



24 June 2021

## Matariki

*Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki  
Mānawa maiea te Ariki o te rangi,  
Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau!*

*Hail the rise of Matariki  
Hail the Lord of the sky  
hail the New Year!*



Often festivals are a celebration of or relate to the seasons. These seasonal festivals connect us to the world around us, our heritage and our beliefs. They fall in an annual rhythm that strengthens the emotional and soul life of both individuals and whānau.

Our seasonal celebrations mark the changing of light, the relation of the earth to the sun, and the connection to what is universal in the cycle of the year. Festivals can be the bearers of the spirit within the earthly seasons. They are points where earth–spirit and world/cosmic–spirit meet.

Festivals such as Matariki and Mid-winter celebrate the coming together of earthly and cosmic forces. Other festivals, such as music festivals, food festivals or our annual book week festival are celebrating aspects of life we value and enjoy. Whatever the occasion or impulse behind a festival these touch stones during our year are wonderful opportunities to come together, connect and create or expand community.

The next three weeks are full of festival activity Matariki, Mid-Winter spirals, and book week. This past Monday Class 6 went to the Matariki activities at the Atea-a-rangi and tonight our community Spiral is happening. Please keep a lookout in the Grapevine and also on the school App to keep abreast with what is happening.



When days are darkest  
The Earth enshrines,  
The seeds of Summer's birth  
The Spirit of Man is a light that shines  
Deep in the darkness of Earth.

From the Festival Committee

### Acknowledging Matariki

E te tī, e te tā, kua rewa a Matariki!

Matariki has now risen and as part of our Matariki celebrations, there will be a gathering at the Ātea-a-rangi – The Star Compass, at Waitangi Reserve in Clive, on Friday 9 July at 5:45am! Piripi Smith will give a talk about Matariki and show us where this cluster can be seen and what is happening with Te whānau mārama – Māori astronomy.

- A gold coin koha to be gathered prior to the talk, to be given to Te Ātea-a-Rangi Trust.
- Gretta Carney (HAPI owner/school parent) will also be serving breakfast tacos for a gold coin donation.
- Dress WARMLY! If it is raining it will be cancelled.



# SCHOOL NOTICES



## He pito kōrero!

Continuation of the Matariki story from last week....

**Tāwhirimātea**, Ariki of the winds, felt sad for his parents – he cried tears of lightning. In his pain and sadness, he tore his eyes out, crushed them in his hands and threw them into the heavens. His eyes became the star cluster we call **Matariki** – short for Ngā Mata o te Ariki Tāwhirimātea, eyes of the God Tāwhirimātea.

Our tipuna named the stars of Matariki and each one holds a special message for the year ahead:

- **Matariki**, the brightest of all in the star cluster, watches over all the stars and is connected to the health and wellbeing of people.
- **Waitī** mean fresh water, and **Waitā** is saltwater. They represent the creatures you find in rivers, lakes and oceans, like fish, tuna and other foods of the sea.
- **Tupuānuku** is connected to all the foods that grow in the earth, and **Tupuārangi** to the fruit, berries and birds in the trees.
- **Waipunārangi** means water that pools in the sky, and our tipuna looked to her for signs about the weather, and rainfall for the coming year.
- Our tipuna would talk to **Ururangi** about the wind.
- The oldest kuia whetū, **Pōhutukawa**, offers guidance to the spirits of our loved ones who have passed away, and carries the spirits across the night sky to be returned to the heavens as stars.
- Finally, te pēpi, **Hiwa-i-te-Rangi**, is the star you wish upon. In the time of our ancestors when Matariki first rose on the correct night, our tipuna would dig a trench in the garden and those with wishes in their heart would stand in the trench, have soil packed around their feet and plant their wishes in the soil. Tohunga would recite the following karakia:

Ko Tawhito-uru-ngangana,  
Ko Hiwanui,  
Ko Hiwaroa,  
Ko Hiwapukenga,  
Ko Hiwawananga,  
Ko Hiwa I te rangi  
Takataka te kahui o te rangi,  
Ko iā Pou, Tō putanga,  
Ki te whai ao,  
Ki te ao marama!

Hiwa! Great Hiwa, Wonderful Hiwa, Hiwa the star  
Come down from the stars in the heaven and plant my wishes in the soil, make them grow and make them come true.

(Nā Rangi Matamua te whakamārama nei.)

### Whakatauki - Proverb

Matariki hunga nui  
Matariki of many people

During Matariki festivities people gather together to celebrate the passing of one year and the hope of a new one. The gathering of people is recorded in this phrase.

