

The end of term is fast approaching with only three weeks until the July holidays.

It was another busy week with practice analysis conversations for teachers, Trees for Survival Planting Day for the Enviro Team, Individual and class photos taken by Photo life, Otahuhu Kahui Ako Leadership Breakfast for school leaders, Reading Together Programme for parents/students on Wednesday evening, as well as the continuation of the Tranzformers Programme for boys.

**Practice Analysis Conversations** - This week we have continued to focus on the quality of teaching and learning at OIS. Following on from our 'Teacher Only Day' professional learning, our teachers have had pre-observation discussions, observed video lessons and post observation discussions with their syndicate leaders and members of the leadership team. During the observation process, students are asked a number of questions related to the WALHT, Success Criteria and their further learning to ensure they are engaged in the learning process. The purpose of ongoing observations throughout the year for our staff is to ensure that we maintain quality teaching practices and that the learning is meeting the needs of the students.

Lateness - I appreciate that the winter is upon us and the mornings are becoming a little colder. However, I am really concerned about the number of students being regularly late to school. On average we have 50-60 students arriving to school after 8.45am. Research shows that students who are late to school fall behind academically, are generally unsettled throughout the day and are least likely to take responsibility for their learning and actions. I am aware that sometimes lateness cannot be avoided, however, students who are regularly late will be receiving a letter notifying their parents of this next week. Students who have received the lateness letter and still continue to be late will begin having after school detentions to make up for their learning time missed.

**Matariki** - Next week OIS will begin studying Matariki. Matariki the Maori New Year, is rich with tradition. Matariki is the Maori name for a group of 7 stars known as Pleiades star cluster. Note, some hapu know Matariki as (Stars (although the last 2 can be hard to make out with the naked eye). Some people think of Matariki as a mother star with 6 daughters, and is often referred to as the Seven Sisters. Matariki is officially celebrated for 2 July 2021. Over the next few weeks students will be doing research and a range of activities linked to Matariki.

**Stranger Danger** - Mangere/Otahuhu schools have been notified by Police regarding a number of reports by Mangere schools of strangers approaching students before and after school. Once again, we encourage you to ensure your child is walking to and from a school with a friend, or that you establish a password which only you and your child know for their safety. We will continue to reinforce the importance of children's safety. Your support with this matter would be appreciated too.

Have a fantastic weekend with your family and friends.

Brent Woods PRINCIPAL









Our dedicated students paid it forward today planting out the Trees for Survival seedlings grown since last year.

A beautiful day sprinkled with; rainbows, gentle showers, mud, kind hospitality, yummy food, mud, many animals, teamwork, and you guessed it...MUD!!

A huge effort and special thanks to...our awesome mum's Raylene, 'Akanesi, Sela & Gaaula who supported and planted all day...the very generous landowners Bruce & Grace Nisbett...and our Trees for Survival coordinator Marian.

This fun but exhausting day will make an impact on erosion prevention helping to keep waterways clean.

Thank you for your mahi students. Tino pai, Miss Oliver





You are invited to join us for Matariki Celebrations with the Panama Community!

## PROGRAMME

10am-12pm	Official opening of Panama Matariki Celebration with Karakia Whakatau, kapa haka and morning tea	Auckland Rowing Club
12pm–2pm	BBQ, facepainting, climbing wall and more	Peace Ave
2pm-6pm	Workshops featuring Stardome, Star Compass, Raranga weaving and more	Taha Awa Riverside Community Centre
6pm–8pm	Hangi, dessert, (Halal options available) kapa haka and performances	Panama Road School

## **SPORTS CORNER**

SWZ Rugby Tournament—Monday 21 June

RUGBY REMINDER: ALL PLAYERS—OPEN & UNDERS (Girls & Boys)

Students are to have their own MOUTHGUARDS & BOOTS

(no metal sprigs).

Reminder: Black/Navy Rugby Shorts

Rugby socks preferably Black.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** 

TERM TWO

MATARIKI WEEK BEGINS

<u>9 June—11 July</u>

SWZ Rugby Tournament (Boys & Girls)

Monday 21 June

**BOT Meeting** 

Tuesday 22 June

**Reading Together Programme** 

6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday 23 June

**Transformers Programme** 

11:00am-12:00pm Thursday 24 June

Reading Together Programme

*6:00pm-7:00pm* Wednesday 30 June

**Transformers Programme** 

11:00am-12:00pm

Thursday 1 July

End of Term 2 Friday 9 July

Start of Term 3 Monday 26 July

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## READING WITH ROOM 3



Ka Pai to these students (Xavier, Jhass, Lincoln & Zaki) in Room 3 for finishing 2 more Library books! Awesome to see our students enjoying to read!

Student Council working on Student Lunch Surveys



