



# Mauriceville School Newsletter

Week 9, Term 2 - 23 June 2025

## Key Dates

Friday 27 June

**Last day of the term** School Reports home

**Monday 14 July** 

Term 3 begins

Wednesday 16 July

Kapa Haka - Wainuioru School

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# Message

Kia ora everyone,

Welcome to the end of Term 2 for 2025. These past nine weeks have flown by. I want to acknowledge the hard work everyone has put in to learning, creating and organising here at our school.

Principal's

We went on 7 trips, had 2 public holidays, staff participated and achieved First Aid training, we held a successful working bee and have achieved some fantastic progress in key curriculum areas in class.

I hope you have noticed a significant growth in our school connecting with other schools this year and being out and about in the wider community. This is something we will continue to do, in particular with our three other local rural schools, Whareama, Tinui and Wainuirou. It is great for our students to make stronger connections with bigger groups of kids who are likeminded and for us as staff to have a community of teachers who we can collaborate, share and celebrate with.

We celebrate the end of term with a mid term progress report. These will come home on Friday, the last day of term 2. Next term, we will have Learning Conversations in week 3 to go over progress, celebrate achievement and set some goals for the rest of the year. Be sure to watch out for the booking schedule early next term.

Have a great rest of the week, and we will see everyone back at school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July for Term 3.

Take care, Megan Roberts

#### Celebrating Matariki

Matariki is the Māori New Year, a special time when the Matariki star cluster rises, signifying a period of reflection, remembrance, celebration of the present, and planning for the future. It's a time for coming together with family and friends, sharing kai (food), and honouring our connections.



At our school we all brought a vegetable to school and made soup together to celebrate Matariki. This process of each person bringing something to add to the pot symbols the working together, and we got to share some yummy soup at lunch time. A big thank you to everyone for their contribution, help and energy.

We also learnt about the importance of Matariki, did art, wrote stories, coloured pictures and even did some maths around the stars of Matariki. Here are some pictures.







### Kapa Haka at Wainuioru School.

Every second Wednesday we go to Wainuioru School to do Kapa Haka together. This has been great to be a part of the wider community, making more friends and learning songs and haka in Māori. A big thank you to Morgan Bunny, Principal of Wainuioru School, for allowing us to join in each week.



#### Potting containers

Thank you to everyone who donated potting containers, seeds and garden equipment. We have reached out quota. We are looking forward to creating some magic in the garden.

#### Changes to the school phone

Our copper landline is no more! The school now has a mobile phone. Our old phone number, 372 5800, still works and all calls to this number will be diverted to the new mobile.

However, you can now text or call us on our new number:

#### 027 239 3743

Please let the school know if there have been any changes to the way we contact you at home, this is especially important for our school families as we need to have up to date information in case of an emergency.







#### Front gate sign - DRAFT



We are currently working on a new sign for our front gate. Something big and bold, that you can see from the road, when driving past. This is DRAFT 1. What do you think? Feel free to share your thoughts with us.

So far, through lots of collaboration, we have a portal that is surrounded by native birds and reptiles. The blue koru, signal some of our local streams and rivers and their inhabitants. We have had a request for a crawly in the stream, which we will add:)

You can see a band of foliage in one of the koru, as well as a band of buildings significant to this area. Not all of these buildings will stay. This is simply a draft for our school community to get some ideas rolling. Further consultation with key stakeholders and representatives, will see other images and detail added to this to create DRAFT 2.

This is a work in progress and through further consultation and feedback, we hope to create a sign that represents the past, present and future of the school. It is never an easy job taking into consideration all views, opinions and thoughts. But so far, we have done a great job at incorporating what is important to us here at Mauriceville School. Watch this space for DRAFT 2.

THANK YOU FOR THE FEEDBACK SO FAR.
KEEP IT COMING IN. 1
WEEK LEFT

#### Teacher Only Day - Term 3

As a part of the new curriculum, each school has two curriculum days that we can use this year for teacher professional development in maths. This year we have decided to combine as rural schools with Tinui, Whareama and Wainuioru to do our professional development.

We are booked to do this on Friday  $22^{nd}$  August. This is not until week 6 of term 3. Our school will be closed for instruction on this day and we thank you for your support in allowing us as teachers to learn, practice and seek support from our wider community of schools and colleagues.

**Teacher Only Day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** 



#### Learning Conversations - Term 3

In week 3 of Term 3 Megan and Rosa will be holding Learning Conversations with our students and parents. Please keep some time free after school on either Wednesday 30 July or Thursday 31 July to meet with them.

A booking schedule will be sent out in the first week of Term 3.

## Mauriceville Playgroup

9.38am to 11.38pm
Mauriceville School Hall
Thursday 26 June
TERM 3
Thursday 17 July



Holidays