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*We are: Confident, Optimistic, Unique, Respectful, Adventurous, have Grit, Enthusiastic*

Kia ora whanau,

On **Monday 23rd June** the school will be celebrating Matariki. We have been working with Whaea Felicity from Ngati Tahu - Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust to develop a presentation showcasing visual and performance art (drama, dance and kapahaka). This is a variation on our usual Matariki celebration but involves sharing what we have learnt about one of the Matariki stars (Waita) and the history of our local iwi; Ngati Tahu - Ngati Whaoa. The presentation will take place in the hall and will start at 11.30 a.m. It will last approximately one hour and we invite all whanau/community to attend. We would like to follow the show with a shared kai/hakari and ask that each family brings something to share. If you have a special dish that reflects your culture we would love to see, and taste, it. All are welcome, so please join us.

Sheryl Pearson  
Cultural Leader

