



Newsletter 11: 20th July 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back for Term Three! It was an early start for many of us who enjoyed the Matariki celebrations on Monday morning. Thank you to everyone who came along to mark the occasion with us. It is an important time for us to celebrate as a community while setting goals for the year ahead. You can read more about our celebration further below in our newsletter.

We have also returned to school with our 150th sweatshirts finally here! All the sweatshirts have been delivered, so if you ordered one, you should have one. If not, pop into the office, and we can track it down for you!



Welcome to our new staff member

We are excited to welcome Bailey Grantham to room 5. Bailey has joined us from Canada, and we are excited to have her on our team! If you see her in the school or hear the Canadian accent around, help us make her feel at home.

Camp information is coming!

I know the end of the year is a long way away, but we are gearing up for camps and EOTC week activities. Children in years 4-8 will get information next week outlining the plan for the camp.

We will be hosting parent information sessions in the staffroom on Thursday, the 10th of August. The information meetings are helpful for anyone who wants more information about the camps and what your children will be doing on camp. If you are thinking you'd like to come along as a parent helper to assist our team in making camp the best experience for every child, come along and hear about what our parent helpers will be doing.

X hen; Thursday 10th August, Year 4-6 parents 5:00 pm, Year 7-8 parents 6:00 pm

X here; The Staff room, upstairs above the office. Come up the stairs in the central courtyard

X hy; Find out all about camp experiences for children and how to be a parent helper

Red Nose Day: Friday, 28th July

Parnell District School has a long-established relationship with the amazing team at Cure Kids. We have had Cure Kids ambassadors in our school over the years, and we have seen first-hand the amazing work that Cure Kids does to support children and research illnesses that affect children. We are excited to support them on Red Nose Day!

Red Nose Day 2023

HELP US HELP.

How can you help?

Donate a gold coin and Wear Red on Friday, the 28th of July. We want everyone to wear red to show our support for red nose day.

Buy a red nose or Cure Kids merch. You will be able to buy a red nose, bracelet, or pin from our student leaders on Thursday the 27th after school, Friday the 28th before and after school. Minimum donation amounts apply to different products.

Make a donation. See our student leaders to donate directly to cure kids.





Important Dates: Term Three

Term Three: 17th July - 22nd September

21/7	No Assembly today, <i>EZ Netball</i>
24/7	Week 2, PAT testing this week
28/7	Assembly: Room 4, OE begins, Red Nose Day
31/7	Week 3
2/8	Whānau and friends meeting
4/8	School Cross Country
7/8	Week 4, STEAM FOCUS WEEK
9/8	Non-uniform Day - gold coin donation
10/8	Camp information meeting
11/8	Assembly: Room25
14/8	Week 5, <i>BS/EZ Cross Country</i> Third inquiry: Energy
18/8	Assembly: Room 29
21/8	Week 6
25/8	Assembly: Room 6
28/8	Week 7
1/9	Assembly: Room20, New parent breakfast
4/9	Week 8
5/9	<i>BS Basketball</i>
6/9	Whānau and Friends meeting, Tokomaru Bake sale
8/9	Assembly: Room 5
11/9	Week 9, <i>EZ Girls Basketball</i> Book Fair
13/9	Priority Learner Meetings
14/9	<i>EZ Boys Basketball</i>
15/9	Assembly: Enviro, Term 3 reports
18/9	Week 10
22/9	Tokomaru Assembly, Book Character Parade

Parnell District School Merch

We have limited supplies of the 150th Birthday merchandise still available from the office. See the range of merch available below (while stock lasts).

PDS Tote Bag	PDS Yoyo	Student Name Towel	PDS 150th Badge	Croc Charms (Jibbitz)
				
\$8.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$12.00

Matariki Celebrations 2023

We arrived at school in the darkness of the morning at 5:45am. Everyone gathered and walked down to Resolution Point with our whānau and friends. We opened with a karakia and waiata sung by the Kapahaka group. The Choir sang Te Aroha.

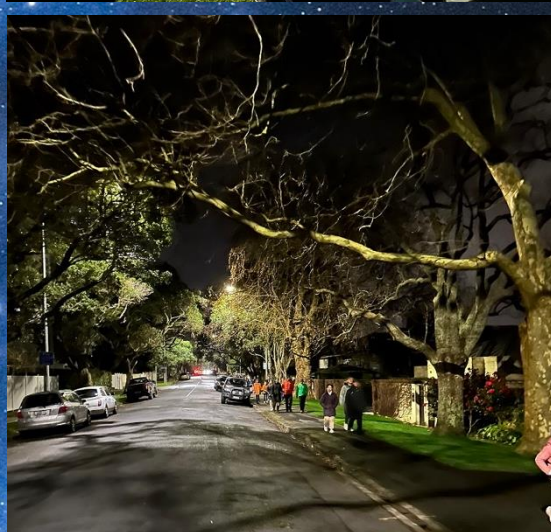
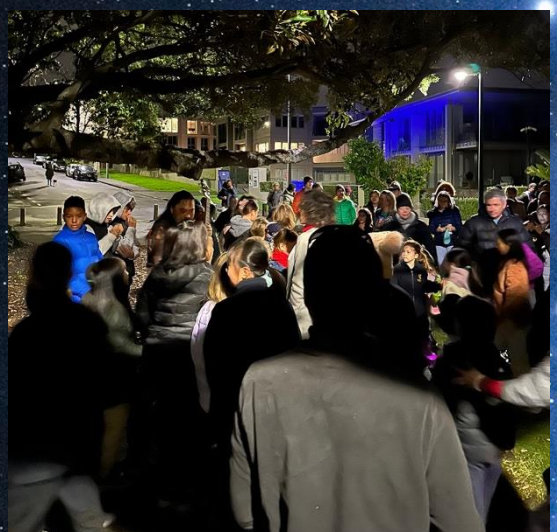
After these beautiful waiata we started to look for Matariki rising in the north over Rangitoto. We used our star guide apps so we knew where to look but there was too much cloud to see it.

Then we came back to school and looked at the stars of Pohutukawa – acknowledging those that have passed away over the past year and the star of Hiwa I te rangi – the wishing star of hopes and dreams. We wrote our wishes and blessings for those who had passed on paper that we buried under our new Matariki trees. Our Matariki garden is growing on these wishes every year. After this we had our kai to help us return to noa or the real world again!

Myah and Tayla hosted our Matariki assembly and told everyone about our wishing tree. We joined our buddy classes to write our goals for the year that will be attached to our tree in the corridor by the dance room. Have a look at it.

Manawatia a Matariki!

By Elizabeth Barrie and Nicole Santos



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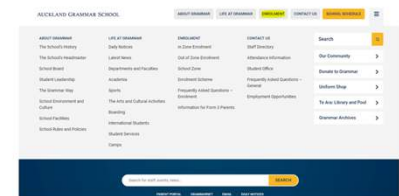
AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2024 In Zone Enrolments

A reminder that In Zone enrolments for 2024 are now open. We encourage you to complete your online application as soon as possible. Please submit applications for Term 1 2024 by Friday 15 September 2023.

1) Go to the Auckland Grammar School website (www.ags.school.nz)



2) Click on 'Enrolment' (highlighted), from the top menu



3) Scroll down to 'In Zone Enrolment' and click 'Read More' under the blurb



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