
Agenda for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee to be held at the Meremere Hall, 21 Heather Green Avenue, Meremere on **THURSDAY, 20 JULY 2023** commencing at **7.00pm**.

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC FORUM

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The register of interests is no longer included on agendas; however, members still have a duty to disclose any interests under this item.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Confirmation of Minutes
Date:	6 July 2023
Report Author:	Robyn Chisholm, Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 8 June 2023.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 8 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – MMCC Minutes, Thursday, 8 June 2023

MINUTES of a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held in the Meremere Community Hall, 21 Heather Green Avenue, Meremere, on **THURSDAY, 08 June 2023** commencing at **7.10pm.**

Present:

Mr Jim Katu,(Chairperson)
 Ms Josephine Baker (Secretary)
 Ms Lauren Wismans
 Mr Jacob Calvert (arrived 7.30pm)
 Ms Cecelia Heta
 Cr Marlene Raumati
 Cr Paaniora Matatahi-Poutapu
 Ms Kirsty Wellington (WDC staff member)
 Waimiria Eketone)
 Dylan Herewini) *Waikato District Alliance:*
 Pauline Giles)

KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Offered by Cr Paaniora Matatahi-Poutapu

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr Ben Brown (Deputy Chairperson/Treasurer)

Resolved: (Ms Heta /Ms Wismans
CARRIED

MMCC2306/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday 08 June 2023 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

Resolved: (Ms Heta /Ms Wismans)
CARRIED

MMCC2306/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

Confirmation of Minutes

THAT the minutes of a meeting of Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 27 April 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Resolved: (Ms Heta / Ms Wismans)

CARRIED

MMCC2306/03

REPORTS:**6.1 MEREMERE WORKS & ISSUES REPORT****a) Matters Arising****Entrances into Meremere**

Ms Wellington tabled a report from Glyn Morgan, (Open Spaces Team Leader), which highlighted the following points:

- The Open Spaces team looked at the possibility to support the roading team and gorse control but their primary contractor for this work signalled limited capacity to do so. No further action was taken by the Open Spaces team.
- The Open Spaces team will be meeting initially with Ngati Naho in the future to identify possible areas of opportunity across the Meremere Village for future projects or initiatives. This will include some of the gully areas and unmaintained areas that border residential properties or existing parks and facilities and currently the Open Space team is completing a stocktake to provide visibility of all reserve areas across the village and what sustainable long-term management of these sites could look like for the future, with input from stakeholders and the community. This could likely include the road corridors as part of a wider plan for the future and the Community Committee will be included as part of any future planning or opportunities to manage these areas. Updates will be provided as and when relevant in the future.

Meremere Community Gardens Lawn

- As Ms Heta was not present at the Meremere Community 27 April, 2023 meeting, she provided an update at this meeting. She has spoken to Krystal Walker from WDC but had not received a response, as yet. In the meantime, Ms Heta has spoken to the WDC contractors who normally mow the Council berms around the Community Gardens and they agreed to mow the Community Garden area.

- Ms Heta said the padlock on the Community Gardens gate was broken and needed to be addressed so that access to the gardens can be maintained. Mr Katu said he had a pair of bolt cutters and would cut the padlock so that a new padlock can be installed.
- Ms Wisman reported on the Matariki Garden Project. The area where the gardens were situated meant it would be difficult to get a trailer to the gardens to drop off supplies needed for the Matariki Garden project. To this end, Ms Wisman was considering purchasing bags of supplies (compost, vegetable mix, etc) as these would be easier to transport to the work area. The total cost for the Matariki Garden project was estimated at \$2,063.56.
- The working bee date for the Matariki Garden Project was Saturday July 8th, 2023. There was further discussion about whether a sausage sizzle would be offered to the working bee volunteers, which was opposed by Mr Katu. Ms Wisman would put a notice on the Meremere Facebook page to invite working bee volunteers from the community.

ACTION: Mr Katu to submit an application to the Discretionary Fund for the Matariki Garden Project. Ms Wellington said she would support Mr Katu to do this by enquiring about the application process from WDC staff.

Resolved: (Mr Calvert / Ms Heta)

That the Meremere Community Committee approve the \$2,063.56 funds required for the Matariki Garden Project.

