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Term 2 Tales 2021

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From the Principal's Desk

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James Thomas
Principal

2022 Enrolments

2022 Enrolment Dates Information Evening

Thursday 5 August @ 7.00 pm

School Tours

Thursday 12 August @ 9.15 am

Tuesday 26 October @ 11.45 am

Enrolment Interview Evenings

(bookings by appointment – details to follow)

Thursday 12 August

Tuesday 17 August

Wednesday 8 September

Thursday 28 October

Tuesday 16 November

All 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

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Year 7 Matariki Display

Mairangi Arts Centre Matariki and 30th Birthday Celebrations

All Year 7 learners were invited to design a flag with the theme of Matariki. They are part of the exhibition on at MAC for the time frame mentioned in the Year 8 article below. These photos show the flags, the Year 8 Matariki mural and Year 7 teachers, Emma Waretini and Karen Turner.



Year 8 Visual Arts



Over the last few weeks, the Term 2 Year 8 Visual Arts classes have been working on a large canvas mural to celebrate Matariki - The Māori New Year. The theme is based on the Matariki star Waitā, which is related to the ocean and the food it provides. Learners created stencils to add koru designs to the background and made painted canvas fish, sea weed and shellfish, along with creating the elements special to Matariki.

The mural is being displayed at the Mairangi Arts Centre, 20 Hastings Road, Mairangi Bay from until Sunday 18 July 2021.

Kathie Boyd
Head of Department, The Visual Arts

Big Sing

On Thursday 24 June, the Senior Choir participated in the Big Sing at Auckland Town Hall. They sang three songs which they have been working on since the start of the year. The best one was chosen by the adjudicator for them to sing at the evening Gala Concert. Thanks to Mrs Lisa Williams and Mr Lisiata Haunga for coming on the trip and helping to make it a special day.



Showquest



On Wednesday 30 June, a large team of learners went off to the Aotea Centre to perform on the 12m x 16m stage. It was an awesome experience for everyone involved. The Whangaparaoa College team received awards for *Best Theme* and *Most Effective Use of LED Video Wall*.

The learners epitomised our college values and were a pleasure to spend the day with. A big thank you to the senior learners, teachers and parents who made this whole event possible.

Emma Williams
Cultural Arts Director

For the photo and video link, click [here](#)



Gateway

Our learners taking Gateway have been busy attending their work experience placements this term. I want to extend a huge thank you to our local community business owners, who have supported us hugely in welcoming these learners into their work places, giving them opportunities to learn about their career choices. As a result, some learners have been offered apprenticeships in their chosen trades, which is fantastic. Plans and pathways are being put in place to ensure these learners have a smooth transition from college to full time employment. Some learners will continue into Term 3 to complete this module, followed by their assessments, and we look forward to more positive feedback.

We also have 10 learners completing Gateway training via our outside provider ServiceIQ. They are gaining skills and experience in the services industry. Part of their placement also allows them to gain additional unit standards and make professional contacts, both of which can help open doors to a wide range of jobs and careers in aviation, tourism, hospitality and retail service.

We have received great feedback from The Warehouse in Silverdale, where these 10 learners are gaining retail experience. Well done Team Gateway!

A couple of our learners called in during morning tea to say hi to their class, so I took a couple of quick pics.

Sue McKay, Gateway Programme Facilitator



Year 10 French Bakery Trip



The Year 10 French class enjoyed the annual trip to La Tropezienne French bakery in Browns Bay. They were able to order in French and sample some wonderfully authentic cuisine. It was a fantastic day.

Stuart Moss, HoD French

Dance

On Friday 11 June, seven of our Year 9 learners (**Lisa Murata, Samaira Chawla, Sarah Chawla, Shilei Ralph, Keziya Comer, Rose Schultze and Mia Van Zyl**) competed at the National Dance Challenge held at Kristin School. These talented learners choreographed the dance themselves and worked hard during their lunchtimes to perfect it. They danced in the Lyrical in the School Division, performing fantastically, making the school proud, and gaining a Bronze award. Well done girls! **Emma Williams, HoD Dance**



Evolocity

Eight learners from Whangaparaoa College spent a full day at Auckland University Engineering for the Evolocity Team Build Day on Saturday 12 June. Led by University staff, they learned about the Arduino Chip and programming. There were 75 learners in total at this workshop.



Year 7 Creative Writing Extension Group

The True Story of Matariki

Written by Emma Papai

Matariki is the Pleiades star cluster, well everyone tells me that except my Dad. My Dad tells me a story every night so I remember to appreciate what we have.

So here is the same story that he tells me!

Before the gods set foot in our world, everything was dark. Gases were floating around and all was silent. But suddenly, there was a flash of light and a sceptre appeared in the sky. It had a golden handle and a blue stone on top of it. It made the solar systems, planets, black holes and filled our universe with life. All seemed fine for a few eons until the sceptre got tired of helping people, it wanted freedom.

Everyone wanted something, so the sceptre gave it to them; it didn't get a single thank you. People were getting greedy, and the sceptre was sick of it. It started having evil and malicious intentions, to wreak havoc on the world. The sceptre wanted a world of chaos, so the people would pay and learn to appreciate his gifts to them. The sceptre raged across the universe and poisoned some planets, contaminating the Earth with illness and disease, he punished the gods by locking them away for eternity.

As he looked for people to discipline, he came across a country called New Zealand, on a planet called Earth, that was inhabited by the Maori people. There was something different about them that the sceptre hadn't seen before. They worked together, they shared what they had with everyone. They used the resources they had and appreciated the food that they were given by the gods. The sceptre was touched, these people weren't greedy at all. These people figured things out on their own. The sceptre had an idea, what if he destroyed himself? That would mean that people wouldn't be able to ask him for anything ever again. It would also mean that it could teach people a lesson on how to not get used to the luxury of asking for something and getting it right away. He had a thought on how to destroy himself, a genius one. It was to give himself away to the people who deserve it the most. The sceptre travelled to the point that was right above New Zealand in the sky, then broke himself into nine pieces turning into the Pleiades star cluster helping the Maori to find their way.

Forever to be celebrated at our Matariki.

Matamata Sports Camp



Here are our Year 7 & 8 learners before heading off to sports camp. Happy smiley faces ready for a week of fun and competition. Good luck!

Careers



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Upcoming Events

July	26	Term 3 Begins
	28	Netball Zone Day Wahine Riders
	29	Torpedo Hilary Get 2 Go Challenge
August	31	Auckland Youth Jazz Festival
	2	Year 8 Science MOTAT
	3	Year 8 Science MOTAT Year 7&8 Vision Testing catch-up L2/3 History Trip
	4	Year 9 Tug of War Year 8 Mud Run, Helensville Sports Ground
	5	Year 8 Science MOTAT L2/3 PHED Trip Enrolment Information Evening, 7.00-8.00 pm
	6	Year 8 Science MOTAT
	7	Senior School Ball
	10	Staff Only Day
	11	Options Evening

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