now that everyone is well-rested, we're ready for a busy term ahead. One of the highlights this term is the much-anticipated Artsplash Festival. Our students will have the opportunity to showcase their creative talents through various art forms, including music, dance, drama, and visual arts. It's an exciting time for our budding artists to shine and for all of us to come together and appreciate their incredible work.

Our teaching team consists of Michelle James, Team Leader and teaches in Remutaka, Year 2 class. Amanda Smith teaches in Aoraki, Year 1 (Monday-Thursday). Kelly Davies teaches in Waiopehu, Year 0/1 class.



**Principal:** Jacinta Simpson



**Office Manger:** Melissa Young



**Office:** Annabel Legat



**Our Support Staff:** Claire Mortelier, Brenda Evans, Cameron Laing and Mohammad Al-Rubayee,



**Librarian:** Jeanette Spicer

## Important Dates:

Matariki Event  
Wednesday 19th July, 6:30am

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Learning Conferences  
Tuesday 25th July  
Wednesday 26th July  
Thursday 27th July

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Curriculum Celebration Week  
Science  
7th-11th August

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Grandparents and Special  
Persons Day  
Thursday 3rd August

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School Photos  
Monday 14th August  
Thursday 17th August  
Friday 18th August

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Ahi (Year 7/8) Open Day  
Tuesday 15th August  
9:30-12pm

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Artsplash  
Choir Tuesday 12th September  
Dance Wednesday 13th  
September  
Michael Fowler Centre, 7:30pm

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Te Wiki o te Reo Māori  
11th-15th September

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Junior Music Concert  
Thursday 21st September



## Activities and Events

### Matariki, Mt Victoria Lookout- 19th July, 6:30am-7:15am

Attention all stargazers! Set your alarms for an early start, as we will be meeting at the Mount Victoria Lookout at 7am to sing waiata and enjoy the Matariki stars. BYO mug for a hot vegetable soup back at school.

### Learning Conferences - 25th-27th July

This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss successes and next steps with their learning. This will be run using a booking system and information has been emailed. Children are encouraged to attend the Learning Conferences. For families new to our school this term these can be arranged with your child's teacher at a later date. **Waiopehu class:** As your child reaches six weeks at school kelly will invite you to attend a conference where she will talk about how your child has settled at school and share the outcome of their School Entry Assessment (an early literacy and numeracy assessment). We can discuss ways you can support your child's learning at home and set some early goals for their learning. These School Entry Assessment conferences for Waiopehu students will be instead of the learning conferences scheduled to take place at the beginning of term three for all other levels in the school.

### Curriculum Week -Science - 7th-11th August

The Ahi (Year 7/8 Learning Team) will plan a week to celebrate science. This will involve the whole school and the community, including a fire show performed by Te Ahi Ora. Further details will follow in the next few weeks.

### Grandparents and Special Persons Day - 3rd August

We are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to you for a special event that celebrates the invaluable role you play in our students' lives. You will have the opportunity to be involved in the daily life of our classrooms. This event coincides with Science week and will be an ideal opportunity for the children to engage with you with interactive activities. Further details will follow.

### ArtSplash

Artsplash, a renowned event in our city's cultural calendar, bringing together young artists from schools across the region to showcase their exceptional abilities in music, dance, drama, and visual art. This year we have opened it up to the Junior school team. The Waiopehu children will join the choir group. Due to the performance time of 7:30pm at the Michael Fowler Centre. We acknowledge that many of our young children won't be able to attend. The children will be invited to perform the songs at the Junior Music concert on Thursday 21st in the school hall. Aoraki children will join the Visual Arts team. This will be run and displayed at school. Remutaka children have signed up to either choir, dance or visual arts. All dancers will need to confirm with Michelle that they will be able to attend on the night. Ticketing and further information will follow.

### Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Our school will be abuzz with activities, events, and learning opportunities that aim to cultivate a deeper understanding and appreciation for Te Reo Māori. It is a time to embrace the power of language, to recognise its integral role in our cultural identity, and to encourage the use of Te Reo Māori in our daily lives.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori is not just limited to one week; it is an ongoing journey of language revitalisation and embracing cultural diversity. Let's continue to support and uplift Te Reo Māori, incorporating it into our everyday lives.

### Junior Music Concert, Thursday 21st September, School Hall. time TBC

Led by our talented music teachers Kerry, Kim, and Jamin. Join us as our budding musicians take the stage, sharing their love for music with our school community. The Artsplash Choir group will also take the stage.

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**Meeting with Teachers:** If at any time you have any concerns, questions, information and/or positive feedback to share, please contact your home class teacher as your first port of call.

Emails are generally checked between 3:30 - 5:30pm. Due to the nature of our profession we are often unable to respond to emails within the same day. We endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

Please ensure that your child knows their after school care arrangements before they arrive at school as teachers are not able to check emails regarding updates during the day. Any last minute changes must go through the office.

