



Thursday 5th June 2025 Term 2 Week 6





Kia ora koutou!

Winter is finally here but so far it has been kind with a few cold mornings and warm afternoons. The weather suits our outdoor science projects this term and it has been great to see and hear our tamariki enjoying finding small creatures in our school environment. They have already learned a lot about the characteristics of each creature and about what they need to survive. Many of our students have shared their learning with senior management and we have all been enjoying hearing tamariki reading their information to us. Ka pai!

Our Matariki celebrations are coming up in Week 8 (16-19th June). We invite whanau to join in our activities at school during that week. A schedule of events will be out next week. We can't wait to see you at school and share in the fun!

Stay safe out there!

Nga mihi, Mr Morrissey (Mr M) Principal



<u>Reminders</u>

• School Uniform Shirts: These have been getting increasingly difficult to source, and The Warehouse is no longer letting whanau order them in. We have managed to order a limited supply of stock which will be arriving at school shortly. They will be available to purchase from the school office for \$20 each.

• There are plenty of bugs going around at the moment! If your children are sick/unwell, please keep them home from school.

• If your child's end of day transport routine is going to change, please let the OFFICE STAFF know before 2pm. Children being picked up early also need to be signed out through the office please.

Upcoming Events

• Monday 16th - Thursday 19th June -Matariki celebrations at school each day

- Friday 20th June Matariki; school closed
- Friday 27th June Last Day of Term 2
- Monday 14th July First day of Term <u>3</u>

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM...







Room 2

Tena koutou katoa, Greetings to all. Room 2 has been learning interesting facts about all types of 'Mini Beasts'. Did you know that a weta has its ears on its knees? Hailee saw that a caterpillar had eaten holes in a leaf and Aterea knows that some worms have little hairs to hold onto the dirt. We have also had a visit from Te Hiku Dental reminding us how to brush our teeth gently and what types of food keep our teeth healthy and strong.



Room 10

Room 10 has had a busy and exciting term exploring the themes of life cycles, the *Maramataka* (Māori lunar calendar), and *Matariki*. As part of our learning, we investigated the best times of the year to plant and harvest, drawing connections between traditional Māori knowledge and the changing seasons. We also explored how the different phases of the moon can influence our energy levels, moods, and behaviours —helping us understand the connection between the environment and our own wellbeing. One of the highlights was discovering what phase the moon was in when each student was born. This led to some fantastic discussions and reflections! Room 9

This term, the Year 5-6 students in Room 9 have been immersed in an exciting inquiry topic: The Living World, with a special focus on New Zealand's unique rocky shore ecosystem. Each student selected a sea creature to research and discovered fascinating facts about how these animals survive, adapt, and interact with their environment. From crafty crabs to stealthy starfish, our budding marine biologists have been diving deep into learning – and loving every moment!



Room 13

This term, Room 13 have been exploring the fascinating world of minibeasts. As part of our learning, we created symmetrical drawings of our chosen insects. We carefully observed the shapes, lines, and details to make our artwork as realistic and accurate as possible. Take a look at our incredible efforts—we're proud of the focus and creativity we put into each piece!