CARRIED

MMCC2306/04

- Mr Katu enquired from Ms Giles (Waikato District Alliance) what the process would be to apply for road sealing from the Heather Green Road entrance to the bottom field. He was advised to include the matter in the LTP as the matter was not a roading issue.
- Cr Raumati suggested the Committee locate the Meremere blue print documents and go through these documents to review and re-prioritise the items on them, as some projects may now be redundant or may have a high priority. Cr Raumati further, suggested the Committee convene an ad hoc meeting for this purpose.
- When Mr Katu asked where he could find a copy of the current LTP, he was advised he only needed to ask WDC staff for it. Ms Wellington offered to begin the conversation with WDC staff in this respect and advise Mr Katu. Both Cr Raumati and Cr Matatahi-Poutapu would work with Ms Wellington to ensure the Committee received the relevant information in plenty of time to discuss Meremere projects leading into the WDC LTP 2024 timeframes.

- Cr Raumati advised Committee members to attend any workshops they were invited to and asked that we ensure Democracy have all our updated emails. Ms Baker advised she had provided Committee member email updates to Grace Shaw from Democracy, prior to her departure from her role and she had asked Democracy if all Meremere Committee members email addresses had been updated, but had not received a response as yet.

6.2.1 Discretionary Fund Report

- Cr Raumati conveyed an apology from the Democracy Manager regarding the reimbursement to Ms Wisman for the \$43.48 she had paid to purchase a gift for Melysa Tapiata's baby and that this and all other Disbursement reimbursements would be actioned at the July/August meeting.

Resolved: (Ms Heta / Ms Wismans)

CARRIED

MMCC2308/05

6.3 Councillor's Report

The report was received and Cr Raumati provided details on the following matters:

- Security cameras valued at \$77,000, which is a project between WDC and Hamilton City Council is due for rollout, for the Meremere community area, in the near future. It was proposed that two 360° cameras set up in the village with one opposite the Meremere Superette to assist with the security concerns of 2022 robberies. A number of smaller cameras would also be installed in locations agreed between WDC and the Meremere community. However, more discussion on the shop camera will be needed because the closed gates at the shop could pose a problem.
- Cr Raumati was working in consultation with Ms Wismans for the installation of fire alarms into 22 homes in Meremere, which were to be supplied and installed by the Te Kauwhata Voluntary Fire Brigade in collaboration with the Pookeno Voluntary Fire Brigade.
- An update on the City Care's Horticulture and Community Project to plant 2,000 daffodils in Meremere. Mr Katu, advised he had not been able to contact Mr Ben Brown to set a date for the planting. Ms Wismans informed the Committee that Mr Brown had been working long hours of late and had asked Ms Wismans to ask Mr Katu to go ahead with a plan.
- There was a reminder comment about the actions needing to be completed prior to the project rollout and these included:
 - Secure volunteers (minimum of six people)
 - Complete a Volunteer Form
 - Complete Health and Safety requirements, including training for volunteers
 - Co-ordinate with Antoinette from City Care
- Theresa Lang, Events Officer at WDC was overseeing the project and contact could be made with her and Antoinette from City Care.

- Mr Jacob asked Cr Raumati and Cr Matatahi-Poutapu why WDC felt they were not obliged to consult the community regarding the recent WDC announcement about the 7% increase in rates for the 2023/2024 financial year. Cr Raumati advised, she believed WDC were not legally required to consult with the community if rate increases were below a certain threshold, but she was not 100% sure what that threshold might be, but felt it could be 10%.
- Cr Raumati went on to explain the recent weather conditions damage had impacted severely on WDC budget proposals and alluded to the lower number of ratepayers in our Waikato region compared with bigger regions such as Auckland and if WDC were to afford their basic responsibilities (e.g. roading, rubbish etc) plus unexpected expenditure, such as the storm/weather damage, then an increase in rates was the likely outcome to resolving budget shortfalls. She further advised that there was a team of local representatives who meet to discuss and strategise community well-being issues.

Moved: Mr Calver/Mr Katu

CARRIED

MMCC2306/06

General Business

Rats issue in the Meremere Community

- Ms Baker raised an issue of seeing large rats (but not water rats) in the long grass of vacant sections, on Te Puea Ave and wanted to know if WDC could do something to encourage absent owners to cut their lawns as she felt the unkempt sections were a fire and health hazard to the community.
- Cr Raumati advised that WDC were not permitted to touch private land and to contact a local Pest Control entity. However, as the company was likely to be a private for-profit entity, the cost would be a barrier for anyone in the community to engage the company to address the issue.

Rubbish Dumping

- Illegal rubbish dumping seems to be escalating in the community and not only is it an eye sore but also a health hazard.
- Mr Katu asked if the berm on the corner of Te Puea Ave and Heather Green Ave could be mowed by Council as the grass was long, an eye-sore and a haven for breeding vermin. WDC representatives advised Mr Katu to put in a 'Service Request' via the WDC website.
- Ms Heta noticed there were many cars parking on the public footpaths, and asked if WDC could enforce stricter control of this potentially hazardous practice. Cr Raumati advised Ms Heta to check the WDC by-laws to see if there was a case to raise with WDC.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at approximately 9.05pm.

KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA offered by Cr Paaniora Matatahi-Poutapu

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2023.

Mr J Katu
CHAIRPERSON

To	Meremere Community Board
Report title	Mayor's Community Awards
Date:	Tuesday, 1 August 2023
Report Author:	Ashleigh Fairhead, Executive Assistant
Authorised by:	Tony Whittaker, Chief Operating Officer

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To provide Her Worship the Mayor with a nomination for the Mayor's Community Awards.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

Councillors, community boards and committees are being asked to nominate one recipient each for a Mayoral Community Award. The key purpose of the awards are to recognise volunteer community service. The nominees must:

- a. Be a resident of the Waikato District.
- b. Be nominated by a ward councillor, community board or community committee member. Those nominations from community boards and committees must come via a formal resolution from that Committee or Board.
- c. Have contributed and continue to provide an ongoing voluntary service to the community.

Following the closing of nominations the Mayor will consider the nominees and select the final recipients based on the above criteria. The award recipients will be invited to an awards ceremony to be held in September.

The purpose of this report is to provide a nomination for these awards no later than 11 August 2023. The nomination should include details such as name, address, contact numbers and an explanation of why they should be considered for the award. A template is attached for you to complete and return to her Worship the Mayor for this purpose.

3. Recommendations **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

**That the Meremere Community Board nominates _____ for the
Mayoral Community Awards.**

4. Attachments **Ngaa taapirihanga**

Attachment 1 – Nominee application form

Mayor's Community Awards 2023 Nominations (one per page)

Nominated by	
Ward	
Nominee	
Reason why nominated (no more than 100 words)	
Contact details	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Meremere Works & Issues Report – July 2023
Date:	20 July 2023
Report Author:	Karen Bredesen, EA to the General Manager Service Delivery
Authorised by:	Kirsty Wellington, Enterprise Project Management Office Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To update the Committee and provide information on works and issues raised at previous meetings.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Meremere Works & Issues Report – July 2023 be received.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Works and Issues Report – July 2023 (within the report)

Works and Issues Report

	Issue	Area	Action
1.	There were no issues from the last meeting.		

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2023
Date:	20 July 2023
Report Author:	Jen Schimanski, Support Accountant
Authorised by:	Alison Diaz, Chief Financial Officer

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to update the Meremere Community Committee on the Discretionary fund spend to date, commitments and balance as at 30 June 2023.

It is noted that the reimbursement to Ms Horsfall is awaiting proof of bank account information and once this is received it will be paid out.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Meremere Community Committee receives the Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2023 and note, no minutes have been received for meetings held 1 September 2022, 28 April 2022, 17 March 2022, 3 February 2022 and 9 December 2021.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report to 30 June 2023

MEREMERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2022/23 (July 2022 - June 2023)			MMCC
As at Date: 30-Jun-2023			
	GL		1.209.1704
2022/23 Annual Plan (including Salaries)			1,550.00
Carry forward from 2021/22			16,227.00
Total Funding			17,777.00
Income			
Total Income			-
Expenditure			<i>excl GST</i>
Total Expenditure			-
Net Funding Remaining (Excluding commitments)			17,777.00
Commitments			<i>excl GST</i>
24-Jun-21	Payment approved to Ms Lauren Horsfall for the amount of \$50 (excl GST) for the purchase of a baby gift for Melysa Tapiata.	MMCC2106/04	43.48
09-Jun-22	Commitment of \$330 including GST for the purchase of chemicals for local footpath/s	MMCC2206/04	286.96
08-Jun-23	Commitment from Meremere Community Committee for the amount of \$2,063.56 from the discretionary funds towards the Matariki Garden Project	MMCC08/06/04	2,063.56
Total Commitments			2,393.99
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)			15,383.01

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Councillor’s Report
Date:	Thursday, 20 July 2023
Report Author:	Cr Marlene Raumati Waerenga-Whitikahu Ward

Purpose of the Report

Te Take moo te Puurongo

To provide an update on the activities of Councillor Raumati since the Meremere Community Committee meeting on 8 June 2023..

Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-Kaimahi

THAT the Meremere Community Committee receives the Councillor Report from Cr Raumati for the June - July 2023 period.

