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THE STARS

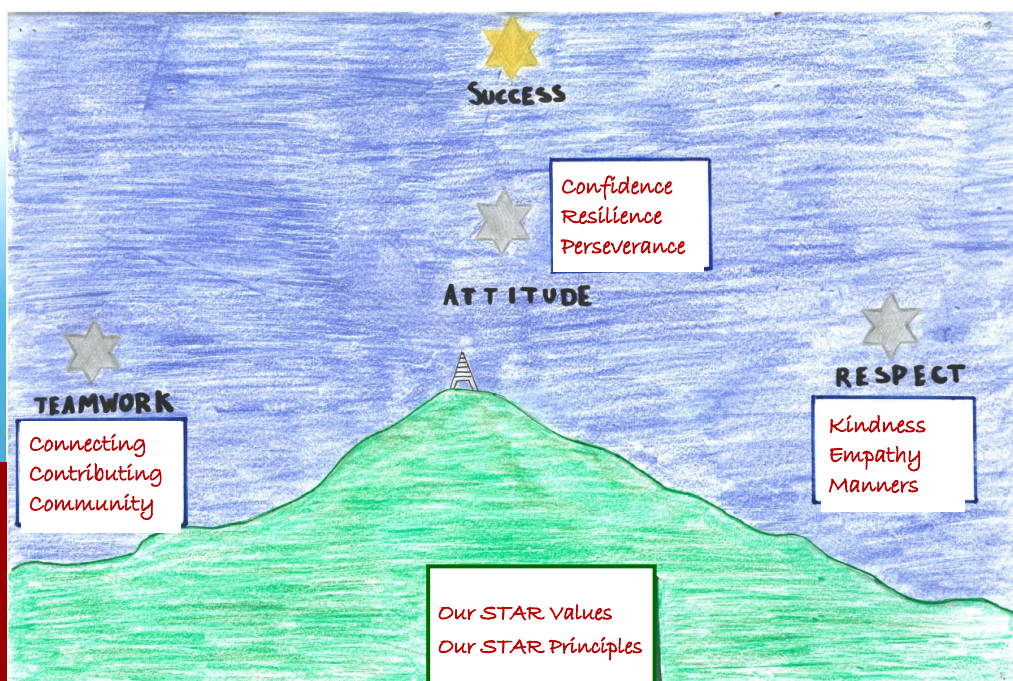


TOTORO HOKI
NGA WHETU

NEWSLETTER

29th June 2018

Term 2 Week 9



Kia ora koutou katoa,

I hope everybody is managing to keep warm and well over this cold snap we are experiencing. In the mornings this week, our children have been huddling around every available heater at school to try and keep warm. Thankfully it has been mostly dry during the day allowing our children to participate in some great outdoor play.

As we move into the second half of the year I have news to share with regards to our classrooms and staffing. Firstly, next week will be the last week at our school for Donna Manktelow. Donna will be leaving us to take on the position of Deputy Principal at Maramarua School. We thank her for all her efforts and dedication to our tamariki over the last few years and wish her all the best in the future. This week we have appointed a fantastic teacher who will take over the teaching role in The Hut and we will formally introduce her next week.

Yesterday was Wendy Oliver's last day at school for a few weeks. Wendy and her husband John are embarking on a trip of a lifetime to France. We are all very jealous and cannot wait to hear all about the trip when she returns to school on August the 6th. While she is away we have Rachel Barker taking over the teaching reins in The Lighthouse. Our intermediate families are welcome to get in contact with her as you would with Wendy if you have any questions or queries about your child.

And finally I'd like to inform you all that Deane Scott will be taking paternity leave during Term 4 of 2018 and Term 1 of 2019. I have advertised for a teacher to jump into The Beehive for these two terms and will inform you all when we have made the appointment.

Have a fantastic weekend and looking forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning at 7:45am for our community breakfast. Matariki week at EWS is going to be a very special ending to what has been an incredible term!

Great mahi tahi everyone,
Sandy

WELCOME:

The last few weeks we have been very busy settling new children into our school. We welcome you all to our school and invite our community to introduce themselves to all the new parents they see in this coming week of Matariki Celebrations.

FROM THE CLASSES:

BEEHIVE Room 1: Kia ora whanau, what a productive week we have had in The Beehive this week! We have done some matariki koru art using pastel. They are looking fantastic so far! The tamariki had a fun day with Mrs Barker on Wednesday while Mr Conder and I went to a play based learning course in Tairua. Have a great weekend!

THE HUT Room 5: Kia ora whanau and friends, this week has been so busy out of the classroom everyday practising our performance for the Matariki presentation to parents. The children have impressed me with their organisation and management skills. We have some great performers in our class and this platform provides children an opportunity to express themselves and be successful in The Arts. I must also mention the I.T team who are doing a magnificent job pulling all of our sound and visual requirement together. I can't wait till next week to watch them present to the audience. I will video it and load to see-saw for those who will miss the show. Keep the costumes and props rolling in from home. Donna

THE LIGHTHOUSE Room 4: Kia ora. Firstly, I would like to thank all students in The Lighthouse for their fabulous learning this term. I have been impressed with their attitude to learning and their work ethics. We had a lot of fun along the way and I look forward to more great learning next term when I return from my trip to France. Thank you to all parents who have supported our class with various activities. I would like to wish everyone a fantastic holiday and hopefully some rest during the holiday break. Do enjoy the Matariki celebrations next week. I know The Lighthouse will do a great job under the guidance of Mrs Barker.

