

Puanga 2020 ~ Maree's Farewell



Puanga, Matariki and the Māori New Year are a way of paying respect to and celebrating the unique land on which we live, and it is a chance to reflect on the past year and to remember our loved ones. Preparations for this years celebrations involved reading stories, listening to songs and putting our creative hands to work making pictures, stars, kites, planting and weaving with natural materials. We also helped to prepare the pumpkins and vegetables for our delicious soup that we share with whānau.



This year, our whānau day was indeed a very special one as it was our opportunity to farewell our much loved Kaiako Maree who has already embarked on a new journey with the Kindergarten Association. It was wonderful to see so many Manu families, past and present, join us in celebrating our very special friend who's wholehearted commitment to children, families and teaching has touched the lives of many. Maree is greatly missed by us all and we look forward to when she visits us again.

We would also like to say a very big thank you for the generous contributions you brought in for Food Bank. This year we managed to fill several bags and boxes with your donations. Arohanui.



*Ka tu tahi tātou ki te
kohikohi i te mātauranga
hei oranga wairua kia tū
tangata ai tātou.*

*We gather together to nourish, to
flourish. Here we stand together.*

*June 2020
Kaiako Rhonda, Angela and Liz*