

Centre News

HAVELOCK NORTH - JUNE 2010

MATARIKI



June sees the beginning of Matariki-Maori New Year. This event begins when the seven sister's

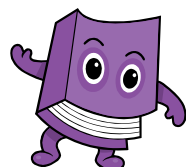
constellation can be seen in the night sky and the new moon rises. We will be discussing the legend of the seven sisters as well as celebrating the best of the winter food that is available. With this in mind can you all please bring in a winter vegetable for us to use in the making of soup, wedges, etc. We will also be preparing our vegetable garden for our next round of planting.

A BIG THANKS

A big thank you to Charlie's family for bringing us in two buckets of lemons. So far we have made a lovely lemon cake, and pancakes with lemon and sugar. Next week we are making lemon curd that will be used throughout the week in a variety of ways, and possibly last us into the winter!



BOOK FAIR



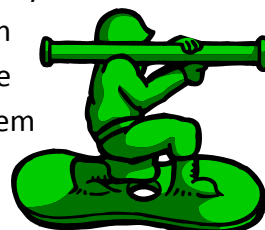
We will be having a book fair for 2 wks from the 6 September also a parent evening within this time, we will confirm dates soon.

5th OF JULY FEE INCREASE

Due to the changes in government policy concerning the Ministry of Education funding, and the increase of staff wages and food, we wish to advise our fees have had a slight increase from the 5th of July. If you have not got a copy of the new fee schedule please ask at the office. Please feel welcome to discuss with Fleur how to apply for Work and Income subsidy or the 20 hrs ECE for 3 and 4 year olds, or should you wish to discuss this matter further.

TOYS FROM HOME

We are having a few issues with children bringing toys from home. As we don't want to have a 'ban' in place, if your child brings toys from home they are their responsibility. If they cause an issue the toys will be put on the bench and the child can have them back at the end of the day.



Please support the teachers by reinforcing this message.

TUIs

After much discussion and observation we have introduced keeping the gate closed throughout the day. We believe this will enhance development and learning in the individual age group areas. Because we value inter age group experiences and interaction we will still continue to do many things together.

VILLAGE KIDS BLOG

We are slowly getting our heads around keeping the blog interesting and current. Remember to check it as we do intend to have new content on there each week. We look forward to reading the comments that you leave.

WINTER CLOTHES

As the days are getting colder please be aware of the clothes you are sending you child in, as well as the spare clothes in



their bags. We will still be going outside so a warm

jacket and wooly hats are a good idea. As always, please make sure their clothing is named.



Thanks from the Village Kids Team