

# Week 10 Term 2 2023

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Kia ora e te whānau

We have finally made it to the end of Term 2!

## Support Staff Week

We are very fortunate to have such a lovely support staff at Tawhai, and this week we have been celebrating and acknowledging all the wonderful things that they do for our tamariki and our school. Some of the students made some delightful cards for them, and throughout the week they were spoiled with little treats from their secret buddies. On Friday they also had a delicious 'THANK YOU' morning tea. We are very grateful for the amazing work that our support staff do and our school could not operate without them.



## Regional Cross Country

On Thursday 3 students represented Lower Hutt at the Regional Cross Country in Masterton. Madison (room 3) came 14th in the year 4 race, Isaac (room 14) came 5th in the year 5 race, and Joel (room 14) came 13th in the Year 6 race. We are incredibly proud of their amazing effort.

Issac will now go on to represent the Wellington region at the Nationals in Christchurch next term. We wish him every success!



## Matariki/Puanga Celebrations - Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along for our open afternoon yesterday to celebrate our learning. It was great to see so many whānau keen to see what our tamariki have been busy doing. We were also treated to a short performance by our Tawhai Performance group after the class visits.

The children were very excited to be able to share all their hard mahi from this term and they were very proud of what they had achieved. Everyone has been working hard all term and this was evident in all the fantastic work that was on display.



## Food Donations

A big thank you to our families who donated food for our local community to acknowledge Maratriki. These food items will be delivered to the Stokes Valley Foodbank, Mario's Pantry and Koraunui Marae today. What a wonderful initiative from our Community Rangatira!

## Values Assembly

Today we had a special assembly to acknowledge those students who consistently show their best Tawhai kura values. The teachers selected one child from their class and the chosen student was presented with a special T-shirt and a values certificate. It was lovely hearing all the amazing things that our tamariki have been doing and we are very proud of them. They are truly awesome role models!



### Staffing Changes - Term 3

We welcome back Hannah Bui who will be teaching in Room 9A for term 3. Hannah has been away on parental leave and she will be replacing Anna Sissons who will be on leave for the term. Please feel free to pop in and see Hannah before or after school, or you can contact her on [hannah@tawhai.school.nz](mailto:hannah@tawhai.school.nz).

We also look forward to our Principal, Karen Poole returning from sabbatical leave and sharing her research findings with us. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the staff, our Board of Trustees and the Tawhai community for your support and kind words whilst I was Acting Principal this term. I have really

appreciated this support and I have enjoyed being given the opportunity to lead the school in Karen's absence.

Have a great holiday everyone, and I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Ngā mihi nui  
Sharon Boese