

27th June 2018



WEDNESDAY WINDOW

COMING EVENTS

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| Wed 4 July | Class 1 Shared Morning Tea |
| Fri 6 July | Class 6 Matariki Play |
| Fri 6 July | Last Day of Term 2 – 1pm finish for school |
| Mon 23 July | Parent Teacher Interviews (no school children today – Kindergarten as usual) |
| Tues 24 July | School children return today. |
| Fri 3 Aug | Class 4 Parent Interviews |
| Wed 15 Aug | Kindergarten Information Afternoon 3.15pm |

KIA ORA WHANAU

FROM THE FESTIVAL GROUP

The Matariki Festival is the festival we have at this time of year when our term is drawing to an end after the winter solstice.

Matariki is the name of the small cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades or the Seven Sisters, in the Taurus constellation. In Aotearoa it comes into view low on the north-eastern horizon, appearing in the tail of the Milky Way in the last days of May or in June, just before dawn.

Throughout Matariki we learn about those who came before us.

Our history. Our family. Our bones.

Matariki signals growth.

It's a time of change.

It's a time to prepare, and a time of action.

During Matariki we acknowledge what we have and what we have to give.

Matariki celebrates the diversity of life.

It's a celebration of culture, language, spirit and people.

Matariki is our Aotearoa Pacific New Year.



Next week on Thursday and Friday the kindergarten and school classes will celebrate our Matariki Festival. On Thursday, Class 6 will present a play to all classes and Class 6 parents, that tells one of the many Matariki stories.

A dramatic tale of creation, dedication that leads to jealousy, destruction, a mighty chase across the heavens and ultimately the creation of the beautiful cluster of stars that we, here in Aotearoa, know as Matariki.

The play is a challenge for Class 6 because they have to deliver their lines in English and Te Reo, act as forest, and thunder and a rain storm and move a complex eurhythmy seven-pointed star form and sing beautifully as well. A challenge they are well up to. It will be a treat for all.

The play will be presented at: **9.30am -10am for kindergarten and classes 1 & 2**
12.30pm-1.00pm for classes 3, 4, 5 & 7
2.00pm-2.30pm for the parents of class 6

There will be limited space but parents are welcome to come to the 9.30 and 12.30 presentations.

Then on Friday, all classes will make their way quietly to the Whare to walk a spiral path lit by twinkling 'starlight'. In the centre, they will find a gemstone that symbolises all their wishes for the coming new year, to carry out of the spiral and keep safe.

The mood of the Spiral walk is one of quiet reflection and reverence, with themes of Endings and Beginnings, Introspection, Review and Reflection and Preparing the way for the year ahead.

Nga mihi Louise Taryn, Ipa and Suzanne -Festival Group



KIA ORA FROM THE OFFICE

END OF TERM 2 – Next week is the last week of Term 2! As mentioned in the message above, the children will take part in a spiral walk and then school will finish at 1pm with children asked to leave their classrooms quietly and reverently to go home. Watch this space (text alert) regarding details of the last market of the term. Enjoy the school holidays and we shall see the children back on board on Tuesday 24th July. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Monday 24th July so there will be no classes for the school children to attend that day. A Rambling Rose Kindergarten will be operating during the term break, please check in with your Kindergartener or Dominique. Please remember to check the lost property outside the cowshed as anything unclaimed and unnamed will be given to the Op shop in the holidays

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Monday 24th July 2018 appointments are now available to book, please drop into the office when you are next passing or give Cathy a call to confirm a meeting time with your child's teacher. Appointments run throughout the day from 8.30am to 5.15pm in 15 minute slots. You may also book an appointment on the same day to see Michael (SENCO), Meika (Extra Lesson) and Jen (Listening). Class 4 will have a different date for their appointment times which is Friday 3rd August (as per the e-mail sent by John to class parents). Class 4 children will still attend school on 3rd August and the class will be taught by another teacher. Please contact John jedavidson@waldorftga.nz if you have any questions around this point.

ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS – thank you to those that gave their feedback to the office highlighting road safety concerns. A meeting will be set up with Tauranga City Council to address these concerns further and we shall keep you updated of any news or progress.



SKYSOLAR
It's your roof... your solar energy

SOLAR BUDDIES - Do have solar panels on your roof and produce excess power? Trustpower & Skysolar have come up with an exciting offer for our school! You can nominate a buddy to donate excess power to. If you wish to donate power to the school this can lower the power bill for the school. Please contact Marlis at finance@waldorftga.nz or Steven Straughan at stevens@skysolar.co.nz for further details.

CLASS 5 FUNDRAISING – A huge thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of Class 5 Fundraising over the term. The last sausage sizzle of term 2 will be this Friday. Gluten Free Beef Sausages \$2, (vegetarian option available too) Cake \$1, Spiced or plain warmed Apple Juice \$1. Please send cash to school if your child wishes to buy lunch on Friday. There will be no sausage sizzle on the last day of term due to the early finish.