*He pito kōrero is a space dedicated to celebrating and promoting Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Māori.*

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Taikura Class 7 Speech Contest



Last night the two Class 7 students and whānau celebrated speech work completed by students over the past weeks. The 14 semi-finalists presented their speeches last night to guest judges. The winning student will compete in next week's inter school Town and Country Speech contest.

***Ralph Archbold once said that 'A speech should not just be a sharing of information, but a sharing of yourself.'***

With these words it is easy to understand that it takes a great deal of courage to stand in front of your peers and speak on a topic you feel passionate about. Over the course of the past two weeks Class 7TM and Class 7RM embarked on the journey of learning the art of public speaking. Each student was asked to write either a persuasive speech or a speech on a topic of their own interest. As a class teacher it was wonderful to witness each student stand and speak in front of their peers. It was equally beautiful to watch the class hold a space of support and listen so intently.

Seven finalists from each of the two classes were chosen to attend the speech evening held last night in the library. As the night commenced the nerves were running high. Rosie Simpson - former principal of Taikura and Jessica Knapp - local business woman were the judges for the evening. Both commented on the quality of speech and passion held within students during their delivery

What a beautiful evening it was. A big thank you to all who attended, and to each Class Seven student thank you for sharing yourself with us all.

A wide array of topics were presented- each speaker bringing interest, curiosity and passion to their subject.

Speakers and their topics on the night were.....

**Louis Skipper** - Cats as pets  
**Indigo Lane** - LGBTQIA+  
**Sophie James** - Dreams  
**Menno van der Have** - Potatoes  
**Sita Fitzgerald** - Wisdom of cycles  
**Sally Standarish** - Feminism  
**Zahara Kizito-Rees** - Minecraft

**Moana Woods** - Are libraries being downsized?  
**Elliot Blakey** - Police dogs  
**Frances Wheeler** - Cross-Fit  
**Ruby Ferguson** - How music affects us  
**Isaac Wulf-Ryan** - Trout Fishing  
**Billie Barron** - Transphobia  
**Lily Rock** - Chocolate

Our student awarded Speech winner who will go on to represent our school in the inter school speech awards is **Zahara Kizito-Rees**



Names from left to right:

*Rosie Simpson, Zahara Kizito-Rees, Moana Woods, Jessica Knapp, Louis Skipper, Thomas McArdle, Isaac Wulf-Ryan, Ruby Mackwell*

**Zahara Kizito-Rees** 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Moana Woods** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Isaac Wulf-Ryan** - Special mention for his speech on a personal experience

**Louis Skipper** - Special mention for most persuasive speech

Thank you to Ruby Mackwell and Thomas McArdle for a wonderful night and arranging this event. And to Rosie Simpson and Jessica Knapp for their services as guest judges.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Calling All Book Lovers!!

### 2021 Book Week

Get organised and bring your pre-loved books (limit of three) to school next **FRIDAY** 2 July to receive your tokens and on **MONDAY** 5 July you can choose pre-loved books at our BOOK EXCHANGE.

REMEMBER - Thursday 8 July is dress up day. Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character!

Friday 2 July	Monday 5 July	Tuesday 6 July	Wednesday 7 July	Thursday 8 July
Bring in your unwanted books and receive tokens to buy more books at our pre-loved book sale on Monday!	<p><b>Pre-loved book sale</b> - use your tokens or bring some spare change.</p> <p><b>Afternoon story</b> in the storytelling tent for Class Three</p> <p><b>Lunchtime Story</b> for Classes 1-4 - student librarians reading in the story tent</p>	<p><b>Quidditch tournament</b> for high school students</p> <p><b>Afternoon story</b> in the storytelling tent for Class Two</p> <p><b>Lunchtime Story</b> for Classes 1-4 - student librarians reading in the story tent</p>	<p><b>Quidditch tournament</b> for high school students</p> <p><b>Afternoon story</b> in the storytelling tent for Class Four</p> <p><b>Lunchtime Story</b> for Classes 1-4 - student librarians reading in the story tent</p>	<p><b>Quidditch tournament</b> for high school students</p> <p><b>Dress Up Day</b> - Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character! Class 1 - 7</p> <p><b>Afternoon story</b> in the storytelling tent for Class One</p> <p><b>Lunchtime Story</b> for C1-4 - student librarians reading</p>

### Lost Gold Heart Necklace

Small gold heart and chain lost somewhere around the school. If you find this precious item please hand to Cherie in Class 3 or Adrienne in the office.

