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**Tena koutou! Malo e Lelei! Fakalofa Lahi Atu! Talofa lava! Kia orana!  
Namaste! Kamusta! Rojbas! Hola! Salam Alaikum! Hai!**

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## **WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3**

A warm welcome back to school! Students have made a fantastic start to term 3! Welcome to our new students and families. We hope you enjoy your time at our place.

Great attendance and highly motivated learners have burst through the gates this term. We have started this term with a focus on Matariki. It is important that our students have a genuine understanding about the meaning of Matariki. When Matariki reappears, or 'rises' it is time to celebrate the bounties of the harvest, to reflect on the year that's been, remember loved ones we've lost, and set hopes for the future – we even have our own wishing star. Matariki holds clues to the season ahead, and each star of the Matariki cluster has a connection to the environment and human wellbeing. Next week we will be holding our special **Matariki Planting Day** please see the Matariki message in this newsletter.

Our Inquiry Learning this term is **Kaitiaki – People of the Land**. This links well to Matariki and focuses on our environment and sustainability. Students will be learning and investigating various aspects of sustainability and how they can make a difference to caring for our environments. We have local community groups supporting our mahi this term.

### **Onepoto School Matariki -Kaitiaki Day**

We will be celebrating Matariki next **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
with a special planting day.

We are starting small so this year we are focusing on caring for the environment and planting. We welcome our whanau to come along and plant a tree with your child and be part of our Matariki day.

#### **Students will be:**

- Planting plants on the local Te Ara Awataha Greenway in the morning.
- Learning about **Adopt a Spot Collecting Litter** and taking care of a space in their neighbourhood.
- Participating in Matariki activities.
- Studios will be open, showcasing children's learning of Matariki. Parents, caregivers and whanau can enjoy a walk through and/or join us for a short assembly.
- Students will experience a small Kai Cooker meal as part of their learning for lunch.

**A programme of the day will be sent out early next week. We look forward to seeing you.**

Nga mihi nui,

*Mrs Latoa-Levi*



**WATER & DRINK BOTTLES** - Bring a water bottle every day, to stay hydrated. Students can refill their bottles throughout the day. **Bring your drink bottles!**

## NEW ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-school children who will turn 5 years old at any time or wanting to enrol older children, please contact our Office Manager Ms Konia at the Office for an Enrolment Pack. This helps us to plan for staffing and classes. (09) 480-7469

## Scarf and Beanie Donation

The ladies from “Settlers Village Retirement Home” made a special visit to our new entrant and Year 1 students on Tuesday bearing wonderful homemade gifts. Each child received a beanie and scarf – obviously made with love. As you can see from the photos, not only do they look great, but they will keep our little tamariki snuggly and warm on these chilly winter days. So much aroha to Sandra and her crew of talented knitters.



## Dates for your Diary:

<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	Onepoto School <i>Matariki</i> - <i>Kaitiaki Planting Day</i>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	BOOK WEEK!
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Book Week Character Parade
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 6pm</b>	<b><i>OS Whanau Meeting – ‘Talk it out Tuesday’</i></b> following on from our first Hopes and Dreams Meeting, for all parents and caregivers. An opportunity for you to be part of our school, our goals, event days, language weeks and your child’s learning journey. All welcome.
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Mobile Library PWC visiting Rangitoto Hapori
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Daffodil Day
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Teacher Only Day
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Tongan Language Week!
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Te Wiki o te Reo Maori Maori Language Week
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Last day of term 3