Executive Summary

Whakaraapopototanga Matua

Adoption of Annual Plan 2023/24

Council has officially adopted our 2023/24 Annual Plan, which outlines our initiatives, and how they will be funded over the coming year. The plan is demonstrative of our commitment to enhance community well-being and build a stronger, more resilient future together.

The Annual Plan focuses on an exciting vision of creating vibrant and inclusive communities and concentrates on providing core services and infrastructure. It highlights key projects such as infrastructure improvements, reliable water supply, and efficient waste management.

As earlier advised, the general rate increase has also been implemented. The increase will allow us to keep up with rising costs and ensure uninterrupted delivery of essential services. It will also boost our depleted disaster recovery fund, thus providing the much-needed financial reinforcements that will enable our readiness to respond to future events and ensuring the well-being and safety of our community.

Cemeteries Bylaw 2023

The Cemeteries Bylaw 2016 was reviewed in 2022. Following a recommendation by the Policy and Regulatory Committee, the bylaw has now been adopted by Council.

Freedom Camping – Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation

Although there is a two-year transitional period, the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act is now law. Key changes include, where one can camp, certifying self-contained vehicles, and infringement fees and fines. These infringements will apply to, the inappropriate disposing of waste, interfering with, or damaging, the environment, and not leaving a local authority area when required to do so by an enforcement officer.

However, these infringements cannot be applied to people experiencing homelessness. Though local authorities cannot “blanket ban” freedom camping, we can however, prohibit or restrict freedom camping to protect areas that are culturally or environmentally sensitive, protect public health and safety, and protect access where there is a high risk to infrastructure damage. Further information can be found at mbie.govt.nz

Community Investment Programme

Council administers a Community Investment Programme. The programme aims to reduce investment inequalities across our communities, particularly in our rural areas where investment is low or non-existent. The programme also seeks to encourage community led projects, such as Blueprint projects, and the programme aligns discretionary funding to Community Boards and Community Committees.

Current Community Investment Programmes administered by Council are, Community Boards and Community Committee Funding, the Rural Ward Investment Programme, an annual ANZAC Budget, a modest Mayoral Fund, Community Aspirations and Blueprint Budget, the Momentum Wellbeing Investment, the Multi-Year Museum and Heritage Fund, and Creative Communities which is funded by Creative NZ.

Each investment programme has an investment or funding purpose. The purpose of the Community Aspirations and Blueprint Budget for example, is to support and or complete, community led projects, that have been identified as part of the wider community aspirations, and to empower Community Boards and Community Committees to support local projects.

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FENZ – Fire and Emergency New Zealand

Led by Senior Fire Fighter Rees, of the Te Kauwhata Volunteer Fire Brigade, and facilitated by Lauren Wismans, a team of five volunteers, were recently in Meremere. A component of the team’s work involved installing fire alarms and ensuring each household were educated with regards to fire safety, fire prevention, cooking safety, heater and fireplace safety, night safety checks, the speed of fire, and household escape plans in the event of a fire.

Council Meetings

Performance and Strategy	20 June
Sustainability and Wellbeing	28 June
Council	28 June
Infrastructure	05 July
Policy and Regulatory	11 July
Council	17 July

Hearings and Deliberations

Annual Plan Hearings	08 June
Annual Plan Deliberations	13 June

Workshops and Other Meetings

Connectivity Strategy Workshop	13 June
Community Facilities Strategy	13 June
Discretionary Funding	15 June
Three Waters Entity	15 June
Development Contributions Workshop	20 June
Toituu Framework Workshop	20 June
Port Waikato Erosion Workshop	21 June
Maintenance Contract Workshop	21 June
Stormwater 101 Workshop	26 June
Te Tiriti o Waitangi Risk Workshop	05 July
Events Strategy Workshop	11 July
Climate Response and Resilience	11 July
LTP Transport Workshop	17 July

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Community and Constituency Engagements

Orini Constituent	01 June
Tauhei Constituent	10 June
Te Kauwhata Constituent	15 June
Te Kauwhata Community Response	19 June

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Waerenga-Whitikahu June 2023 Newsletter



AD

MARLENE RAUMATI

WAIKATO

Waerenga-Whitikahu

JUNE NEWSLETTER

TAUHEI FARMERS MANUEL ROAD

The Waerenga-Whitikahu ward extends from Meremere in the north, to Tauhei-Whitikahu in the south. Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of meeting generational farmers, Mr John Fransen, Mr Bruce Downing, and Mr Brian Pepper.

Located in the most southern end of our ward, Tauhei is a rural community, and home of Manuel Rd. Like many of our rural roads, Manuel Rd is unsealed.

