



Matariki

Lantern Festival

Wednesday 3 July

Kia ora koutou,

We'd love to invite all our school families and whanau to join us again for our annual Matariki Celebration on Wednesday 3rd July from 5.00pm to 7.30pm. The kaupapa (mission) for this year is "Celebrating Diversity".

The time of Matariki is to bring together whanau (family) to share & learn the stories and knowledge that the stars hold. A time to celebrate the unique place in which we live and give respect to the land in which we live on.

The full schedule of performances and activities will be coming out in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, we do need help with a couple of items:

Matariki Lanterns

All of our classes are involved in making lanterns for the Matariki Celebrations, which we light on the night in our quad area. It is really special for the children to be able to show you their lantern which they are able to take home at the end of the night. We will also have additional lanterns available if you would like to place one in memory of a loved one.

Please bring any donations of glass jars into your child's class to make our special lanterns and to have some extras available. Some classes are making different types of lanterns, if you are unsure check with you classroom teacher.

Performances, Food, and Activities

From 5.00pm there will be performances by school Kapa Haka groups with other performances to be confirmed. Performances will be held on the stage in the Quad area if fine, or in the School Hall if wet. We'll have bean bags and seating out so please feel free to bring along a blanket to keep warm.

The night will include a range of free craft activities such as poi making, weaving crafts, and lantern making. All craft activities will be in the Learning Street.

Needed: Stretchy material or sheets for poi-making will be received gratefully at Room 19 or 20 in the Learning Street.

For purchase, the Glo Stand will be back, bigger and better than ever! We'll also have hot drinks for our awesome Sausage Sizzle. Money raised will support our school Kapa Haka programme, such as uniforms and funds for hosting the regional Hui. Team Kapiti's efforts will also earn a share for their camp fundraising. *Ka mau te wehi! Awesome!*

If you can help: Whanau help with these would be appreciated.

- Sausage Sizzle
- Hot drinks
- Tiki making
- Paper putiputi (flower) making

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3rd July. If you are are available to help at all, please email mmear@raumatibeach.school.nz

Regards,

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