

## Support staff week 7th - 10th July



Last week was Support Staff week! Kāore te kūmara e kōrero ana mo tona ake reka, the kumara does not brag about its own sweetness. This is why we have a week where schools around New Zealand recognise the AMAZING work that our Support Staff do. At Birchville School we are so lucky to have such a great team of Support Staff who help keep our school looking beautiful, helping our students with their learning, making sure people know what's going on, looking after students when they get sick, the list goes on! These fabulous people keep our school ticking over with their dedication, knowledge and skills. Shout out to SUPPORT STAFF, you rock!

### Big things coming up

#### Matariki Trips!

Group 1 on Monday 20th  
Group 2 on Wednesday 22nd

We are going to Whirinaki as well as the Upper Hutt Library

#### Matariki Celebration!

Wednesday 22nd June

See the flyer in the newsletter for all the important information

#### Matariki Public Holiday!

Friday 24th June

TE IWA O MATARIKI  
THE NINE STARS OF MATARIKI



### Bits and pieces!

#### Reporting Absences

When reporting an absence please give an explanation or describe symptoms if unwell. [HERE](#) is a great fact sheet about influenza.



#### Change of weather

Please make sure your child(ren) have a change of clothes in their bag - the puddles are inviting!

#### Get involved!



- Put your hand up to help out where needed
- Join in on activities that you don't usually do
- Have a go at things
- Ask questions if you are unsure of something
- Have fun on our school trip

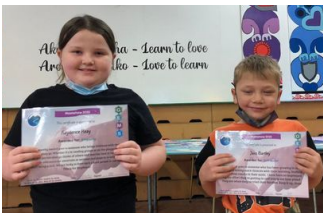
Focus until Friday 8th July



## Mana - be a positive role model awards



## ASSEMBLY Award Winners



## Linewize and Cyber Safety

Did you know that Birchville School uses Linewize to support our endeavour to keep students safe when online at school?

We have had some instances of students at home where they have been playing online games such as Fortnite, Roblox and Minecraft and have brought their grievances/arguments into the playground. That's not an issue that we should be dealing with at school. It's really important that you are aware of who they are playing with, and what they are saying! Here is a free resource to help with some conversations - [birchville.cybersafetyhub.nz](http://birchville.cybersafetyhub.nz)

Here's a little information flyer about everything that Linewize provides for Birchville School [HERE](#)

### Sushi

Available to order each Tuesday through [Lunchonline](#)

### PTA Lunch

Available to order for **30th June** through the School Office

### Tricky's

Available to order each Friday through [Lunchonline](#)

## What's coming up / reminders

- ❑ **Whirinaki School Trip**  
Monday 20th June  
Wednesday 22nd June
- ❑ **Matariki Celebration**  
Wednesday 22nd June
- ❑ **Matariki Observed - No School**  
Friday 24th June
- ❑ **Sapphire - Interschool Football - no entries!**  
Wednesday 29th June
- ❑ **Maidstone Whānau Info Evening for Yr 6**  
Thursday 30th June
- ❑ **Movie Night**  
Thursday 7th July
- ❑ **Last Day of Term**  
Friday 8th July - Finish at 3pm



### Birthdays coming up

**Moonstone:** Aria Walsh, Madison Lui & Jad Mohammed

**Sapphire:** Rhys Watson, Lexi Brickell & Andrew Van der Berg

### Quick links

GEMS [video](#) just in case you didn't see it!

Buying something from Noel Leeming? Look at these [two promotion](#) flyers

Any wahine toa. Yrs 4-6 interested in have a go sports? Look [here](#)



## GYMFEST 2022

We had the opportunity to attend the GYMFEST for Upper Hutt Schools recently. It was broken into Year 1-3 and Years 4-6. Thank you to Mandy Abels and Robyn Thayer for making it a successful trip!

## ASSEMBLY

**Greenstone Block** will be hosting our last Full School ASSEMBLY for the term on **Friday 8th July**. You are more than welcome to come and celebrate along with us!



WHAKANUIA MATARIKI

*Nau Mai Haere Mai*

WHIRINAKI WHARE TAONGA

*Friday 24 June · 1pm to 4pm · Free to all*

Celebrate our national holiday with a fun filled family day featuring music, food and stars.

**Make a star** for our installation inspired by **Maiangi Waitai: Atea-a-Rangi**, sample some **Paraoa Parai** (complete with golden syrup), try **flax weaving** and enjoy some **waiata**.



## Birchville School Board Invites you...

The School Board would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the school community to attend the next School Board meeting on **Thursday 30th June** to discuss the possibility of moving to an 18 month election cycle. We will be electing new Board members in September so this is a good time for anyone interested to come along and get a feel of what this requires. If this is of interest to you please join us at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

*Scrapbooking  
clearance  
SALE*

50% OFF EVERYTHING

25 June 9am - 2pm  
Trentham School Hall



**KickStart  
BREAKFAST**



We're still running our Kickstart Breakfast Club Monday - Friday



Your tamariki can find us at:  
Location: School Hall  
Time: 8:30am - 9am

**Advertise your business** - For a small koha which will go straight towards the Year 6 dinner at the end of the year, you can have an advertising space for your business. Please contact Kelly at the office if you would like to do this.

# Matariki extra information

Kia Ora e te Whānau,

Our Matariki/Māori New Year celebration evening is on Wednesday 22nd June, starting at 5.00pm rain or shine! We would love all our whānau to come and celebrate with us.

A quick timeline of the evening:

5.00pm	Whānau arrive
5.15pm	Whānau to meet in Emerald (old Moonstone) courtyard area
5.45 - 6.00pm	Whānau back in Hall for karakia mō te kai
6.30pm	S'Mores
6.45 - 7.00pm	Clean up, Pō Mārie (good evening/night)

What to bring:

- Kai for just your whānau plus any plate, cutlery etc that you may need.
- Water bottles or drinks. We will have tea and coffee.
- Gold coin Koha (donation) for S'Mores
- Warm clothes and an Umbrella if raining

**If you are available on Wednesday then we would love some help setting up!**



**Matariki celebration**  
Rāapa 22 o Hune 2022

Join us for a night of whānau, waiata, kai, panel reveal and S'mores

5:00 - 7:00pm  
in the hall at

**All the s'more reason to come!**

**BIRCHVILLE SCHOOL**  
Whānau kōwhiri i te huarua o te ao  
Te huarua kōwhiri i te huarua o te ao

**GEMS**

Please bring some kai for your whānau on the night (picnic style) and a gold coin koha for the s'mores

More information will be sent out soon!

