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Ruma Teina News

Ko George toku ingoa, ko Fraser toku ingoa, ko Catherine toku ingoa, ko Kobi toku ingoa, ko Awa toku ingoa. Welcome to Ruma Teina's news! We are going to share some of the things we have been doing this week and last week. We have been learning about germs and washing our hands. We have been learning about this because we don't want to spread germs and get other people sick. We have got lots of people away sick in our class at the moment! Did you know, germs hate soap and water? It is important to wash your hands before we eat food and after we play and when you're finished using the toilet and if we touch our face. Did you know that if you sneeze onto your hands and then touch something, someone else could pick it up and get your germs? So remember to wash your hands and if you need to sneeze or cough, do it into your elbow!

We have also been learning about Matariki and made some Matariki stars with Mrs Symonds and Mrs Griffin and Lynette. We had to colour our piece of paper in with pastels and then we painted it with black paint. After that we scratched off some of the black paint to make the picture look shiny and colourful. Then we made our stars out of cardboard and tinfoil. They look cool!

We have been practicing for our Matariki festival during Kapa Haka. We would like to thank Whaea Rawina for always taking us for Kapa Haka. You rock!

Thank you for reading our news and hope you enjoyed it. From Fraser, Awa, George, Catherine and Kobi.

Teachers Only Day

On Monday the 27th May the teachers are attending a structured literacy professional development day, the school will be closed for instruction. Back to normal on Tuesday.

Matariki Meeting

We are having a meeting on Tuesday 28th of May at 2.45pm at the school for anyone that is interested in helping with the Matariki Cluster event.

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Kia ora and welcome to Ruma Tukana's news!

Kia ora koutou! Libby and Rimu here to share what we have been busy doing in Ruma Tuakana the last couple of weeks!

Last week on Wednesday the 15th May we had the Duffy show at the hall with Whareorino and Ahititi Schools. We enjoyed the Duffy show because the rat kept appearing throughout the show and causing chaos. It was really funny. Then we had Pink Shirt day on May 17th where you had to wear pink to represent Anti Bullying. We have done some really cool art. We started with autumn art. We had to do the background with either ripping or placing down different coloured squares. Then we had to draw a tree and place it on our background. To go with the autumn art we learnt how to write a Haiku poem. This was tricky because it has 17 syllables altogether. The first line has 5 syllables, then the second line has 7 and the last line has 5 syllables.

We did Matariki Art. We were given a star from the cluster of Matariki stars. We had to represent our Matariki stars with our drawings. We had to do designs of what the stars mean. There are 9 stars that are all different. The names of the stars are Waiti, Waita, Waipunarangi, Tupuānuku, Tupuārangi, Ururangi, Pōhutukawa, Hiwa-i-te-rangi and Matariki!

Tainui Cluster Schools Athletics

Well done to all our tamariki for participating and trying their best. Results are

Age	Name	Placing
6yr Girls	Catherine	3 rd
6yr Boys	Luke	1 st
7yr Boys	George	2 nd
8yr Girls	Carley-Jayne	2 nd
8yr Boys	Jacob	1 st
	Tukua	3 rd
9yr Girls	Summer	2 nd
10yr Boys	Ryan	2 nd
11yr Girls	K'sharn	3 rd
11yr Boys	Pedro	1 st
12yr Girls	Zeva	3 rd
12yr Boys	Pj	1 st
	Hunter	2 nd
	Rimu	3 rd

Duffy Theatre

Duffy Theatre visited Mōkau and we were joined by Ahititi and Whareorino Schools. This was a great performance and was very much enjoyed by the students.

King's Birthday

Public Holiday 3rd June no school.

Enviro Day

We will be travelling to Ahititi School on Thursday 6th of June on the bus. We will be involved in practical activities with Enviroschools facilitators. The kura will travel by bus to this and further information will be sent out next week.

Lunchtime activities

If you have a sport or skill that you would like to share with our tamariki at lunchtime we would love to hear from you. We have an offer of some lunchtime knitting already! Please contact the school office if you can help. Lunchtime play is from 12.30pm to 12.50 pm.

Cluster Matariki 27th June

This term we will host our cluster schools for Matariki. This is a wonderful event that requires a lot of organisation and work. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help. It's not too late to volunteer.

Dates to remember

May

27th Teacher Only Day Structured Literacy Professional Development

No School

28th Taranaki Airs Basketball visit 12.30pm approx..

28th Matariki Meeting 2.45pm

June

3rd Kings Birthday No school

6th Enviro schools @ Ahititi School

24th Bot Meeting 7pm @ School

27th Matariki Clusters Schools

28th Matariki Public Holiday No school

July

5th Last day term 2



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Sickness

Winter bugs have started the rounds. If your child is sick, please don't forget to ring the office and let us know.

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Tired Learners

We have a significant number of students who are arriving at kura very tired some mornings. Attached is some information from Healthline about the importance of sleep for Primary School aged children.

Mokau Museum Art Exhibition

Our students have been hard at work creating some beautiful pieces for the Matariki Art Exhibition at the Museum. Details below.

- **Exhibition Title:** New Beginnings
- **Date:** 30 May - 25 July
- **Location:** Mokau Museum Art Gallery
- **Theme:** Matariki/Puanga

Technology 30th May

Our Year 7 and 8 students will not be attending Technology at Manukorihi Intermediate next week. School as normal for them.



