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Tēnā koutou katoa

On **Wednesday 26 June**, we are holding a special school event to celebrate Matariki, the Māori New Year. As a school, we have been strengthening our understanding of Te Ao Māori and we are excited to be starting this event at 5pm with a powhiri. Our senior Kapa Haka, Ngā Manu ti Oriori, will be leading this event.

We would like to extend a special invitation to any whanau, students and staff who are new to our kura to stand as manuhiri (visitors) and be welcomed into our Greenacres community. If you are able to attend please be at school by 4.50pm, manuhiri will meet in Room 1 and mana whenua in the hall.

Following the powhiri, we will share some kai in Te Rito and Tōtara. Our wonderful Garden to Table students and staff will be making something special for this event, however we would appreciate it if you could bring a small plate of food to share for our kai time. Please bring this to Te Rito or Tōtara before the powhiri.

From 5.40pm we will have a short presentation about Matariki in the hall and then the tamariki will be participating in activities (waiata, weaving, crafts, storytelling etc.) and they will also have the opportunity to look at the night sky through a telescope!

During the activities, parents and caregivers will be involved in discussions in the hall with staff where we will be seeking feedback and sharing information about:

- our strategic goals/vision
- the new 4Cs challenge curriculum
- Ka Hikitia and Tapasā
- Kahui Ako – our Tawa Schools cluster

Around 6.30pm we will come back together and share a karakia to finish the evening. In order to help us plan we need RSVPs by this **Friday 21 June**.

This evening was a fantastic success last year and we look forward to seeing you there. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi nui

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Thank you for the invitation. We will be attending the Matariki Event on 26 June.

Family Name:

Number of adults attending: _____ Number of children attending: _____