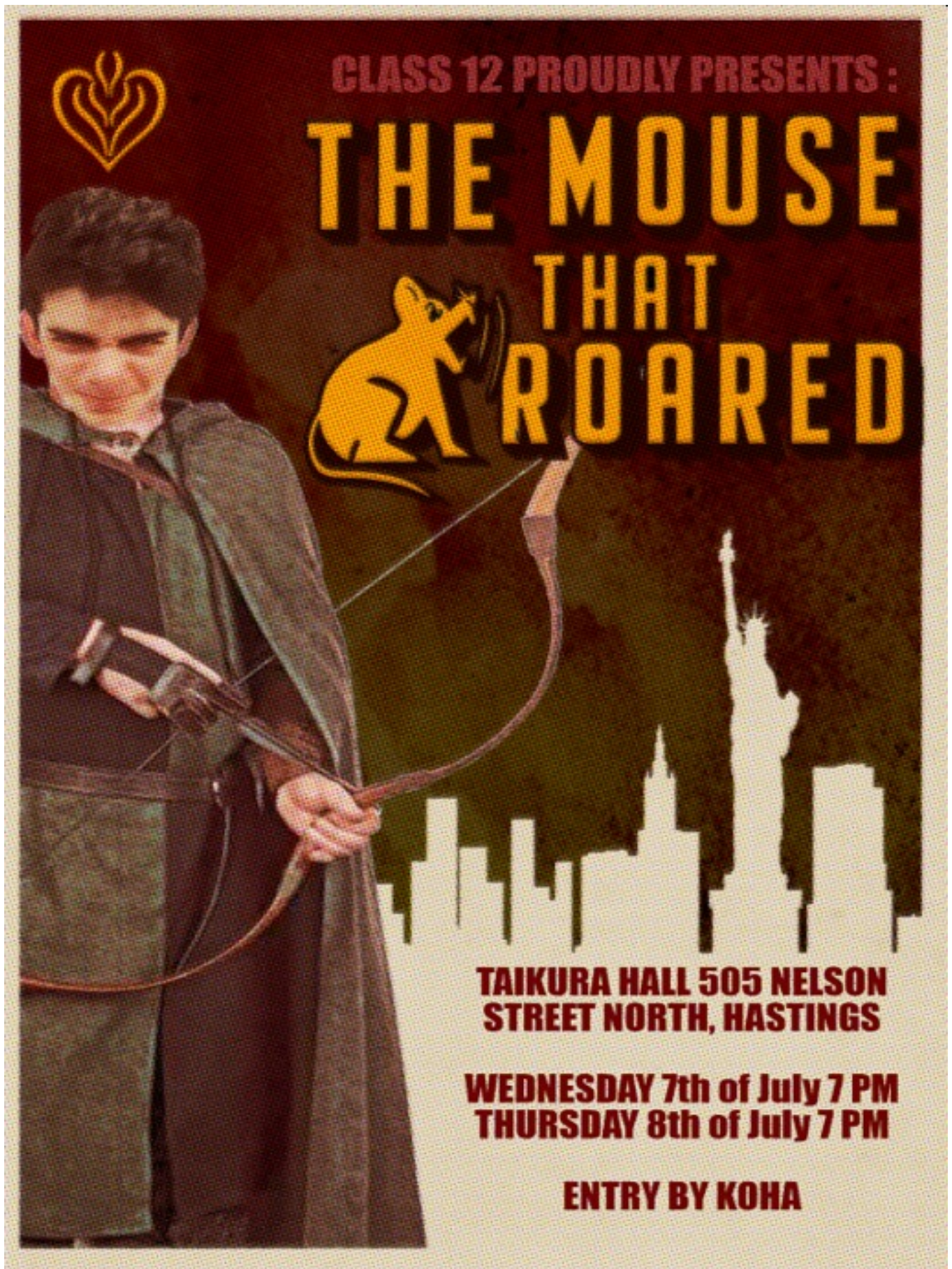
### Mark Your Calendar

June 24	5:15 pm - 6:30 pm	Taikura Kindergarten Mid Winter Festival
June 24	7:00 pm	Mid Winter Festival - Rudolf Steiner Centre - (address above) ADULTS ONLY
June 28	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	BOT Meeting - School Hall
June 30	7:00 pm	Steiner For Beginners - Talk By Jessica Soutar Barron - Whānau Room
July 1	3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Theresa Lam - Liaison Visitor From Otago University - Classes 11/12 - TH 3.4
July 7/8	7:00 pm	Class 12 Play - "The Mouse that Roared" by Leonard Wibberley - School Hall
July 9	5:45 am	Ātea-a-Rangi - The Star Compass - Waitangi Reserve in Clive
July 28	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 8 Parents' Evening - TH 2.7
July 28	6:00 pm	Class 12 Parents' Evening - TH 3
August 11	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Mid Winter Magic - Community Mid Winter Celebration

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Class 12 Play

Class 12 would like to invite you to our presentation of "The Mouse that Roared" a satirical play set in Grand Fenwick, a small British Duchy still stuck in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. When the country is threatened economically they must rise and face the big powers of the modern world. What will they achieve with their mastery of the English longbow? What will they learn along the way? You will have to come and find out on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 July at 7:00pm in the school hall.