STEAM HQ: Students have been exploring lift and Bernoulli's principle to help them design and engineer

their kites for the **KITE FLYING COMPETITION**, next **Thursday 5th July, 12.40pm on the field**. 3 prizes up for grabs: the most aerodynamic, aesthetic and creative! Thanks to the PTA for sponsoring 2 of these prizes. Students are making their kites at home, with family members or friends. If you need any dowel, string or plastic, come and see me as there is lots in STEAM HQ! Have a great weekend.

STAR KIDS Room 3: Our star value of this week was 'Resilience'. We have talked about what it means to be resilient and how we could build resilience. People came up with some brilliant ideas on what 'being resilient' may look like in school and in our classroom. For Maths, we learned about lines of symmetry with Mrs Barker. We have also been learning about perimeters - we created colourful tetris art and calculated the perimeter of each block. Well done everybody for your amazing work!

Kikorangi Ua Room 2: Kia ora whanau! It has been an amazing week in Kikorangi Ua and it has been fantastic to see the children so engaged in their learning. We have welcomed 2 wonderful new students, Britta and Haylie-Rose into our class so our numbers are up to 18 again. This week we have had a fantastic time in Steam HQ and the kids have really enjoyed the hands-on learning activities that Mrs Gregory had planned. The knowledge they are gaining about forces and lift is really incredible! Our waiata for Matariki is coming along really well and the children can't wait to share it with you at the celebration next week. We have also dived into the spirit of Matariki by making our manu tukutuku out of toetoe, beginning the process of creating our own poi and we finished the week off today by baking our own bread and making our own butter - very nice on a cold, wintery day! This week we explored creative writing and it was brilliant to read some of the amazing stories that your children came up with. There are some future bloggers out there for sure! Have a great weekend and...GO CHIEFS!!!

CELEBRATING SUCESS:



Grace and Lucy represented the school at the Hamilton Year 7+8 Gymnsport School Festival last Thursday. They had a great day! Lucy came 1st Overall in Gymnastics (Placing 1st Vault, 2nd= Floor and 3rd= Beam), and came 4th Overall in Trampoline in her divisions.

FROM THE BOARD:

TOMORROW'S SCHOOLS REVIEW: The Ministry of Education has launched a brief public consultation survey asking what's working well, what's not working well, and what would you change, and how. The survey is available at <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review> until 6 August. Please take some time to fill in the survey at make your feelings known. You do not need to have had experience as a school trustee in the past. Or you could tell us what you think on e-mail feedback@nzsta.org.nz. Thank you .

NETBALL:

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9.00 am: Ct 1 & 2: Mother Earth Future Ferns-Years 3 & 4
Ct 5 & 6 Mother Earth Future Ferns-Years 1 & 2
10.00 am: Ct 3 St Mana A v Elstow Waihou A
11.00 am: Ct 3 St Taps B v Elstow Mana B
Game times – 4 x 10 min quarters, 2 min intervals 1st & 3rd quarter, 3 min half time.
Start of Championship Round for both A & B Grade.

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

PETER PAN THE PANTOMIME: Showing now at the Te Aroha Little Theatre, 8 Honi Street . Fun for young and old. \$20 for adults and \$10 for Primary school students. Shows are at 7:30pm on Friday 29th and Sat 30th and 4pm on Sunday 1st June. Then again 7:30pm on Wed 4th, Thurs 5th, Fri 6th and the final performance will be a matinee at 4pm. You can book at Piako Stationery Supplies in person or ph 884-9110 ,e-mail bookings@tads.org.nz (door sales may be available.)

HAMILTON BOYS HIGH SCHOOL: Enrolment dates for 2019 for your information
Information Evening: Monday 25th June 2018 from 6pm - 8pm.Open Day: Tuesday 7th August 2019 at 9.30am or 11.30am or 1.30pm. Enrolments Close: Friday 31st August 2018.

READ ME:

July 2nd	Community Breakfast 7:45am
4th	Matariki Stories & Stars Disco 6pm
5th	Kite Flying 12:40pm
6th	Special Assembly and Hangi 12pm
	LAST DAY OF TERM
July 23rd	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
24th	Hearing and Vision checks 9am
25th	Te Aroha College Open Evening 7pm

Regards: Sandy, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Darren, Ara, Laura, Elaine, Sarah, Rachel, Hayley, Gordon, Ann, Aroha & Jocelyn

MATARIKI

FESTIVAL WEEK

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th July



- Monday 2nd:** The Community breakfast Starts at 7:45am with a Haka Powhiri then line up for a delicious breakfast
- Wednesday 4th:** Matariki "Stories and Stars" Disco starting at 6pm. At 7:30pm the disco will finish, we have a Story Teller coming and then we will all go outside for some star gazing. Followed by a shared supper
- Thursday 5th:** Kite Flying at 12:40pm with Kites the children and their families have made at home.
- Friday 6th:** 12:00pm Special Assembly followed at 12:30pm by a Family Hangi . Everyone welcome.



Thanks to **Clare Bradley** from **Agrisea** for officially opening STEAM HQ. What an exciting and innovative business we have backing us!

Thanks to **LIGHTHOUSE** & **HUT** students for facilitating fun, hands-on activities!



What a fantastic afternoon we had for our STEAM HQ Official Opening celebration. The weather shone on us, the community joined us and much fun and celebration was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who came along to support and experience STEAM HQ!

MANY THANKS to:

Clare Bradley, Agrisea; Elise Parmar, local artist;
Karen, Te Aroha Bunnings;
Elstow-Waihou PTA for supplying a lovely lunch;
Mrs Simmonds for donating ingredients and helping bake the cake;
Rick, **Ultimate Signs Morrinsville**; and
The Lighthouse & Hut student facilitators.



Thanks to **Elise Parmar** for painting an inspiring mural that captures our STEAM HQ vision of learning and our school's first interactive mural!

Thanks to **Bunnings T.A** for donating kite making resources & **Karen** for helping on the day!

