

Kia ora/Greetings

**Matariki**

Look up at the sky!

Matariki is here but is it going to shimmer or fade?

I feel ecstatic faces filling the air with happiness.

Singing, dancing, eating, having fun with family.

Telling old stories that got passed on to another.

Sitting down, saying the names of the seven stars.

Talking with one another laughing all day long.

But the most important... spending time with family.

By Jasmin Bagha

Parent Conversations

Parent conversations are taking place this week.

Thank you to the whānau that have already booked our parent conversations.

Normal Schools working with the Open Polytechnic

Yesterday I was invited to attend a meeting in Wellington with leaders from the Open Polytech. They are considering an exciting opportunity to create a pathway to teaching for learning assistants and kaiawhina. This approach could also see opportunities to grow the diversity of the teaching workforce—something that is very needed. It is great to have the Normal and Model Schools across the country taking the lead in this.

Thank you!

Wow.... it is the last week of school and it's amazing to think that we have been connected for 22 school weeks.

We have been face to face learning, learning from home and then a combination of the two! Thank you for your support during this unique time and for trusting us to do the best for your child(ren).

Term three is looking to be an action packed, fun term for our learners!

I hope you are all able to take some time to stop, reflect and spend some time together.

Term Three Property Update

We are hopeful that the Te Hihiri refurbishment will be complete mid term three, and two new classes will be coming to the school later in the term. The new storage area should be completed shortly. Another project planned for this year is installing astroturf on the front court.

Berkley Enrolments

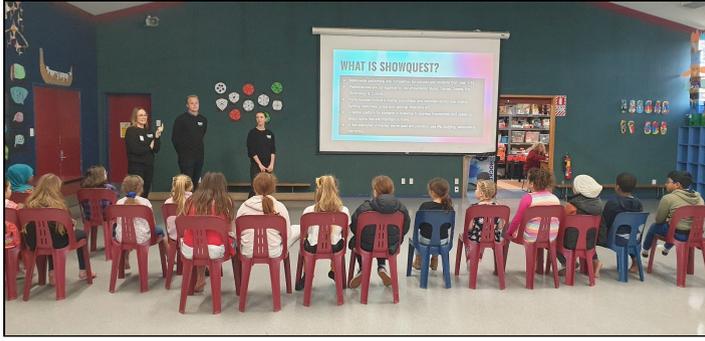
The critical date for all enrolments to be received at the Berkley school office this year is **Wednesday 26 August** (term 3, week 6).

Prospectus and enrolment forms are going to be sent home this week with our year 6 students.

Wednesday 5 August Term 3 Week 3 - Berkley is holding an Information Evening.

All families are invited to this event, which aims to provide parents and students with information about teaching and learning at Berkley. A flyer will be enclosed in the prospectus, which gives specific details about this evening.

Show Quest



Today we had the team from Showquest visit our own Showquest crew of performers – a mix of children from the middle and senior team. The visitors included Kelsey and Lucy who are two of the organisers of the event (which is now a screen event), and Taylor Mansfield who is a music video videographer – he made the Soaked video for Benee.

We learnt about different lighting, taking the best shots and using more than one camera to shoot. We got some cool tips like using cellophane over our camera lens to change the effect.

There were some awesome questions at the end, and now we know how to keep the camera dry in the rain!

Thanks Showquest crew for being awesome...our movie is going to BRILLIANT

Ms A

'I am Matariki'

My name is Matariki. I am the oldest star. I am shiny like a diamond and as pretty as a peacock. To many, I am the sign of a new year and to some I am a sign of good harvest and crops. I gather people together and send hope and faith out to everyone. I am Matariki.

By Milly Paenga & Fern Melis-Goodin

Holiday programmes:

- Destination Earth
6th – 11th July, 10:30am & 1pm shows *Greetings, explorers!*
You've been cleared for take-off, so climb aboard the S.S. Meteor and make your way through the galaxy to a strange planet filled with very peculiar creatures – welcome to Destination: Earth.

Learn all about planet Earth and it's amazing and unique inhabitants as you make your way across the vast and incredible universe.

<http://themetor.co.nz/event/destination-earth/>

- Write like an Author" is an internationally acclaimed writing course that teaches young writers the skills and techniques that professional authors use to create their stories.

"Draw Like an Artist" is our concurrent illustration course that teaches young artists the skills and techniques that professional illustrators use.

Held at **Southwell School** during the school holidays, starting on **Monday, July 13, 2020** and running until **Wednesday, July 15, 2020.**

Our websites are www.writelikeanauthor.com and www.drawlikeanartist.com.

- Squiggle is pleased to be opening for the July holidays! Our theme is about Aotearoa and we'll be learning about Matariki, performing waiata and haka, doing fun STEM challenges, cool arts and crafts, games and heading off to 10-Pin Bowling and Leap!

Enrolments are open now

–www.squiggle.org.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Stuart Armistead

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