



Kia ora parents, whānau and caregivers,

What a great time we had last week celebrating and learning about Matariki. Each House adopted one of the Matariki stars and learnt about its significance. Students made authentic links to their Te Taiao Roadmap Inquiry and were fully involved in an integrated week of learning across all curriculum areas.

Spearheaded by our Te Ao Māori and Te Ara Reo Māori Within School Leaders (Ed Te Moana and Clayton Parai), Tauranga Intermediate undertook a week long, school-wide Matariki celebration. Last week we had Inter-house Wero Tākaro (Sport Challenges) involving Tapuae, Tī Uru and Kī-o-rahi. Each house had access to cooking spaces to make hangī, fry bread, boil up, kaimoana chowder and many more kai o Aotearoa. Each house was given a star of Matariki to celebrate, base their learning upon and create a display for.

All areas of our school, including our Lunch STARS programme (run by Teacher Aides at lunchtimes) based their learning and mahi, last week, around Matariki. Our Technology Specialist teachers held opt-in Matariki based lessons and created masterpieces including personalised planter boxes, stop motion videos and murals. Kauri House designed and began stencilling a mural for the concrete space around our new playground. Wiki o Matariki was a fantastic opportunity for children to experience deep learning about Matariki through the immense variety of activities that spark their interest. The week culminated with a school lunch on our field, student vs teacher Kī-o-rahi and musical concerts. Some of our staff and students partook in Te Umu Kohukohu Nga Whetu. Te Umu Kohukohu Nga Whetū involves lighting a hāngī / umu (earth oven) before sunrise to welcome the Māori new year with food offerings to the Matariki star cluster.



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Sport:

Our winter sports codes are in full flight with a range of teams from social to competitive competing weekly in basketball (Monday nights at Trustpower Arena), hockey (Friday nights at Tauranga Hockey Association), netball (Saturday mornings at Harbourside). We value students who participate and contribute in extra curricular life by getting involved with these sports.

Our inter house Spirit Trophy challenges involve an Ultimate Challenge (tug of war), and then will lead into volleyball which will allow us to select trialists for a Super 11 tournament next term hosted by Otumoetai.

Zespri AIMS Games

The AIMS Games is back after two years of being cancelled. Our students are extremely fortunate to be able to take part in the biggest sports tournament in New Zealand. Teams have been selected and will be busy preparing for this training and taking part in a range of Super 11 inter-school events leading up to this exciting event.

School Uniform Review

With our current school uniform contract expiring mid next year and the changing landscape of school uniforms, it has been an ideal time to review our current uniform. All classes have had the chance to provide feedback on our school uniform review.. This process is being driven by a group of 20 Year 7 students, Whaea Cheri (Deputy Principal) and myself. The key themes we have developed with students for discussion include:

- **Price-** We have compared the cost of our current uniform against other intermediate schools. We have identified that our current girls' skirt and blouse and boys' shorts are more expensive.
- **Comfort-** There was a lot of feedback on the comfort of the current PE uniform and girls' blouse. A more modern design is needed.
- **Options/Choice-** We would like to provide some more options and choices. Particularly shorts being an option for all students, the option to wear plain black sports shoes instead of black polishable leather shoes. Many sports shoes provide better support for this age, than some cheaper leather shoes.
- **Formality vs Practicality-** Students felt a new unisex, modern feel polo shirt was the best option moving forward. We also looked at some smart cheaper jacket, fleece options
- **Modern Smart Look-** We feel this will be easily achieved with a new design.
- **Cultural Representation-** We would like our school whakatauki to be represented on our new uniform.

Parents are welcome to email any further suggestions or comments to me. My email address is cameronm@tauranga-int.school.nz

**Ngā mihi nui,
Cameron Mitchell**



COMING UP

TERM 2+3

Week 9:

- **Friday 1st July** - Super 11 BOP/PB Indoor Bowls (@TIS)
- **Friday 1st July** - Super 11 PB/BOP Rock Climbing (@Taupo)
- **Friday 1st July** - Argos gym competition

Week 10:

- **July 4th-6th** - TIS School Science Fair
- **July 4th-July 8th** - Scholastic Book Fair (@School Library)
- **Wednesday 6th July-Sunday 10th July** - Tai Mitchell Tournament (@Rotorua)

Term 3 Week 1:

- **Monday 25th July** - **Term 3 Begins**
- **Friday 29th July** - Super 11 PB/BOP Basketball (@Rotorua) and BOP Squash (@Rotorua)

Week 2:

- **Wednesday 3rd August** - BOP Table Tennis (@Memorial Hall)
- **Friday 5th August** - Super 11 PB/BOP Winter Tournament (@Blake Park)

Week 3:

- **Wednesday 10th August** - Tauranga Girls' College - Open Evening 5:30-8pm (@TGC)
- **Thursday 11th August** - Sports exchange for AIMS codes (Te Puke and TIS)
- **Friday 12th August** - Super 11 PB/BOP Cross Country (@Waipuna Park)

Week 4:

- **Friday 19th August** - Super 11 PB/BOP Rugby 7's (@Mount Maunganui)

Week 5:

- **Monday 22nd August** - Teacher Only Day **School Closed to Students**