

TRIPS AND EVENTS

After all the Covid restrictions we have had over the past two years it's exciting to be able to return to providing our students opportunities to attend learning experiences out of the school environment. We refer to these experiences as Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC).

EOTC supports learning through:

1. Curriculum enrichment and real world learning
2. Increasing student engagement
3. Building learning relationships and connections
4. Experiencing something new

There are a number of EOTC experiences coming up for students:

Who	When	Where
Pūkeko (Rooms 1, 2, 5, 6)	Tomorrow - Wednesday 15 June	Stardome Observatory, Greenlane
Year 5&6 Boys league team	Tomorrow - Wednesday 15 June	Opaheke Park, Papakura
Selected Toroa students	Monday 20 June	Snow Planet, Albany
Mōkai Āwhina (Rooms 10, 11, 12)	Wednesday 22 June	Botanical Gardens, Manurewa
Mōkai Āwhina (Rooms 10, 11, 12)	Thursday 23 June	Event Cinemas, Manukau (to see Lion King in te reo Māori)
Pūkeko (Rooms 1, 2, 5, 6)	Tuesday 5 July	Playhouse Theatre coming to perform at our school

Individual notices will be sent home for all EOTC experiences. Please return signed permission slips to classroom teachers.

PAID UNION MEETINGS FOR TEACHERS

Teachers in our school will be attending paid union meetings in the week of June 13th in the run up to the re-negotiation of their collective agreement. The meetings will discuss the teachers' Time 4 Tamariki | Wāwāhi Tahā campaign, which aims to win smaller class sizes, more support for high needs students, better recognition of cultural skills, greater job security for our essential relievers and to fairly value and recognise teachers' work.

Our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has scheduled online meetings to minimise disruption to teaching and learning and our school will aim to ensure the least disruption to your children's learning while upholding the right of teachers to participate in their union meeting.

MATARIKI

Matariki is a special occasion in the New Zealand calendar which 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.



Next week we will celebrate and learn about Matariki at school. We will finish off the week with a school assembly on Thursday 23 June at 2pm. Mōkai Āwhina will share a kapa haka performance and other classes/roopu are invited to share Matariki learning and performances. Parents/whānau are welcome to come along and join us.

School is closed on Friday 24 June as this is a public holiday for all of Aotearoa, New Zealand to acknowledge and celebrate Matariki.

STAFF CHANGES

Welcome to Mrs Nazlun Sitara who has joined our staff as a teacher aide.

Matua Jono Johnston has left our school for a new opportunity. We wish him all the best for the future.

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATES

Thank you to everyone who has been dropping off or picking up children from the Community Hall car park. This is the safest place to park and wait. The school gate nearest the hall opens at 8:00am. The gate on Inverell Ave opens at 8:30am.

It is great to have our school road patrol monitors trained and back on the job. We really appreciate the important leadership role that this group of Year 7 and 8 students provide to keep students safe at the end of each day. Road patrol monitors are on duty each afternoon at the Inverell Ave crossing and at the traffic lights on the Great South Road. These are safe places to cross the road and we ask adults to support everyone's safety by using these crossings as well.

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