The poster features a young man in a dark tunic and a grey cloak, holding a longbow. In the top left corner is a yellow heart-shaped logo with a flame-like design. The title 'THE MOUSE THAT ROARED' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. To the left of the title is a yellow silhouette of a mouse holding a longbow. In the bottom right, there is a white silhouette of a city skyline with the Statue of Liberty. The background is dark red.

**CLASS 12 PROUDLY PRESENTS :**

# THE MOUSE THAT ROARED

**TAIKURA HALL 505 NELSON STREET NORTH, HASTINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 7th of July 7 PM**  
**THURSDAY 8th of July 7 PM**

**ENTRY BY KOHA**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



*The Students of the  
Kairos Post Graduate Diploma in Artistic Therapy  
warmly invite those who have taught us and supported us through our  
training to attend the*

## *Presentation of End Projects and Graduation Ceremony*

*Saturday 10th July 2021 at 1.30pm  
The Anthroposophical Centre, 500 Nelson Street, Hastings*

*1.30pm Welcome  
Presentation of End Projects  
Graduation Ceremony  
Presentation of Diplomas  
Student Response  
4pm Afternoon Tea*

*An exhibition of the end projects and other artwork can be viewed at the  
Anthroposophical Centre at the following times:*

*Friday 9th July 11am - 4pm  
Saturday 10th July 9am - 12pm*

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## House For Sale

Three bedroom bungalow for sale, great location in Taradale. five minutes walk to shops and very close to primary, intermediate and secondary schools. For further details contact Karen on 027 7658396

## COMMUNICATION for CONNECTION

**Hastings: 3 and 4 July**

**Empowering Support For Parents**

Providing empowering life skills with communicating and relating in the ways we want to! This workshop is valuable support for all your relationships: as parents, partners, community members... and especially the most important relationship - the one we have with ourselves. *There is no greater investment than investing in what nourishes and empowers your life.* You will receive new awareness, and skill to communicate more confidently and effectively, deepen connections and foster cooperation. Discover new ways to keep your cup filled, reduce reactivity and live with more harmony.

Filipa has been providing this workshop for parents and educators for more than a decade. *Value for your investment is backed up with a money back guarantee!* If you would like to hear feedback from someone at Taikura who has completed this course, let me know. Based on the world renowned principles of Nonviolent Communication. Facilitated by Filipa Hope (past Taikura parent). Numbers limited to 14 - 9:00am - 4:30pm both days. Investment: \$250.00 (incl's morning & afternoon tea)

Registrations to Filipa: [filipahope@gmail.com](mailto:filipahope@gmail.com) phone 0274 513 445

## School App

If you have not already done so, please download our SchoolApp into your smart phone. You will find school contacts, newsletters, a link to our website, term dates, absentee notifications and our calendar which is filled with upcoming events, meetings, camps and trips. Subscribe to class alert groups and you will receive notifications such as class camp school arrival times and meeting reminders straight to your phone. So much useful information!

1. Go to the **App Store** or **Google Play Store** on your mobile device
2. Search **SchoolAppsNZ**
3. Download the **App**
4. Open the **App**
5. When it asks to send notifications – click allow.
6. When it asks to search your **School** – type your **School Name** in the search bar
7. Lastly, subscribe to the Alert Groups you would like to receive alerts for.



## Unwanted Items Needed

I am a parent at the school working in a Centre which is in need of clothing, toys and blankets for children aged from around six months to three years. These cannot always be supplied by the families and we can be short of them in the Centre. If you have any that you would like to donate that you no longer need it would be greatly appreciated. The main things that we are in need of are natural toys, books woollen blankets, woollen underlays, shoes, slippers, cot sheets, woollen clothing, socks, jackets and jacket vests for our children in this cold weather.

Michelle 0211422970

## Interested In Being In A Play?

**Dear Parents** - I am interested in putting on a New Zealand play, "Wednesday To Come", written by Renee. I have studied play writing and directing at Otago University. There will be a group audition to be arranged. No experience needed just a commitment to rehearsals once a week in the evenings 7:00pm - 9:00pm. An open mind to explore music/song and dance and drama. If all goes well there is an opportunity to continue this to a small theater company. If you are interested in acting in it please call Tara on **021- 2604992**