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From the Desk of the Principal:

This term, our pupils have been adapting to our new approach to teaching in maths across all year groups. The Maths No Problem resource has seen some significant changes to the way we teach maths. Despite the different approach children are starting to show steady progress and confidence in their learning.

Teachers have noted improved problem-solving skills, stronger mental maths, and a real enthusiasm for tackling new challenges. These encouraging outcomes are a testament to the hard work of both students and staff—well done to everyone involved!

There will be some changes to reporting as we align our assessment to the requirements of the new curriculum. You will have the opportunity early next term to discuss the progress of your child(ren) at our parent/teacher interviews.

Staff News

I would like to welcome Mrs Cristel Suyu to our staff. Cristel is teaching in Room 10 as we have opened a new class due to the increasing number of 5 year olds joining our school. She has extensive experience with teaching younger children and we are delighted that she is now part of our teaching team.



Attendance Trophy



Congratulations to Room 6 for winning the First Attendance Trophy for the first half of this term.

End of term

School will close at 3pm on Friday 27 June and open for term 3 on Monday 14 July.

Mānawatia a Matariki

School will be closed this Friday 20 June for Matariki. Matariki is an opportunity to spend time with whānau and friends – to reflect on the past, give thanks for what we have, and look forward to the future.



This Thursday we will be celebrating Matariki at school. There will be a special shared lunch across the school from 11am. In the afternoon I will be holding my special Principal's assembly in the hall at 2.15pm.

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Matariki Celebration & Shared Lunch

Tomorrow, Thursday 19 June, we are having our whole school Mataraki including a shared lunch. Your child:

Matariki

- Should bring a plate of food for our Matariki shared lunch. Wear their cultural dress or mufti clothes
- *Please bring your plate of food to school by 12pm at the latest so that it can be set up in time.* (Rooms 1-7, Hall & Rooms 9-17, Room 18)

Please ensure that your child does not bring the following for the shared lunch:

- Fizzy drinks
- Packets of chips
- Packets of biscuits
- Lollies or chocolates

Matariki

Yummy Apples Sticker Sports Gear Promo -

This promotion runs until early October, with all sticker/cut-out sheets needing to be returned to school by Friday, the 10th of October. It is nearly time to find our next monthly winner at checkpoint 2, which is this Tuesday, 24th June. Bring in your completed/partially completed sticker/label sheets (even those you brought in during the first checkpoint). The class with the most points will win a free mufti day next Thursday.

To help encourage families to collect the stickers, there are 3 x LEGO prize packs for the Top 3 students who have the most points.



HOW TO PLAY



PAKSAVE



NEW WORLD

Inter-School Rugby

Unfortunately, the council closed the fields at Archibald Park, and we were unable to go ahead on Monday. Fingers crossed the weather and the council play ball, and we can get underway on Thursday. We have 2 full teams and a group of girls and boys playing in combined teams with other schools. We are looking forward to a fun day of rugby. ***As our rugby players will miss our Matariki Celebration tomorrow, they will have their own shared lunch on Tuesday next week.***



Coming Events:

Thursday 19 th June	Interschool Rugby Matariki Shared Lunch
Friday 20 th June	Matariki – No School
Friday 27 th June	Last Day of Term 2 PJ Slumber and Movie day
Monday 14 th July	Term 3 Starts

Children Away From School? - If your child needs to be away from school, please contact the school office before 9.30am to let us know each day. You can phone on **827 2187**, email at admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz, text us on **0211647819** - or log an absentee on our website or Skool Loop App. Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.