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Kia ora e te whānau. Hello everyone,

I hope you are all keeping warm and enjoying the first couple of days of Winter.

We are busily preparing for our Matariki Winter celebration on June 21st. This year's evening celebration will include the usual elements of singing, poetry and music, Class 7's fire sticks performance, the grotto walk and of course hearty soups to keep us warm. This year will also include special performances from the Kapa Haka group and also the School Choir. If you haven't already, please mark the date in your calendars.

In the coming weeks parents and caregivers will be asked to give feedback on our lower school health programme. The document which parents will receive has been compiled as part of the Ministry of Education's Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) consultation requirements for all schools. The document is set within our special character philosophy, with due consideration to the developmental age of our students. Please take the time to read this document and provide us with your valued feedback.

A couple of notes on car park behaviour and etiquette. As we all know, we have a growing community, with approximately 240 students attending School and Miro House. Unlike some kura, who only have parking outside of their school premises, we are blessed with a small but functional car park area with very limited parking. In order for it to function efficiently, and for our community to be as safe as possible, I ask everyone to follow some basic rules.

Firstly, you may have noticed the orange cones near the roundabout opposite Miro House in the 'triangle' area. This area has been used as a car park/pick up zone by some parent/caregivers, resulting in students having to walk through traffic to get to their lift. It has been coned off to prevent this from happening. When the cones are removed, **please do not use this area as a car park.**

Secondly, the car park spaces directly out the front of the school office are not for parking – these are for short drop offs or pickups only. Similarly, the car parks directly outside of Miro House are to be used for Miro House pickups and drop offs only, not for school.

Thirdly, the staff-only marked 'Staff Car Park', in between School and Miro House is allocated for staff and accessible parking only. Please respect this. We will improve signage in this area in due course to make this even clearer.

Finally, especially on fine days, please consider parking on Barrington Drive and having your children walk to school at drop off time, particularly our older students.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making our car park a safe, usable space for all.

Finally today, an update on the ongoing talks between the unions and the NZEI and PPTA unions and the government. At the time of writing NZEI industrial action is on hold as members consider the latest offer from the government. However, the PPTA union has resumed strike action. This means that some High School classes are rostered home next week. I will keep you updated when I have news of any changes. Again, we are all hopeful that a favourable outcome can be reached sooner rather than later.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā, have a great weekend.

Rob

Whakatauki o te wiki:

Titoro Whakamuri Kōkiri Whakamua

Look back and reflect so you can move forward

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2nd June – Teacher Only Day School closed
- 5th June – King's Birthday School closed
- 6th June - Class 9 rostered home (PPTA strike action)
- 8th June - Class 8 rostered home (PPTA strike action)
- 20th June – Class 4 - 7 Tough Guy/Gal Challenge
- 21st June – Winter Matariki Festival @ 5.30pm**
- 22nd June – backup date for the above
- 30th June – Last day of term—2pm finish

Welcome to Waikato Waldorf School

New students in term 2

Finn O'Brien
Tessa Macemon
Hannah Boulton
Alexander Meththa
Kaian Bentley
Jesse Read
Leo Wallace

Class 9 Soft Materials

This semester, our ngā ākonga (students) have been harakeke te raranga (weaving flax). Last term, they learnt about its history and found out it is an incredibly versatile material that was used for many household items. Ākonga made various putiputi (flowers) and designed a bouquet as a gift for someone. This term, they have been inspired by tukutuku design to weave with colour paper and make a card. As well as rising to the challenge of making a small kete.

