



Kia Ora Emmanuel Christian School Community

Our school has a really special day coming up soon and we'd like to let you know about it so you can join in the celebrations.

Matariki is the Maori New Year and as a Christian School there are lots of ways we can use it to celebrate God's goodness to us. Some of the special things we can be thankful for and celebrate at this special time are our whānau (families), our tūpuna (family members who have passed on), things that God has done in the last year, things we'd like to see Him do in the future (like we do at New Year's Eve), and learning and talking through the lessons we have had to learn over the past year. Another thing we can also thank God for is the awesome community that we have at Emmanuel Christian School. There are so many people who work incredibly hard in many ways to support our school that **we would love to have our families join together for a meal to celebrate our unique character. So on Wed June 26 we are going to do something special.**

We are going to use the day at school on the 26th to join our children into their whānau/house groups. **They may come in their house colours,** and until lunch time they will rotate around activities that will help them to join in the celebrations of Matariki. Then, for dinner, we would like to invite everyone who is a part of our school community to join us to share our evening meal together. You may choose to enjoy our delicious traditional "in-ground" hangi of chicken and veges, or vegetarian,, or bring some takeaways of your own. **Hāngi meals will be presold for \$6 (small) and \$10 (large) and prepackaged. The hāngi will be unearthed at about 5:45 at night for people to enjoy.**

As you can imagine there is a lot of work to be put into an event like this so **if you are able to assist in preparing the food on the afternoon of June 25th, helping lay the hāngi from about 8:00-10:30am on June 26, or helping teachers with running crafts/ activities before lunch on June 26th** then please let us know **before Fri 21st June** by filling out the forms below. We'd really appreciate the help.

After our meal, **some of the school Kapahaka groups will perform for the families, as well as there being some other whānau related activities.** We are thinking everything will be finished at about 7:00. This is going to be a really special time for our school and family to build what the Māori term as "Whānaungatanga," - a developing of togetherness and community... **We really hope and pray that, as a part of our school, you and your family can join us to celebrate. Please return the slip at the bottom of this notice ASAP.**

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Parent / Caregiver Name _____

Child(ren)s name(s) _____

I would like to buy: large hāngi meal ____ small hāngi meal ____

vegetarian large ____ vegetarian small ____

I can help with Hāngi food prep from 12:30 - 2:45 on Tues 25 ____

I can help with Laying the hāngi from 8:00 - 10:30 on Wed 26 ____

I can help teachers with crafts from 9:00 - 12:30 on Wed 26 ____

Please return this slip along with meal payments by Friday 21st June. Payment can be made by EFTPOS at the school office. Online payments can be made to 06-0821-0208431-00 with your name and Hangi as the reference.