THURSDAY MORNING CRAFT GROUP - Thursday mornings in the cowshed from 9-11am. You are warmly welcomed to come along and help us make beautiful crafts for this year's school Fair. There will be a range of craft projects on the go, so there will be something to suit everyone. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and learn a new skill, all while enjoying a nice hot cup of tea. We would really love to see you there from the Class 2 Fair Committee. The craft group are also asking for donations of the following items which can be dropped off at the Cowshed. Woollen Fleece, Yarn (wool or cotton), Woollen Felt, Walnut Shells, Acorn Caps, Coloured Ribbon, Glass Beads, Leather (for Mouse tails) Cotton Fabric and shells. Thank you! Dennis de Monchy is keen to get organise a woodcraft craft group to produce items for the fair. If you would like to help, or have a small workshop or empty garage we could use then please dennisdemonchy@gmail.com

FROM THE PLEDGE OFFICE If parents want to catch up on promised deeds they can still get in touch regarding holiday cleaning and spots available for next term.

The Overview of the contribution for first half year will be going out in the holidays, once received, please check them and get in touch pledges@waldorftga.nz if you think it needs adjusting. (If you have moved recently, be sure to let us know so we are posting to the correct address)



KIA ORA FROM THE KINDERGARTEN

Back to the Future?

A few years ago, Rose Ring Kindergarten changed their operational hours from school hours to an earlier drop off and pick up, as requested by parents.

We are now reversing the opening hours back to align with school hours of 9am drop off and 3pm pick up.

The reason for the change is safety for all.

Parents have increasingly reported concerns about the varying levels of parental supervision and child safety, between pick up time at kindergarten and well after 3pm.

Teachers are experiencing incredible challenges trying to continue teaching and keeping school children's attention in the classroom while parents are chatting and younger siblings are having fun outside. We understand keeping young children by your side and upholding kindergarten and school rules between kindergarten pick up and school pick up might not always be easy, with all the excitement and temptations of exploring the school's site. However, the school is liable for anything that might happen on site. Personal liability of staff is unfortunately a fact. Safety of all children is paramount. Safety of staff is important too. So please let's all be mindful of extra risks and choose a space offsite if you would like to chat and let the children run loose at the end of the day. If it is a pre-arranged kindergarten or school related get together please liaise with the office ahead of time.

We are confident the new times will allow for a calm and safe transition for all at drop off and pick up times.

Rose Ring Kindergarten parents received notification of change of times on Friday. Thank you to those who have fed back how a later drop off and pick up makes your life easier, or in two cases, more challenging.

If you have questions around the new hours, please join Louise and Dominique at 9am on Monday, 1st July in the Cowshed.

Play Is Your Child's Work

https://www.pdhd.govt.nz/sn49/?mc_cid=5fb46a1430&mc_eid=5f9102dea0

Play is as important in a child's development as good food and a warm home.

Play is how children come to understand the world. When children are born, their brains aren't fully developed. Play is a big part of the process of building their brains. Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength.

And, as we discussed in [Play: It's All About Fun](#), it's important that we adults sometimes set aside distractions, join in the process and enjoy.

It's also important that we encourage child-led play, where the child follows their own urges. Children need open-ended, unscheduled times to explore and discover. This doesn't mean expensive toys and flash gadgets – it might be the pot cupboard or the recycling bin. It does mean allowing children to make their own choices, thereby developing their decision-making skills, and allowing them to move at their own pace and discover their own areas of interest.

There are six stages of child-led play.

- **Unoccupied Play:** Where children just observe without playing themselves.
- **Solitary Play:** Where children play by themselves.
- **Onlooker Play:** Where children watch others play but do not join in.
- **Parallel Play:** Where children play side by side but don't interact. They may watch each other and do the same things.
- **Associative Play:** Where children are playing together but not in an organised way. They are interacting but don't appear to have a goal.
- **Cooperative Play:** Where children play together in an organised, coordinated way. They may take on roles or each child may have a job.

Children will go back and forth between the stages, but as they get older, it's more likely they will engage in associative or cooperative play.

A child's brain-development-work is done through their play. Play provides the brain with building blocks. In this formative time of their lives, children gather information about the world, master the use of their bodies, learn social skills and pick up every little detail to do with fitting into the culture that surrounds them.

Self-led play is an important part of this process.

And, it's one area where your child is the expert.

KIA ORA FROM THE WST

OSCAR – Ongoing losses over the past few years have lead the WST to review the OSCAR fee structure. To provide the service and break even, the WST have had to adjust the fee structure. The new fees are in line with similar services in Tauranga. If the changes prove impossible with your current budget, please make an appointment to talk to Marlis 021 588 301 or email finance@waldorftga.nz

Oscar Fees Starting Term 3 2018

Service available for children over 5

Before school/kindergarten **SERVICE AVAILABLE 7:30 – 9:00 AM**

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| Pre-booked | 7:30 - 9:00am | Charge for session | \$ 18.00 |
| Casual | 7:30 – 9:00am | Charge for session | \$ 20.00 |

After school/kindergarten **SERVICE AVAILABLE 3:00 – 5:30 PM**

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| Pre-booked | 3:00 – 5:30 pm | Charge for session | \$ 18.00 |
| Casual | 3:00 – 5:30 pm | Charge for session | \$ 20.00 |

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| Before & after school daily rate pre-booked / discounted | \$ 24.00 / \$ 21.60 |
| Before & after school daily rate casual / discounted | \$ 28.00 / \$ 25.20 |

To take advantage of the pre-booked rate you need to book your child's attendance in advance for the full term.

If you pay your weekly fee in advance, we can offer a 10% discount

ANY cancellations must be received at least 24 hours in advance or the normal charge applies.

All pick-ups after 5:30 pm will be charged at \$10.00 for each 15-minute slot to cover staff costs.