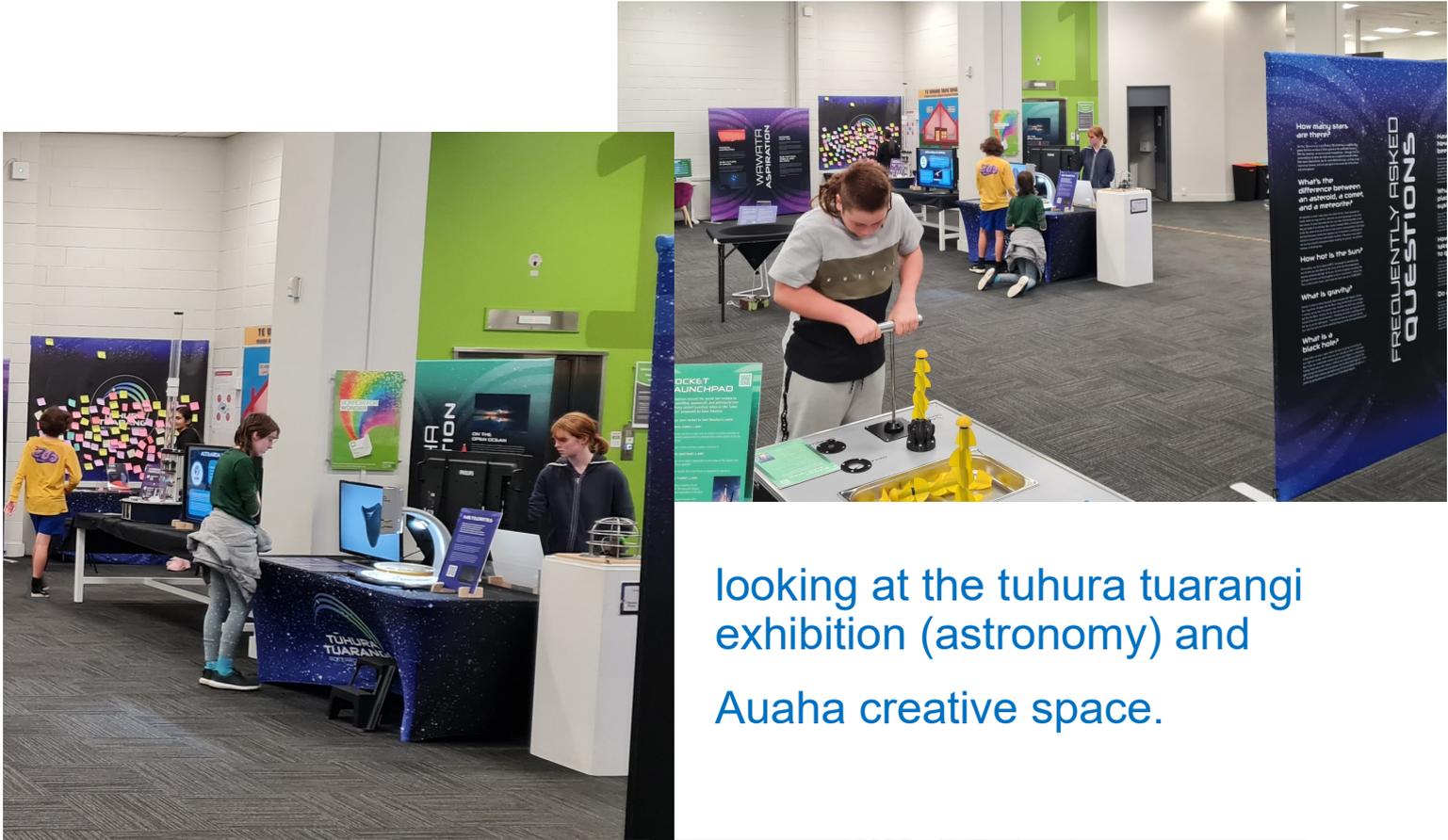
Well done Class 9.



Jody



Class 8 visit to the Central Library



looking at the tuhura tuarangi exhibition (astronomy) and Auaha creative space.



CLASSROOM CORNER CLASS 4

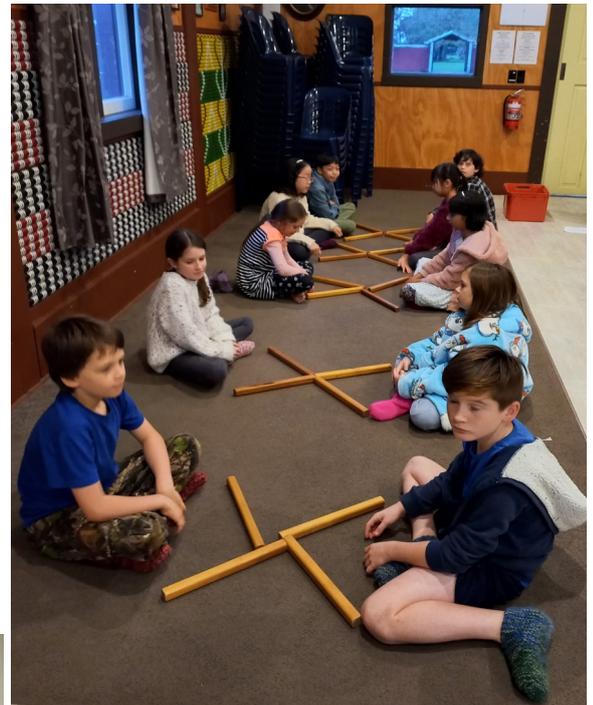
As part of our Whakakapapa main lesson, Class 4 had the privilege of staying overnight at Hukanui marae.

We had a fabulous time at the noho marae, filled with activities that the class participated in with enthusiasm and excitement. The children took great interest in exploring the walls of the Wharenui, adorned with many ancestral photographs and intricate tukutuku patterns, each with their own story. They were enthralled listening to Papa Ted tell stories of the local area as well as some from his whakapapa.

In the evening the class spent some time working together to recreate the tukutuku patterns, practicing tii rakau and playing some exhilarating games of spotlight. We finished the night off with some story time in bed, sending some very tired children to sleep before the lights were even out!

