

The Kindy Chronicle

MATARIKI ART WORKSHOPS

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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE STARS

Date	Topic	Illustration
APR 26	PŌHUTUKAWA Memory & Reflection	Lantern
MAY 03	TUPUĀNUKU Connection to Soil	Seedling
MAY 10	TUPUĀRANGI Sky & Birds	Bird
MAY 17	WAITĪ Fresh Water	Fish
MAY 24	WAITĀ Ocean	Seashells
MAY 31	WAIPUNA-Ā-RANGI Rain & Change	Weather vane
JUN 07	URURANGI Winds	Kite
JUN 14	HIWA-I-TE-RANGI Dreams & Aspiration	Dreamcatcher
JUN 21	MATARIKI Community Hub	Community scene
JUN 28	MARAMATAKA Lunar Cycles	Moon phases

kindergartens SOUTH
Pūtahi Kura Pūhou o Murihiku



SKA wins Award

The Southland Kindergarten Association (SKA) has been rewarded with a prestigious 'Building Sustainability through People' Award, recognising its transformative scholarship programme. Designed to alleviate staffing shortages in the early childhood education (ECE) sector, the initiative empowers aspiring educators to achieve their qualifications.

By removing financial barriers, SKA not only builds a resilient, highly trained workforce but also secures a brighter future for local tamariki. This well-deserved accolade highlights SKA's commitment to investing in people and sustaining high-quality ECE across the region.



Te Ngahuru mā rua o Haki Haratua

Rakaunui/Full Moon - 2 May 2026

Whiro/New Moon - 17 May 2026

Ayubowan! Celebrating Sri Lankan New Year

Recently, Drummond Rural Kindergarden came alive with the vibrant sights, sounds and tastes of the Sri Lankan New Year, known as Avurudu. It was a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki and whānau to come together and explore the rich traditions of this beautiful culture.

The highlight of our festivities was the traditional milk boiling ceremony, called Kiri lthirima. The tamariki gathered around to watch as the milk was gently heated in a pot until it bubbled over the sides. This special custom symbolises prosperity, good luck and an overflowing of joy for the year ahead - a wonderful message to share within our kindergarden community.

Of course, no Avurudu celebration is complete without delicious food. After the ceremony, we all sat down to share a wonderful spread of kai. Sharing a meal together is such a lovely way to connect, try new flavours and celebrate the diversity that makes our kindergarden so special.

The fun didn't stop there! The children had an absolute blast playing a spirited game of "pin the ear on the Aliya" (the Sinhala word for elephant). There were plenty of giggles and cheers as everyone took a turn, adding a playful and memorable twist to the day's cultural festivities.

Bohoma sthuthi (thank you very much) to everyone who helped organise and contribute to this wonderful event. It was a beautiful day of learning, laughter and community connection.



"Titiro whakamuri, Kōkiri whakamua"
(Look back, to move forward.)