

## Te Kura o Taitoko ki Te Tokerau

Ko Rāpare, tekau ma ono oPipiri : Thursday 16 June 2022

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### Wisps and plumes

This week I am sharing some of my recent learning experiences and I have called this 'reflection' **wisps and plumes**. This is because on a Thursday, when I am doing this learning, there is smoke coming out of my ears, sometimes just little wisps (because things aren't too tricky) and other times these are plumes of smoke because I am seriously challenged in what I am trying to understand!

Every Thursday for nine weeks I have been involved in the manaiakalani digital fluency intensive and I have had to blog, learn about CARRP (truth on the internet), manipulate google sheets, develop google sites, use google draw and lots more!

I have had to learn something, create something with what I have learned and then share it and it is **VERY CHALLENGING**.

I am reminded of how hard it must be for some of our little people at times and we just say "come on you can do it" - maybe we need to rethink this phrase!

I feel like I have stepped into a giant maze and it is taking quite a while to work out how to get out....BUT I am getting there! (Mrs C)



**Remember: NO  
SCHOOL Next  
FRIDAY - 24 JUNE -  
This is the first  
ever Matariki  
Celebration Day in  
the history of  
Aotearoa NZ!**

The learning MAZE... HELP



Last week saw the second edition of our student celebration 'newsletter' which was created by the SCT (Student Celebration Team) for you. The kids from each class choose what they want to celebrate and then one of them writes this.

I love the variety of things included... from the weapons to art, to science focusses, to recycling (fork puppets).

We hope that this is helping you at home to see what your kids are learning about and maybe even prompting some conversations :-)

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**Kotahitanga**, We own what we do, we have a sense of being together, we belong, **Manawanuitanga**:Determination to do our best and never give up



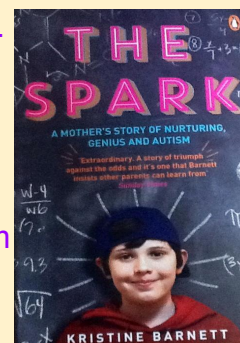
Hard at work in Room 14 using fine motor skills to develop a Samoan inspired art work! - Tapa cloth...

Matariki stars (Room 12) made from harakeke...

Watch out for more about matariki over the next couple of weeks.



Kristine Barnett's son Jacob has an IQ higher than Einstein's, a photographic memory, and he taught himself calculus in two weeks. At nine he started working on an original theory in astrophysics that experts believe may some day put him in line for a Nobel Prize, and at age twelve he became a paid researcher in quantum physics. But the story of Kristine's journey with Jake is all the more remarkable because his extraordinary mind was almost lost to autism. At age two, when Jake was diagnosed, Kristine was told he might never be able to tie his own shoes."



#### Winter illnesses and THANK YOU!

Covid has been through my family over the past few weeks and for my grandson it followed a really nasty cold which saw him at home for 8 days! He was away for a total of 20 days (he was desperate to get back to school) and because he is a little person his mum and dad were also off work!

Unfortunately they fell like dominoes - one after the other!

I understand how hard it is when this happens in families...and how hard it is to try to follow the health advice when you also have to pay the rent, power and put food on the table... but we would like to take the opportunity to say...



Thanks for keeping your kids at home when they are sick...our teachers and other families really appreciate it!

#### Celebrating Autism

Last Friday we had our 'Staff' Only Day. Celeste Littek (our Learning Support Coordinator) ran a terrific session for us all to help us to understand the amazing minds of neurodiverse learners. The book above is highly recommended!

Neurodiverse learners are those whose brain wiring is not typical and includes people with ADHD; dyslexia; dyspraxia; dyscalculia; foetal alcohol spectrum; Tourette's; etc...

The focus for the session was on understanding how people with this brain wiring 'operate' and how we can interact with them to help them to be successful at school.

I loved the Māori word for 'autism': (Keri Opai) 'Takiwātanga'. It is derived from the notion of "tōku/tōna anō takiwā" meaning "my/his/her own time and space".

(Te Tau Titoki: A framework for supporting people on the autism spectrum).

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## Noel Leeming Competition Time

Tell us how your school is promoting this special event to your Kura Whanau (School Community) for a chance to **win a \$250 Noel Leeming Voucher**. [CLICK HERE](#) to enter, it's that simple.



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