



# Nelson Park School

*In all things seek the highest*



**Principal: Sue Bewley**

**Date: 2 May 2016**

**School Starts at 9:00am and the gates open at 8:25. We appreciate your child arriving between these times.**

**For absent or late children please phone the office on 06-83524 99 or text a message to 027-2417403. If arriving late for school it is essential for parents or child to inform the office on arrival.**

## What's coming up

<b>2 - 26 May</b>	HB Hockey sessions
<b>6 May</b>	HB Duathlon
<b>11 May</b>	BOT Meeting
<b>12 May</b>	Napier Girls Drama Group performing for Kea Syndicate
<b>16 May</b>	Aquarium Visit - Rm4
<b>20 May - 2 June</b>	Kiwi Syndicate MTG Visits
<b>3 June</b>	BOT elections
<b>6 June</b>	Queens Birthday
<b>22/23 June</b>	Water Safety
<b>8 July</b>	Term 2 Ends

Kia koutou

Welcome back to school for Term 2. The topics for learning this term are a continued focus on "Creative Me" and bringing in "Matariki".

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter – late May or early June. For many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year.

Traditionally, Matariki was a time to remember those who had died in the last year. But it was also a happy event – crops had been harvested and seafood and birds had been collected. With plenty of food in the storehouses, Matariki was a time for singing, dancing and feasting.

Matariki, or Māori New Year celebrations were once popular, but stopped in the 1940s. In 2000, they were revived. Only a few people took part at first, but in just a few years thousands were honouring the 'New Zealand Thanksgiving'. A special feature of Matariki celebrations is the flying of kites – according to ancient custom they flutter close to the stars.

You can listen to the story reading of "The Seven Stars of Matariki on the following youtube site. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKL6V69RLxo>



We are planning a Matariki celebration at school on the evening of Wednesday June 8th. There will be celebrations of learning, singing and kai. Put this date in your diary as it will be a whanau affair. We are also hoping to open the new classroom block at this Matariki celebration on June 8th.

The senior school students will visit the Museum sometime in the next month for the Matariki learning displays and activities.

### Maths

This term we are involved in a Ministry of Education funded initiative to improve teaching and learning in Maths. This project is designed to give some children a boost through extra focused teaching. As well as taking part in this project we have Learning Support groups everyday for children in maths. The children in these groups receive extra teaching with Mrs Lesley Paulsen.

### Sport

Good luck to all the children who have entered the Duathlon at Frimley Park on this Friday 6th May. We have a Hockey Coach in school for the next four weeks teaching hockey skills and games with the children. Thanks to *Sport Hawkes Bay* for this programme.

Sport skills and games continues this term with Mike Pawson. Mike will also run games and activities in the lunch breaks this term. Thanks to *Kelly Sports* for this programme. We really appreciate the support and sponsorship that *Kelly Sports* provide to our school so that all children have the opportunity to participate in physical activity.

### LunchTimes

This term we are trialing a shortened lunch break. Children will return to class at 1.15pm rather than 1.25pm. This shortened break will mean children are not outside too long in the cooler weather and that over a shorter time they are more likely to stay focussed on meaningful play. School still closes at the same time of 2.45pm.

### Assemblies

School assemblies are held every second Friday in the school hall from 9.20-10.10. These are organised and run by our Year 6 school leaders. The assemblies are a great showcase of the talents and learning of the students at school. Parents and whanau are very welcome to attend these assemblies.

Sue Bewley, Principal



### KELLY SPORTS AFTERSCHOOL MULTISPORTS PROGRAM Term 2

Kelly Sports is offering its Multisport Programme on Wednesday's after school this term at Nelson Park School. Our After School Programs are designed specifically for year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports, with a different sport played each week. Our sessions feature individual and group skills for the featured sport followed by a modified game. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session. To enrol please visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) or for further info contact Rachel Weeks at [hb@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:hb@kellysports.co.nz) or phone 843-4219.



### 2016 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

✓ Make a difference  
Ki te whakapiki

Board of Trustees  
Election will take place  
on  
**Friday 3 June**

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters in the next week.

The NZSTA have provided the school with a resource for parents who want to know a bit more about the function of the Board of Trustees. Copies are available in the office.



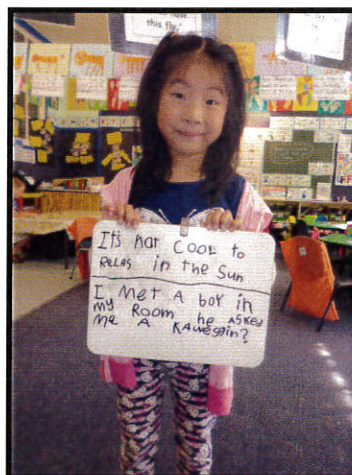
The Board of Trustees:

- Is accountable for student achievement
- Sets the vision for the school or kura
- Ensures the school or kura complies with legal and policy requirements

### Room 2

Ava with her  
pinecone creations

Jessica with her  
great story writing



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work together to help both YOU and  
Nelson Park School achieve a great result.

For every property that is listed and sold with us, we will give \$500 back towards Nelson Park School for them to use to benefit your children. The next school trip, the new playground equipment - it could be on us! Give us a call today, we would love to hear from you.



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