

Term 2 Week 1, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora tatou katoa, nau mai, hoki mai!

I would like to start our week with an introduction to a new face in the front office, our lovely Mrs Tracey Knight. Tracey comes with a passion to see our rangatahi happy and successful, and an understanding that whānau are important in ensuring that happiness and success. Her warm smile and greetings will welcome you to the front office each morning. We welcome Tracey to our Wyndley whānau and know that you will make her feel 'at home' in our kura! Kia ora Tracey!

This term...

Our Learning

Matariki

This term we are celebrating 'Matariki'. While we have grown up with the traditional western celebration of seeing in the New Year at midnight of January 1st, Matariki celebrates the Māori New Year - Te Tau Hou Māori, in June or July each year. You might ask why there is no set date. That is because Māori follow the lunar calendar.

Twinkling in the winter sky just before dawn, Matariki (the Pleiades) signals the Māori New Year. For Māori, the appearance of Matariki heralds a time of remembrance, joy and peace. It is a time for communities to come together and celebrate.

Matariki is a special occasion in our calendar that marks the start of the Māori New Year. Signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky, this is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead.

We will be celebrating Matariki this term in our teaching and learning and invite you to our Whakanui (Assemblies) as we will share our learning with whānau each week. In week 9, Thursday 27th of June, we invite you to our final Matariki celebration. Please keep this date free to share with us, we will send more details. Matariki public holiday is on Friday 28th June, you're welcome 😊

Our Cultural Groups

Also as part of our celebrations this term we will be starting our cultural groups this Friday. Each child has selected a group to be part of. They will practice each Friday from 8.45 to 9.20am and so it is important that they are at school, and that they are on time. We are excited about seeing our tamariki perform, our cultural performances will be part of our Matariki celebrations on Thursday 27th June, remembering that whanaungatanga (family/relationships) and manaakitanga (caring) are part of who we are and Matariki is a time for communities to come together.

Learning Past 5 - learning for whānau

Learning Past 5 or LP5 is a school initiative where we run learning workshops for our whānau after 5 pm. This is so that our working family members can attend. Last term we ran a reading and writing workshop to show you what learning was taking place in classes. Structured literacy is being taught in many schools across Aotearoa. At this workshop we showed whānau what we were doing, what they could do to support their child's learning and we gave activities, ideas and resources to those that attended. EVERYONE is welcome to come along. It isn't scary and it definitely is not rocket science (it's not hard). Our next LP5 is Maths on the 15th of May. See you there!!

Attendance

Our school attendance is **88%**. Our goal for term 2 is 95%. This number means that our tamariki are attending school regularly and it is well-evidenced that those children that are attending school regularly are achieving well. It is beneficial for students to be at school. I have spoken to tamariki about forming 'good habits'. Waking up early for school and getting themselves ready is one of them, this is our goal for term 2. We will be in touch with those families who are struggling to get tamariki to school. Please speak to Mrs Sisi Key (our deputy principal and SENCO) or myself if you need any support.

Fleur Petelo – TUMUAKI

I ♥ WY Passports

Make sure you have your I ♥ WY Passport! These will be sent home with tamariki this week. When you attend an I ♥ WY event at school, your passport will be signed. When you fill your passport with signatures, you will not only be showing your support for your child's education but will also go into a prize draw at the end of term 2. The more passports you have signed off, the more chances you get. We will send details out with your passport.

Be here or Be

TERM 2 DATES

MAY 2024

Wed 1st - Y1 & 2 trip to Due Drop Events Centre ♥

Wed 8th - Goal setting with parents ♥

Wed 15th - Learning Past 5: Maths Workshops (for parents) ♥

Thurs 23rd - Student Leaders Conference @ Due Drop Events Centre

JUNE 2024

4th - STAFF ONLY DAY

10th & 11th - Trips to Star Dome ♥

18th - Learning Past 5: Digital Workshops (for parents) ♥

27th - WRS Matariki Celebration ♥

28th - Matariki Holiday (no school)

JULY 2024

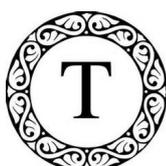
3rd - Akoranga: Parent Teacher conferences ♥

More dates could be added in the term

♥ Get your passport stamped by attending these events
School Term ends on Friday 5th July



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