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ATU MARAUTANGA – *Other Curriculum*

Dear Parents, Whānau and Friends of the School

The New Zealand Curriculum is the main document schools use to guide their teaching and learning.

The curriculum or NZC is an exciting text, but it is also crowded. By this, I mean, that there is a lot to get through for learners, staff and whānau. In order to try to cater a bit more to the vision, values, learning areas, key competencies, and principles contained in the curriculum we have started a programme called Atu Marautanga - *Other Curriculum*.

This runs for an hour and ten minutes each Friday between playtime and lunchtime. So far this term we have had a variety of experiences; making salad - Moa Flat Rural Women, children's author - Kyle Mewburn, music - Mary Affleck, financial literacy - Westpac and sign language - Sarah Davies.



The aim for us is to try to involve learners in a range of experiences in order to give them broader knowledge and develop skills for their futures. The jobs that our children will have are beyond our capacity to imagine (not to mention the world that they will live in). We want them to be as prepared as possible to be successful as we move closer to the 22nd century.

If you have some interesting ideas about what we could take part in or if you wanted to contribute in some way then your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to learn a little bit more about this programme or have any questions then please do contact me at school.



I look forward to hearing from you and getting your input.

Nga mihi maioha - *Thank you with appreciation*

Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki - *Principal*

