



# Woodville School

Monday 23rd June Week 9 Term 2

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## Welcome

Kia ora e te whānau, and welcome to the last week of term 2.

## Matariki

We celebrated Matariki last week in a number of ways which included work in our learning programmes, the Bush cultural festival, our Matariki open day sessions, and a special hāngi. It was a fantastic week of celebrating the year gone past and acknowledging the year ahead. We thank every single one of you for your ongoing support of our tamariki and the mahi we do as a school. A special thanks to all our parent helpers and the Whangai Mokopuna Dojo club for helping prep and organise our Hāngi. Ka rawe koutou!

## Daily Attendance

Our attendance has been a major focus over the last few years and we are incredibly proud of your efforts to ensure your tamariki have the best chance of educational success by regularly attending. While we have seen a slight dip (2.6%) in our daily attendance this term due to illnesses, we are still at 89% for the term. It is expected to be colder in the first half of term 3, but let's try to stay warm and return to above 90% daily attendance.

Next term, school returns on **Monday July 14th**. We expect it to be cold for the first few weeks so please rest up during the break, come to school dressed warmly, and we'll see you all ready for the second half of the year.

Ngā mihi,  
Pā Wes

## Kapa Haka - Pae Tamariki and Bush Cultural Festival

I, like many of our parents I'm sure, was incredibly proud to watch and tautoko our Kapa Haka roopu perform at Pae Tamariki for the first time, and again at the Bush Cultural Festival. Our kids were amazing both on and off the stage and I think their cohesion, their effort, and their sound are a great example of our school vision in action - Whāia te iti kahurangi | In pursuit of excellence.

## Curriculum Day - Term 3

On Monday 18th August, our teaching staff will undertake some professional development in some of the changes to maths and literacy. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

## Te Ahu a Turanga Highway and Kiwi/School Crossing

The new highway has opened up and what a sight it was to see and traverse it. The town is certainly abuzz with the unexpected, but welcomed, surge of vehicle and foot traffic. With this in mind, it is a timely reminder that our kiwi/school crossing is even more important to use when it's operating, before and after school, to keep everyone safe.

## AIMs Games Fundraisers

Our fundraising focus until Term 4 will be solely to support our AIMs Games team reach their competition in Tauranga. If you are interested in helping fundraise for any current or future school cause, please join our Woodville School Fundraising Facebook page.

## Mid-Year Reports + Learning Conferences

On the first day back next term, your child will be coming home with their mid-year school report. Please have a read of them alongside your child. The reports will also form the basis of conversation at our learning conference which will occur on the afternoon/evenings of Wednesday and Thursday of Week 1.

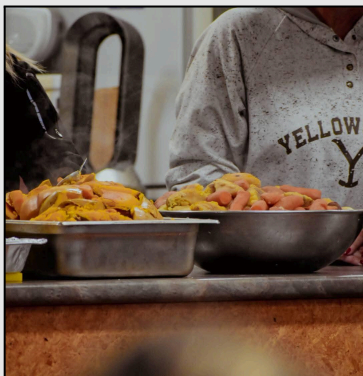
## Farewell - Helen Raroa

This Friday 27th June, at our last assembly for the term, we will farewell Helen Raroa, our long standing staff member, who is retiring after 12 years serving as the school office manager. Helen has seen many positive changes and bright faces come and go at the school and I'm sure you will join us in thanking Helen for her impact on providing the best awhi and care for everyone here. We wish Helen, Sid and their new puppy the best of times in retirement and I'm sure we'll see 'Aunty' Helen helping out at the school from time to time.

## Gratitude and Appreciation

We are incredibly blessed to have a school community that supports and helps us when we're in need. A big shout out to **Joe Elms @ Six Rivers Automotive** here in Woodville for repairing our school gates with urgency and care. With the new highway open now, please see Joe for those new brake pads and automotive work or mechanical repairs. Similarly, a big mihi goes out to **Mel Reiri**, who weaved and then gifted to our kura a beautiful Kāhahu that reflects our growth in learning, and the embracing of mātauranga māori. Our school is that much richer for having whānau like Joe and Mel who selflessly give their time, energy, and expertise. It is always much appreciated.

## Our Awesome Ākonga - Picture Gallery



Our Matariki and Puanga celebration included performances by our Kapa Haka, sharing our learning with whānau during our open classroom sessions, a mini waiata hui, and a shared hāngi. Thank you to all our parents and helpers who contributed to a fantastic week of Matariki and Puanga acknowledgement and a special thank you to Lorraine Gardner @ Motion Media for all the high quality photos. Mānawātia a Matariki!!



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