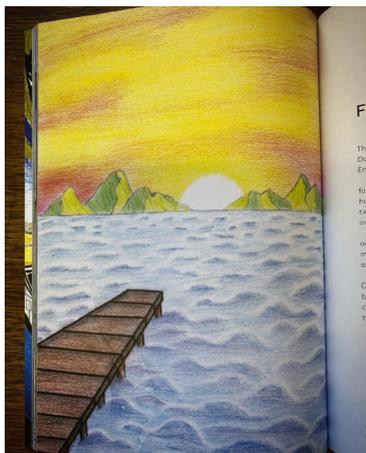
A huge thank you to Whaea Charlotte for all her mahi to ensure this camp happens every year and thank you immensely to all the parent helpers, both at camp and in meal preparation beforehand. We couldn't do these camps without you and we appreciate all your support.

Sharon & Stacey



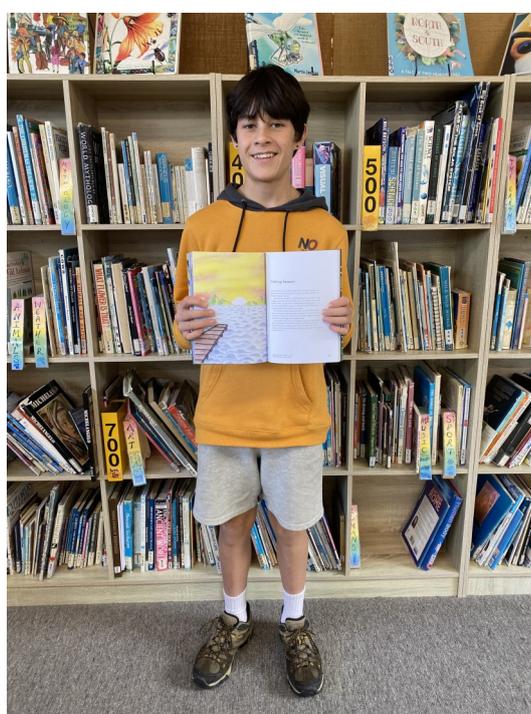
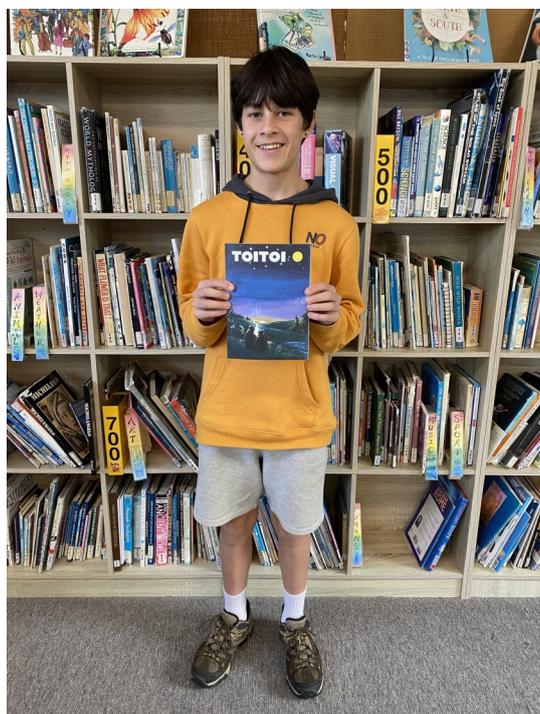
Congratulations to Jack Adlam from Class 7 -

our latest published illustrator for Toitoti!



Toitoti is a New Zealand journal for young writers and illustrators. Each term Toitoti receive well-over one thousand submissions for publication, so being selected for publication is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations on having your amazing artwork selected, Jack!

Jo



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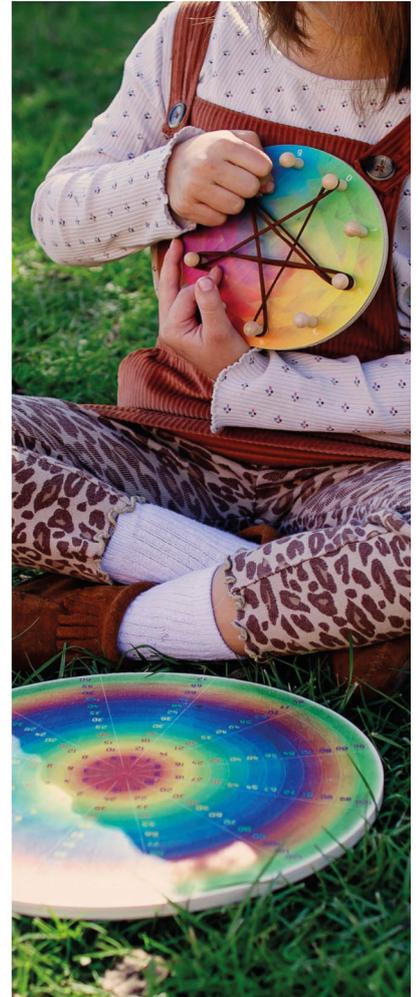
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