



25th June 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Next Thursday and Friday, as part of our Matariki focus and celebrations, we will be holding two Whanau Group days. Half the school will visit Waikare Marae on Waerenga Road, and the other half will be at school - the next day they will alternate.

Students in Whangamarino (Red) and Waikato (Yellow) will be going to the Marae on Thursday 30th June.

Students in Waikare (Blue) and Whangape (Green) will be going to the Marae on Friday 1st July.

Upon arrival at the Marae students will be welcomed on with a Powhiri then take part in a variety of activities and games. While at school they will work within their Whanau groups also on activities that link to Matariki. In next week's newsletter you will be advised of the classroom your child will need to go to on these days.

For both of the days students are invited to wear their whanau colours.

Things to note:

- There will be NO lunch orders next Friday - 1st July
- Students will need to bring the following to school each day
 - Packed lunch
 - Shoes and socks
 - Water bottle
 - Rain jacket

Those groups going to the Marae will be leaving school by bus at 9am. They will return to school at about 2.30pm. There is no cost for this day.

You are most welcome to join us for all or part of the day at the Marae. We also welcome your support at the Marae. If you are able to help for the day please advise your child's teacher.

If you have any questions, or would prefer your child did not participate in this visit please also speak with their teacher.

Nga mihi

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