

Attendance: Please do your child a favour by sending them to school every day. Those students that attend every day are the ones that are making the fastest progress. Please only keep your children home if they are sick.

Huge thank you to Reta, Kyle and Emma for providing transport to Opononi for Netball. Your support is very much appreciated.

Week 7: Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th, Staff will be available for parent interviews between 8.00am-3.30pm. If you'd like an appointment then please phone us on **4053901** to advise a staff member of your preferred day and time.

UP & COMING EVENTS	
Friday, 1st September	Rippa Rugby at Rawene School (Yr 3-4) - 9.30am - 1.30pm
Wednesday, 6th September	Kiwi Tag at Northland College (Yr 5-6 & Yr 7-8) - 9.30am - 2.00pm
Friday, 27th October	Kapa Haka Festival - Rawene

NOTICE TO PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

If your contact information changes at any stage, please notify the office via email - admin@waima.school.nz

2023 BOT MEETING DATES

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
5th April	16th May & 13th June	8th August & 5th September	24th October & 28th November

Ruma Tupu Teina

Thank you to all of our amazing whanau who are listening to our juniors read each night. Thank you for supporting our students to become successful readers. Together we can make a difference!!! Good attendance and a good nights sleep are key to our students learning. Students who come to school tired are disadvantaged as they are unable to concentrate, listen and take on full learning through out the day. Please ensure they have sufficient sleep and good attendance.

Ruma Tupu Tuakana

One of the focus areas of learning for Tupu Tuakana students this term is narrative texts. They are learning how to identify the different parts of a narrative text. We are currently working on how to use this knowledge to write our own stories. We have been practicing our planning skills and will be further developing our knowledge of different language features in order to write an interesting story. I can't wait to share some of their stories with you soon.

It has been a busy term so far with our students being involved in many different sports events. Recently students went to Opononi Area School to play netball. It was great to see all the students having fun and representing Waima in such a positive way.



Remember to use our website to keep updated about school information - www.waima.school.nz

We also have a Waima School Facebook group. You can find this group by following this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/400262154975410> , alternatively you can search for Waima School and you will find the page under the groups section.

Puawai

Welcome to week 6. Our year 5s - 8s had a great time playing netball at Opononi Area School. They had been practising hard with Whaea Roche and Whaea Mereana. Well done to you all. During weeks 1-3 we researched star constellations and the cluster of Matariki; examples below. We are now looking into the Milky Way and where Earth is situated within the Solar System.

Waitā

Also known as:
Taygete

A taonga of...
New Zealand

What is it?
Part of the Matariki cluster

Important Dates:
June

Waitā looks after the ocean. He is linked to marine life, and everything in the ocean. He is also linked to Tangaroa. Waitā is important to tides and flood waters because these are important to life in the ocean.

Waitā is the sixth star of the Matariki cluster and is twin to Waiti which is linked to freshwater. When you look up into the sky you will see Waitā just below his twin Waiti. This is because Waiti looks after freshwater and freshwater always flows down to salt water (Waitā).

Waitā belongs to the Taurus constellation. In Greek mythology Taygete (Waitā) is one of the Pleiades sisters, just like our Matariki and the nine sisters.

Waitā

Waitā is sixth star of the Matariki cluster.

Waitā is the god of the ocean. Waitā comes from its two names: wai meaning water and ta meaning salt.

Waitā looks after the ocean and Waitā looks after seafood.

Waitā is 100% a boy and there are countries where Waitā is very common.

Puanga

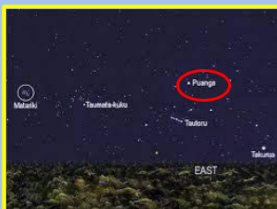
Also known as:
Rigel star

A taonga of:
NZ and all countries.

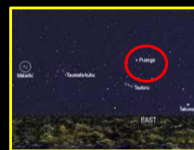
What is it?
It's a star that is not part of the Matariki cluster.

Important Dates:
Between May and June.

Puanga is not part of the Matariki cluster but he does appear in the sky just before Matariki. He is important to iwi who can't see the Matariki cluster because it is too low in the sky and Puanga is higher so they see him. Puanga rises between May and June in the early morning at the beginning of winter. He's the big blue star but he rises higher than Matariki and Orion. People celebrate Puanga to remember those who have passed on.



Puanga



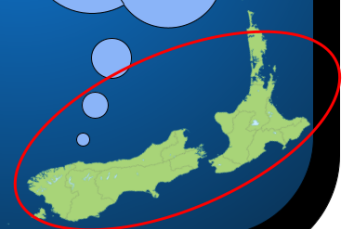
Puanga is the Rigel star.

Puanga is the older brother of Matariki.

Puanga is a single whetu.

He only rises in May and June in the early morning.

Puanga is a big blue star.



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During weeks 6 and 7 we are focusing on **Integrity**.

Learning Focus

Our focus is to show **integrity** in all areas of our day.

Skill/Rule

We show integrity every part of our day when we display high self-esteem, believe in ourselves and when we make good choices

Actions

When showing **integrity**:

- Know yourself
- Display honesty
- Do the right thing at the right time - stay on task
- Be honest and proud of your achievements
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Encourage others
- Follow the rules of the space you are in

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Colebrook".

Jenny Colebrook
Principal