

St Bernadettes School Whānau Hui held 30 March in the School Staff Room, 5pm.
Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi. With your contribution and my contribution, all will be well.

Present: Jane, Anne Marie, Lauana, Amy, Jan, Katrina, Richard, Amelia.

Apologies: Janice and Gerard, Abbey and Julian, Liz and Dan.



Karakia Timatanga: Richard opened the whānau hui and then this was followed by introductions.

Purpose of the Whānau hui: Good practise to plan together via a Home School partnership. The pedagogy for the whānau group was discussed and there is a consensus that Te Reo me ōna Tikanga is for everyone and the focus is on student achievement with Te Reo me ōna Tikanga. Ultimately adults will be able to learn with the children during positive and natural opportunities. Evidence based Research finds whānau engagement raises student achievement.

***“Kia ora ai te reo Māori hei reo kōrero mō Aotearoa.
Māori Language is a living national taonga for all New Zealanders.”***

Ref: Curriculum Guideline for Teaching and Learning Te Reo Māori in English Medium Schools: Years 1-13. P10.

Discussed Consultation Survey results. Lots of positive current practices identified. Potential practices were identified also. A potential event highlighted was Matariki. In future, a school wide survey to be delivered possibly by the internet tool “Survey Monkey”. Survey outcomes to be shared on the proposed whānau web page.

Future Communications so that information is available to all: Via the current school newsletter and a proposed School Website “Whānau page”. The whānau page would provide a vehicle to share minutes, consultation survey outcomes, waiata and karakia students are learning, Targets and updates..... The link can be shared easily.

Whānau goals/ targets discussed for each term.

Term 2, 2016	Matariki Celebration=Friday 17 th June. Te Wiki o te Reo =4 th -10 th July.
Term 3	Māori Spirituality. Otago Māori & Pacific Island Festival.
Term 4	Parihaka.
Term 1, 2017	Mihimihi/ Identity. Ko wai au? Nō hea au? Whakapapa, pepeha.
Term 2	Marae Visit

MATARIKI CELEBRATION AT ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL [Matariki link for more information:](http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/matariki-maori-new-year)

<http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/matariki-maori-new-year> Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster known as the Pleiades.

Traditionally for Māori when it appeared just before dawn in late May or early June, it signalled the start of the Māori New Year. A time to celebrate and commemorate those who have passed.

DRAFT MATARIKI PROGRAMME: Friday June 17th 5pm: On arrival people are invited to write the names of loved ones who have passed on the helium balloons.

5.15 Karakia, Waiata (National Anthem for Schools? Version with karanga and haka)

5.30 Shared kai Hangi

6pm The story of Matariki

6.15 Student items to share.

6.30 Karakia Waiata -Release the Helium Balloons.

Hangi preparation will be on Thursday 16th June, 10am onwards. Senior students to assist with Hangi prep.

WHĀNAU Key Tasks;

- **Community and School RSVP for Matariki attendance;** to be collated possibly by Survey monkey and or RSVP to an email address/ txt one or two weeks prior to the Matariki event for catering purposes.
- **Richard:** MC for Event
- **Katrina** to organise a Matariki presentation “ The story of Matariki”
- **Amy** to investigate hangi cookers and cooks.
- **Anne Marie** – to investigate sponsors for meat ie. Chicken pieces or chops.
- **Jane** to ask Grant about vegetables.
- **Lauana** to organise stuffing, fried bread and Water for event.

5.50pm Karakia Whakamutunga: Lauana Thomas.

Next Whānau hui. Term 2, week 9, Wednesday 29th June in the School Staff room 5pm-6pm.