



## June 2020

Kia ora whanau

Next Wednesday the 1st of July, our school will be acknowledging Matariki (the Maori New Year) through holding an evening where our tamariki will share their learning around the importance of Matariki and how this event can be celebrated and recognised.

*Matariki, the Māori New Year, is typically marked by the rise of the Matariki star cluster and the sighting of the next new moon. Some iwi observe the rise of the lone star Puaka as the beginning of the new year. In 2020, the Matariki cluster will set on 15 May and return from 13–16 July. The Matariki period is 13–20 July.*

*Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster known as the Pleiades. Traditionally for Māori, when it appeared just before dawn in late May or early June, it signalled the start of the Māori New Year.*

*Matariki is a time to be with family and friends, to reflect on the past, to remember those who are not with us anymore and to prepare for the year ahead and an important time to celebrate the earth and show respect for the land.*

*Matariki is a good opportunity for all New Zealanders to come together to learn their stories, culture, and language.*

Event - TFPS Matariki Evening

When - 1st July from 5pm - 6.30pm

What is happening?

- Celebrations start in the school hall at 5pm
- Ambassadors will open with a karakia (Whakataka te hau) followed by a waiata (E te Atua)
- Blessing of our new playground
- Share in kai hakari of soup and bread in the hall (you are welcome to bring kai to share if you would like to)
- Approx 5.30pm - all classrooms will be open to view our students amazing Matariki learning

**Nau mai haere mai!**



## *Karakia o te ra*

Whakataka te hau ki te uru  
 Whakataka te hau ki te  
 tonga  
 Kia mākinakina ki uta  
 Kia mātaratara ki tai  
 E hī ake ana te atakura  
 He tio  
 He huka  
 He hau hūnga  
 Tīhei mauri ora!

*Cease the winds from the west  
 Cease the winds from the south  
 Let the breeze blow over the land  
 Let the breeze blow over the  
 ocean  
 Let the red-tipped dawn come  
 with a sharpened air.  
 A touch of frost, a promise of a  
 glorious day.*

## WAIATA

### **E Te Atua**

Na: Smiley Raua Ko Ani Haua

No: Taranaki/Ngati Porou

Tama:

**E Te Atua**

Awhinatia mai matou

I roto I o matou mahi

Ma to tama hei tautoko

Hi.. Ha.. Aue

Ma to tama hei tautoko

Amine

Kotiro:

E te Atua

Awhinatia mai matou

I tenei ra

Ma to tama hei tautoko

Ma to tama hei tautoko

Amine x2