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Dear Parents/Caregivers of Akomanga Rima tamariki,

We have just started a Matariki focus in Akomanga Rima, taught by Whaea Te Rina (our graduate student teacher from the University of Waikato). As part of this focus, we would like to take a trip to the Hamilton Gardens on Wednesday 14 June.

The reasons for this trip include:

- We will make two mauri (spirit) stones. One to keep, which holds our hopes and dreams and one, which holds our worries, will be put into the Waikato awa (river) so that the awa can wash away our worries. There is a perfect bay for this at the gardens.
- We will look at the moon and its cycle, along with how Māori traditionally used the moon and night sky to guide their gardening and harvesting practices. To support this learning, we will visit the Māori garden, sustainability garden and kai garden.
- Kai is an important part of tikanga Māori and Matariki celebrations, therefore we would like to end our visit with a shared kai picnic. Children are asked to bring a healthy snack to share with everyone at the Gardens.

We will leave kura at 9:30am and return to kura by 1.30pm. We need your support with;

- transport to and from the Gardens
- supervising a group of tamariki for our walk around the gardens

Along with the permission slip, please fill in and return the support slip below if you can help.

Ngaa mihi nui,

Hei kōnā mai rā, nā

Nicole Antoniadis

Kaiako - Akomanga Rima

Te Rina Owen

Graduate Student Kaiako - Akomanga Rima

AKOMANGA RIMA CLASS TRIP - To Hamilton Gardens on Wednesday 14 June. Please return by 1 June.

My child _____ from Akomanga Rima has permission to join the class trip to Hamilton Gardens on Wednesday 14 June.

I am able to support with transport and supervision to, from and at the Gardens (please tick)

I have a full licence, current WOF and Registration for the car I will use on this trip (please tick)

I can provide transport for _____ children (full crossbody seat belts ie. no lap belts)

Signed _____ (Parent/Caregiver)

Parent/Caregiver name and contact phone number for the day: _____