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Tēnā koutou katoa

On **Wednesday 20 June**, from 5pm until 6:30pm, we will be holding our very first school event to celebrate Matariki, the Māori new year. **Matariki** is the Māori name for the cluster of stars that rises in mid-winter and, for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. Each year many Matariki celebrations take place across New Zealand.

As this is our first time organising such an event, we would love to hear from anyone who has ideas about activities that we could run for the tamariki. We also welcome the involvement of anyone who has knowledge or an activity based around Matariki that they would like to share with our community.

You are invited to arrive at our school hall from 4:30pm to be ready for the powhiri at 5pm. It would be great if each family attending could bring a small plate of savoury food to share at kai time. Our wonderful Garden to Table students will also be preparing some food for this event.

We envision the event will run as follows:

Whānau arriving from 4:30pm and meet at the hall  
5pm Powhiri and kai  
5.35 Matariki intro – student presentation  
5.45 Activity stations in classrooms  
6.30 Closing karakia

We're really hoping for a clear and starry night, if you know anyone who is willing to bring a telescope please let us know. We hope you can join us for this special event.

Ngā mihi nui

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### Matariki RSVP return slip

Family name \_\_\_\_\_ no. attending. \_\_\_\_\_

I have an idea for a Matariki activity that I would like to share with you and or help with. My preferred method of contact is: in person/ phone/ email.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph no. \_\_\_\_\_