*If your child needs to be picked up during school hours please let your child's teacher as well as the school office know.*







## Areas of Focus

- **Reading:** The children will bring home a reader each day. This book may be a levelled reader, a choosing book or a shared reading book. A choosing book will be slightly lower than a levelled reader, this is so they are able to read it independently. These are also used to practise our fluency, aiming to develop phrasing, attending to punctuation. A shared book is read with the whole class and with the support of the teacher. Levels may vary and your child may need extra support at home.
- The reading journal encourages positive reading attitudes, parental involvement and promotes communication between home and school. We ask that you record the reader for the day and write a comment or draw a small picture about the book. Year 2 children are encouraged to do this themselves.
- **Class Novel:** In Remutaka, Hine and the Tohunga Portal by Ataria Sharman. In Aoraki and Waiopahu classes they will read a range of picture books.
- **Phonics programme:** Phonics is a fundamental approach to teaching literacy that focuses on the relationship between sounds and letters. It equips children with the ability to decode words, recognise patterns, and build a strong foundation for reading fluency and comprehension. Daily phonics is taught using the Joy Allock Programme and poems written by Bronagh Crook.
- **Writing** is an important part of the literacy programme as it helps support the development of their reading. The children will be writing daily with an emphasis on story telling. If you have any wonderful stories to tell feel free to share them with your child so they can draw on them when writing.
- **Numeracy:** Through hands-on activities, group discussions, and problem-solving challenges, students will apply their mathematical skills to explore number through story. They will analyze data, solve equations, and engage in critical thinking as they unravel mathematical concepts.
- **Fridays:** Each Friday the children will come together and have the opportunity to work in tuakana/teina groups. The mixed-age groupings provide a unique opportunity for peer learning and mentoring. Younger students benefit from the guidance and support of older peers, while older students reinforce their knowledge by sharing it with younger learners. This collaborative approach fosters a sense of responsibility, empathy, and camaraderie among our children, creating a vibrant and inclusive learning team. During these sessions the children will engage with:
  - Science, exploring light and sound
  - Drama and story telling
  - Te Reo Māori and Pūrākau (stories)

### Whānau Support in the Classroom

Having Whānau support in the classroom enhances the children's educational experience. We always value the parents who have continued to help support learning in the classroom. If you are able to help out in any way, please let your child's home-class teacher know. To this end, parent helpers are asked to follow these rules regarding conduct.

Our team and its students' parents expect the highest level of discretion by staff and parents in regard to confidential information, files or personal data on the children. Conversations and behaviour must reflect this level of discretion.

If you are a parent-helper you are expected to follow teacher's instructions and this may or may not mean you are working with your child directly. We appreciate that it takes a community to help all our learners and any time that can be spared to help is much appreciated.

## Our School Values

# MANA

RESPECT FOR OURSELVES

# MANAAKI

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

# AKO

RESPECT FOR LEARNING

Mana, Manaaki and Ako are our core values in all our learning throughout the year





## Lost Property

The number of unclaimed items at the end of each term is astonishing. Therefore we no longer have a lost property area in the school. We encourage children to take care of their belongings. If items are named they will make it back to them. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

## Picking up your child during school hours

Please inform your child's teacher in advance, when possible. You will need to contact the school office to arrange a pick up.  
04-386 1510

## Toys and Personal Belongings

From time to time some of our children bring toys to school such as beyblades, trading cards, figurines etc to play with during break times. We encourage the children in Papatūānuku (Year 1-2) **not to trade or give away** these things. These items are the child's responsibility to ensure they are looked after.

## Self Managing Belongings

Before children start school it's important to allow your child to have plenty of practice with the following:

- Opening, closing and/or packing their bag, book bag, lunch box, water bottle
- Removing various sweatshirts and tops
- Putting on their jacket and using the the zip
- Putting on their shoes

Thank you for your support with this.

The **Hataitai School Parent group (HSPG)** is a group of parents from our school who've volunteered successful fundraising efforts that have done so much to add nice touches to life at Hataitai School over the years.

There's always room for more members so please get in touch with via [fundraising@hataitai.school.nz](mailto:fundraising@hataitai.school.nz) If you'd like to get involved.

It is also a great way to meet families and be involved with the school community.

## Road Safety

When picking up or dropping off your children

- Ensure your children get in and out of the car safely.
- Park safely, away from yellow lines, intersections and driveways.
- Drive slowly outside schools and be prepared for surprises.
- Never double park outside a school.

When crossing the road at pick up time

We have a team of senior students who have been trained by our local Police Constable on road safety. These students are posted at designated crossing areas and we ask that you follow their instructions when crossing the road.

