

Welcome to Week 5

We are now officially in winter and we have been experiencing some interesting weather. From cold blasts from the south to days warm enough to contemplate dipping the toes in the sea. It was great to have such good weather over the Queen's birthday break and it appeared from the traffic on the roads that lots of folk got out there and enjoyed it.



This week is the final week of our Keeping Ourselves Safe Unit with Constable Mary-Ann. The students have been really good about participating in this unit and hopefully taking on-board the messages to keep them-selves safe. You may see Constable Mary-Anne around town on billboards as she is one of the officers being used to promote safety messages in a current campaign on abuse.

### Tapuwae

Our older students will be heading to Moanatairi School today for a practice with the kids there in preparation for the up-coming Matariki Tapuwae Tournament on Friday 14 June. The saving day for this event is the following Thursday. Remember also, this is water only day – no fizzy drink or sports drinks are permitted. Mr Pilcher will travel with our students and Lorraine will accompany them as well. The tournament will be held at Parawai School this year beginning about 9.30 – you welcome to go along and support the students.

### Nits

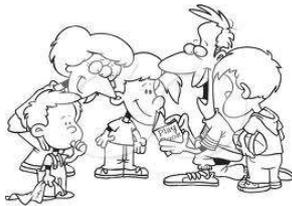
The dreaded beasties are **back! Please** can you check your children's hair and treat if necessary. It only takes one child not to be treated for a small outbreak to occur.



### Reading

I am currently in the middle of completing running records on all students. This is a test of their reading and comprehension. It is important that children understand what they are reading and you might like to try questioning your child when they read to you, to

see if they understand the storyline of the book. You can move from simple questions that only require a yes or no response, to more involved questions where your child might need to delve back into the text to locate the answer or justify their response. Often children will bring into the discussion information they have sourced from another location – the tv or another book they have read, but try to encourage them to use the text they are reading as the source for their responses. It is ok for them to acknowledge they have other information that may not match what they are reading but they can indicate that perhaps by saying ‘in this book it says’ ... but I know... The children should have access to the book to help them during this time. Another idea is to quickly read the story that comes home and then ask the child to retell it to you, making sure they are sequencing the events in order or giving a full account of the characters or setting for instance. Most children – particularly younger children enjoy being read to as well so you could always share a story with the children by way of a change from them reading to you – or maybe you are a great storyteller and can create a great story for them to listen to.



Regards

Judy Carroll

Principal

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**Matariki Tapuwae Tournament**

**Food Order Form**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Sausage Sizzle	Cheese	Spaghetti	Pineapple	Baked Beans	Onion	Apple	Combo	Hot Drink	Fruit Juice	TOTAL
\$2.00	Toasties \$2.50 (2 fillings)					50c	Juice, Toastie, Apple \$4.00	ADULTS ONLY	\$1.50	

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**SCHOOL LUNCHES**

**Please Notice attached the latest lunch order sheet.  
disregard all others.**

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## Newsletter

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