

Last week we, along with the rest of Aotearoa, celebrated Matariki. This is a special time for our country and marks the start of the Māori New Year. It is also a time when we reflect on the previous year, appreciate those close to us, and remember loved ones who have recently passed away.

It was wonderful walking around the school seeing the children fully engaged in a variety of Matariki activities. This was an opportunity for our older children (Tuakana) to work with our younger children (Teina) in creative ways.

Last Tuesday we hosted four schools for the annual Kī o Rahi tournament. Thank you to James Penman for organising this. We also had a special Hautapu Ceremony for whānau on Thursday morning where we fed the stars with a sacred offering and we capped off the week with our Matariki Moment on the courts where we said karakia and sang waiata.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for a great term. It has gone quickly. I hope you all get a chance to rest and spend time with your family and whānau.



Hautapu Ceremony in the māra/garden



Matariki art by Rhubee Templar - Akomanga 1

Kī o Rahi Tournament

Last week we had a kī o rahi tournament at my kura. At the start of the tournament the coaches did some presentations and Te Hihiri did some waiata. Then after all that we did a chant. The schools there were Koromatua, Hamilton East, Hamilton West and Woodstock. The first match played was Knighton vs Hamilton West and we started as taniwha. We won that match and the next match was us vs Ham East. We won that then lost 2 more matches and it was a good day!

By Kieran Kahukura - Akomanga 32

Last week we had a tournament for Matariki. The game was kī o rahi, a Māori cultural game. At the start we had a powhiri "haere mai". We did all types of songs. All the schools were Koromatua, Woodstock, Knighton, Hamilton West, Hamilton East. They were all competitive. In the middle of matches I would hear coaches' advice and one was "mark a player." We won 2 and lost 2 games and Woodstock took the W!

By Braxton Meldrum - Akomanga 32

Focus on Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on is student attendance.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age!. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If a student is away from school for more than 20 consecutive school days we are required by the Ministry of Education to remove them from our school roll.



Wheels Day

The Student Council is having a Wheels Day on **Thursday 4th July** in the **second** break. This is just for fun so no need to bring any donation. Tamariki must remember their helmet. They can bring scooters, skateboards, roller skates and roller blades but **NO** bikes because the court is too small for bikes.

The Student Council

Sport

Term 3 Inline Hockey registrations close 3pm this Thursday, 4th July. No late registrations can be accepted. The cost is \$30 and can be paid online via [My Kindo Shop](#) or at the office.

Term 3 Mini Ball registrations close 3pm this Thursday, 4th July - this is only for the year 4, 5, & 6 children who played in term 2. No late registrations can be accepted. The cost is \$35 and can be paid online via [My Kindo Shop](#) or at the office.

Yummy School Sticker Programme



If you would like to collect the yummy fruit stickers we have collection sheets at the office.



Community Notices

Intermediate School Information

Peachgrove Intermediate Open Day

Monday 29th July 9:30am, 1:30pm and 7:00pm.

Year 6 students will be going to the 9:30am session with school

Orientation days for students interested in:

Bilingual Class: 29 October 9:00 - 11:00 am

Gate Class: 29 October 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Sports Class: 30 October 9:00 - 11:00 am

Enrolments are done online and submitted directly to the school. ***Applications close 30 October 2024**

Contact Peachgrove directly for more information:

office@peachgrove.school.nz or 07 855 7596

Berkley Intermediate School

Term 2

Week 10 - 2025 Prospectus/enrolment packs available.

Term 3

Information Evening: Thursday 1 August.

***ALL enrolment forms must be received at Berkley school office by 4pm Friday 30 August 2024.**

Ballot for out-of-zone enrolments Wednesday 11 Sept.

Contact Berkley directly for more information:

office@berkley.school.nz 07 856 6537

Lost Property



Please come and look through the lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office regularly. Named items can be returned to children but unfortunately most of the clothing that is lost by children is unnamed.

All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated.



Note your calendar

5 July - 3:00pm - End of Term 2

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

22 July - 9:00am - Term 3 starts

26 July - 9:00am - Learning Community Hub

29 July - Peachgrove Intermediate Open Day

29 July - 1:50pm - New Entrant visits begin

1 August - Berkley Middle School Open Evening

5 August - 6:00pm - Board of Trustees Hui

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Campbell

Principal