Due to severe weather conditions and a lack of maintenance, the road had deteriorated to an incredibly poor state. By invitation, I ventured out, to gain my own understanding and appreciation of the issue at hand.

I have since been advised, that Manuel Rd, has now been graded and is in a much more healthier state and condition.



WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2023/24

The 2023/24 Annual Plan, has officially been adopted. It outlines our initiatives, and how they will be funded over the coming year. The plan illustrates our commitment to enhance community well-being and build a stronger, more resilient future together.

The plan focuses on creating vibrant and inclusive communities and concentrates on providing core services and infrastructure. It highlights key projects such as infrastructure improvements, reliable water supply, and efficient waste management.

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Councillor's July²⁰ Calendar

- **Wastewater Treatment Plants Northern Tour** - Monday 3 July, 9:00am - 5:00pm
- **LGNZ Remits/Candidates Workshop** - Tuesday 4 July, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
- **Infrastructure Committee** - Wednesday 5 July, 9:30am - 12:30pm, Council Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **LTP Workshop** - Monday 10 July, 9:30am - 4:00pm, Council Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Policy and Regulatory, Events Strategy Workshop, Climate Response and Resilience Strategy**, Tuesday 11 July, 9:30am - 3:30pm, Council Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Council Meeting and LTP Transport Workshop** - Monday 17 July, 9:30am - 4:45pm, Council Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **ELT/Elected Members Workshop** - Tuesday 18 July, 9:00am - 5:00pm
- **Growth Projections Workshop, Franklin Local Board, Upper North Waikato Indicative Business Case Workshop** - Wednesday 19 July, 9:30am - 3:00pm, Council Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Meremere Community Committee Meeting** - Thursday 20 July, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Meremere



Te Kauwhata Community GARDEN

Officially opened in November 2022, a community led initiative, supported by Waikato District Council, the Te Kauwhata Community Committee, Te Kauwhata and Districts Lions, the Te Kauwhata Community House, along with a number of community sponsors and hardworking team of volunteers, the Community Garden has and continues to yield produce, as featured, ranging from cabbages, broccoli, parsley, radishes, silver beet, and kumara - free to the community. A **HUGE thank you** to our volunteers, who tend to the garden every week unflinchingly.

Photo Credit: Te Kauwhata Community Garden FB Page

ROAD SAFETY ROAD TO ZERO STRATEGY

As part of the "Road to Zero-Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030", a new Land Transport rule, which came into effect in May 2022, has significantly changed the way speed limits are set.

Council must now, set out objectives through the development of a Speed Management Plan (SMP). The SMP's must align with the Road to Zero strategy and must contain a "whole network" approach alongside, infrastructure improvements, safety cameras, and enforcement.

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With the wet winter months now upon us, I trust that you are all keeping as warm and as dry as possible. For those in our community who may need a little support, please reach out to the amazing team at the Te Kauwhata Community House or go online to the website of the Ministry of Social Development www.msd.govt.nz - as you may qualify for assistance.

Our districts communities are being supported to develop community response plans to ensure pragmatic reinforcement capabilities and capacity. Community stakeholders, on a voluntary basis, from Meremere, Te Kauwhata, Rangiriri and Waerenga have responded to Council's invitation, thus bringing our local community safety and resilience strategy into alignment with Council's over-arching community well-being strategy.

You might be aware of the forthcoming Te Kauwhata Licencing Trust by-election, to be held on Tuesday 1 August 2023. The by-election will be using the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system. Two candidates have been nominated for the vacancy, details of which can be found online at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz.

Led by Chair John Cunningham, the Te Kauwhata Community Committee ensures that they are cognisant of the social, cultural, economic, and environmental needs of the community. With several community projects underway, that align to the four pillars of Councils sustainability and well-being strategy, the committee strives towards creating opportunities for greater environmental connectivity, and accessibility, taking into account, cultural imperatives, while striving to deliver on community enhancements, such as the domain project, upgrading the dog park, planting, developing walkways and improved community safety measures - this is an exciting time, and as with the adage, good things take time.

A **HUGE thank you** those who got stuck in and planted over 2500 daffodil bulbs at our Community Garden, especially our Te Kauwhata Primary students who also provided some much-needed sweat equity and good old fashion community collaboration.

Finally, I continue to receive lots of messages with regards to lodging service requests. This can be done by simply visiting www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/request-a-service - for all other enquiries call **0800 492 452**

MAANAWATIA A MATARIKI - CELEBRATE MATARIKI
UNTIL NEXT MONTH - TAKE CARE, KEEP SAFE and KEEP WARM

