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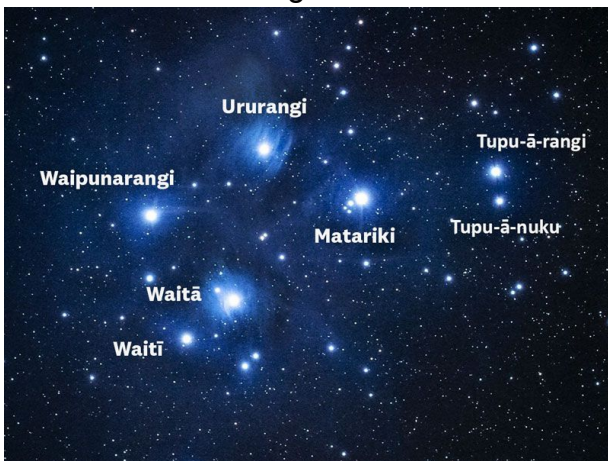
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Hi MRI Students!

It is so great to see you all back visiting the Library. Keep up with your reading and think about your **READING CHOICES** for over the holidays, which are here next week!

This issue has some Matariki book suggestions for at home, and some information on finding Matariki.



Source: Te Papa

We have a fun **COMPETITION** to do over the holidays. Check the last page of this newsletter.

Happy Reading!
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NEW BOOKS



	<p>The BOOK FAIR is coming to MRI</p> <p>Week 5, Term 3 17th - 21st August</p>
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REVIEWS



Scythe by Neal Shusterman Review by Whaea Rachel

Every generation has its 'utopia' story. A utopia is a world where everything works right and everyone is healthy and has enough. For some reason writers are convinced that utopian worlds never last for long - something goes wrong...

Scythe is set a little into our future. Science has cured sickness and can reset old age. The 'cloud' is now the Thunderhead and it has fixed all our environmental and social problems so that we all have enough... but... If no one dies, our planet will be overrun with people so people have come up with a solution - and can it remain uncorrupted and pure of mission?

This is a great story, and a great series of three books - the other two books are "Thunderhead" and "Toll" which we also have in the Library. The series follows two young people training to become Scythes, and what they learn about the world they live in. The story is by turns action, politics and coming-of-age. There is death and the action of it, in the story so would suit more mature readers.

There's A Boy In The Girl's Bathroom By Louis Sachar Review by Vicky, Rm 29 Beware, there are spoilers everywhere. ;)

Are you like Bradley Chalkers who tells a bunch of untruthful lies or accepts the fact that nobody likes him? Or is it just sometimes so difficult to believe in yourself?

"There's A Boy In The Girl's Bathroom" by Louis Sachar is about a boy called Bradley Chalkers. He is funny and says things such as, "Give me a dollar or I'll spit on you." Nobody likes naughty Bradley because he never does his homework, picks fights on girls, sneaks into the girls' bathroom and has serious behaviour problems. Until one day Mrs. Ebbel tells him to visit the new school counselor, Carla, that the school has just hired. Bradley finally is convinced and gives her a try. Even if Carla helps him he still thinks everybody thinks he is a monster. Will anybody, not just Carla, finally give him a chance?

I really enjoyed this Young Adults book. I quite liked that Bradley had toy animal friends- I know, that's weird. Louis Sachar worked in funny parts and they really try to make you laugh, like when Bradley doesn't know what to do at a birthday party. When I finished a chapter I couldn't resist myself to read more. I would rate it 8 out of 10 because I hate it when the parents argue about whether there should be a school counselor. "Kids have enough counseling. What they need is more discipline! If they're bad, they should be punished!" It made me mad as I liked Carla, the school counselor.

If you haven't already read the book why shouldn't you? Will there really be a boy in the girls' bathroom in the end? Will the teachers and students regret thinking Bradley is a monster? Will he ever get a gold star in class? Will he ever stop sharpening his pencil just to scribble everywhere? Will he ever change? It is up to you to find out.

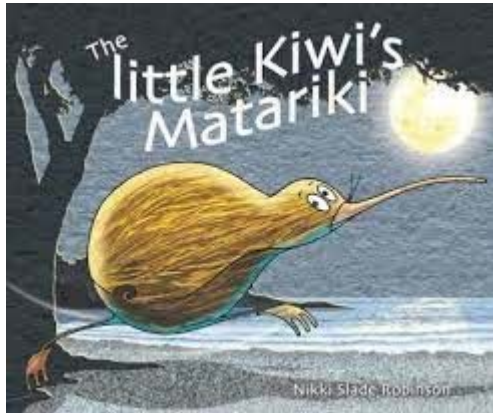
MATARIKI READING

Books to read and listen to:

The Little Kiwi's Matariki

Aroha reads 'The Little Kiwi's Matariki' written by Nikki Slade-Robinson.

https://youtu.be/_m6w0Qo6csM



Daniel's Matariki Feast

By Rebecca Beyer

Te reo version at RNZ Storytime:



A gardener's guide to Matariki

Matariki is strongly associated with the celebration of harvest, of gifting food, and planning or preparing the ground for the new year's crops.

The NZ Herald wrote a column on Gardening at Matariki here: [NZ HERALD](#).

MATARIKI STAR CLUSTER

Although there are actually 1000's of stars that make up the star cluster, and there are technically 9 stars that make up the constellation, there's just 7 stars you can really make out with the naked eye.

It's these 7 stars that have traditionally been known as the 7 sisters, or the Matariki.

The Matariki star names are:

Matariki, eyes of Tāwhirimātea

Tupu-ā-rangi, sky tohunga

Waipuna-ā-rangi, sky spring

Waitī, sweet water

Tupu-ā-nuku, Earth tohunga

Ururangi, entry to the heavens

Waitā, sprinkle of water

Some Iwi make out 9 stars in the constellation, but it is very difficult to make these out with the naked eye. The two extra stars are:

Pōhutukawa – connects Matariki to the dead and is the star that carries our dead across the year.

Hiwaiterangi/Hiwa – is the youngest star in the cluster, the star you send your wishes to.

Finding Matariki

Te Papa have a video on how to find the Matariki star cluster:

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/watch-how-find-matariki-star-cluster>

Matariki Waiata

Sing this Matariki waiata and learn the names of the seven Matariki stars:

<https://youtu.be/tLoDXwHpX6o>

BOOK FACE COMPETITION

MRI Library Competition for the Holidays

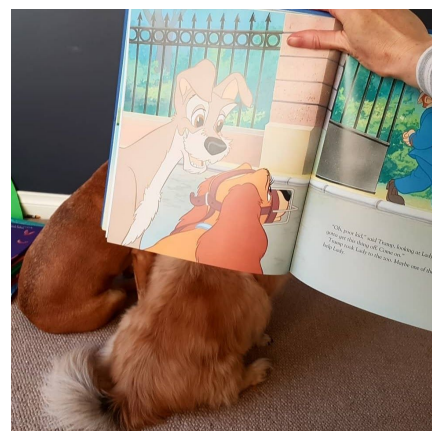
Find a book cover and add some real life to it, known as BOOK FACE.

It could be you, a family member, a pet, a tree or a car, depending on what is on the book cover you choose.

Take a photo of your new book cover and email the photo to

library@mri.school.nz with your name and room number in the email.

Examples:



Tip: Google 'book face' images for some great ideas.

All entries are due Friday, 24th July 2020 and a randomly drawn winner will receive a prize of a book pack from the MRI Library.

More Examples:

