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This week is about celebrating Matariki at Reremoana School. There has been learning taking place in the classrooms, our little friends from ELCM Wattle Cove visited and shared performances with the kapa haka as well as some poi and rakau experiences.

Our celebration last night was a truly emotional celebration. New names for our junior and senior kapa haka groups were announced – Ngā Rerenga o Te Puna (Junior Kapa Haka) and Te Roopu ō Wairere (Senior Kapa Haka). These names stand alongside Te Roopu ō Hinemoana (our most senior and experienced kapa haka group).

One of our goals has been to strengthen our relationship with Te Ākitai Waiohua, the iwi of Reremoana. It was our great honour to have several generations of their whanau join us to celebrate Matariki. We were so very humbled to receive a taonga, a beautiful picture of Reremoana and her husband, Huiarangi from them. We would like all our tamariki to know who Reremoana was and the values her and her whanau held dear. This picture will be hung in our reception.

At our whanau hui the concept of celebrating success at Matariki, the Māori new year was put forward and it was wonderful to celebrate the success of 3 of our ākonga last night. For more information see further in this newsletter. We are very proud of Izaac, Bohden and Amanda.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in our celebration.

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori (Greetings of Matariki, the Māori New Year)

Ngā mihi,  
nā Julie Cowan  
Principal



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Ka mahuta a  
Matariki i te  
pae, ka  
mahuta ō  
tātou  
tūmanako ki  
te tau



*When Matariki  
rises above the  
horizon, our  
aspirations  
rise to the year  
ahead*

# Matariki

## **Matariki hunga nui, Matariki, the gatherer of people.**

Last night, our kura came together to celebrate the Māori New Year, and wow what a celebration we had! Matariki is a time to gather as whānau, to reflect on the year that has passed, to honour loved ones who have gone before us, and to celebrate new beginnings. This kaupapa was brought to life through powerful performances from our three kapa haka roopu, the sharing of student learning and art, the presentation of our new Matariki Te Ao Māori Awards, and fundraising for Te Roopu o Hinemoana.

We were deeply honoured to be joined by Te Ākitai Waiohū, Mana Whenua of this rohe. Their presence is always a privilege, and it is special for them to witness how we continue to uphold and celebrate the values of their tūpuna, Reremoana, the namesake of our kura. It was also a time to acknowledge the contributions of our dear Mrs Honey, who has given so much to our kura over the years.

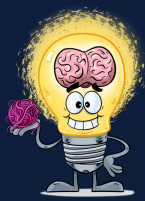
A heartfelt thank you to all the whānau and kaimahi who helped bring this celebration to life, your mahi, aroha and time made all the difference. Seeing our tamariki shining with pride, grounded in te ao Māori, makes every moment worthwhile.

*Nikki Vaai*

## **Our New Matariki Te Ao Māori Awards**

This year we were proud to launch our new Matariki Te Ao Māori Awards, a beautiful way to honour the Māori New Year and uplift te ao Māori within our kura. We give special thanks to the Su'a whānau, whose initial whakaaro inspired the creation of these awards. They have supported this kaupapa from behind the scenes, helping organise and present the taonga alongside our talented kaiwhakairo, Matua O'Dell.

Matua O'Dell has gifted three exquisitely carved taonga to our kura, each representing a unique award and deeply embedded in mātauranga Māori. His generosity, skill, and wairua will forever be woven into the fabric of our kura. We are truly humbled to receive these taonga, which will continue to uplift te ao Māori and inspire future generations.



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Our Three Awards are :

**Te Tū Māia Award / Courageous Participation**

For a student who stands confidently to participate in and celebrate, uplift te ao Māori. Whether through kapa haka, te reo Māori, pūrākau, or tikanga, this ākonga shows bravery, passion, and commitment to participation and cultural identity.

Ngā Uara | Values Acknowledged:

Māia: Courage

Rangatiratanga: Leadership

Whai wāhi nui: Active and meaningful participation

2025 Recipient: Izaac Penewi



**Manawhakatipu Award/ Growth and Resilience**

For a student who has shown personal growth, strength of character, and perseverance through challenges in te ao Māori.

Ngā Uara | Values Acknowledged:

Manawaroa: Resilience

Whakatipu tangata: Personal development and growth

Ngākau kaha : Strength of heart and spirit

2025 Recipient: Bohden Vaai



**Matariki-nui-ā-rangi Award / Leading by Example**

This is a prestigious, all-round award presented to a tamariki who embodies the wairua of Matariki in everything they do throughout the year. This student embodies the full spirit of Matariki, honouring the past, uniting people, dreaming boldly, caring deeply, and uplifting the wellbeing of our kura whānau. Like Matariki herself, this person brings light to our kura and guides others with strength and heart.

Ngā Uara | Values Acknowledged:

Maumahara: Honours and uplifts the memory of others.

Kotahitanga: Builds unity and strong relationships

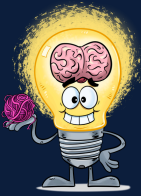
Wawata: Dreams big and encourages others to reach their potential

Manaakitanga: Cares for and supports others, especially in challenging times

Oranga: Promotes positivity and wellbeing in the kura.

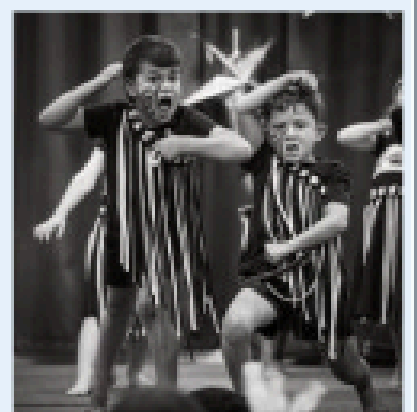
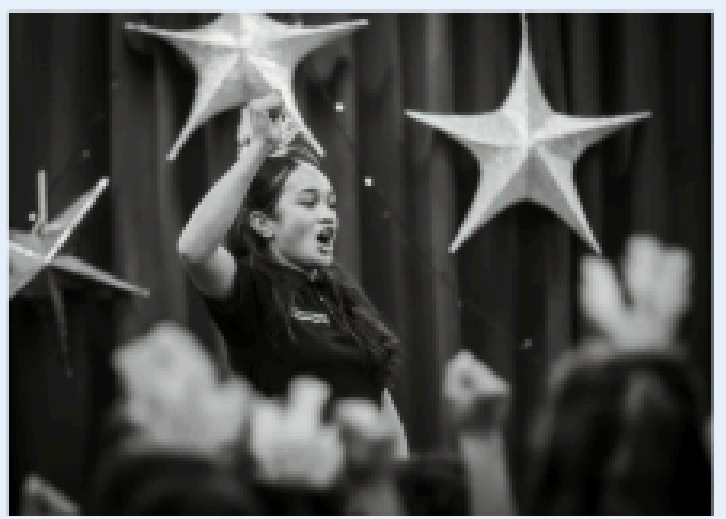
2025 Recipient: Amanda Su'a

Nikki Vaai



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## Mānawatia a Matariki!





# Curriculum Update

Each newsletter our 'curriculum' section will have information about the new curriculum so we can take our whānau on the journey with us.

## Mid Year Reporting

As you may be aware, Aotearoa New Zealand is currently refreshing its national curriculum – and as a school we are making changes to ensure our reporting and teaching practices align with this new direction.

One key change is that each learning area now includes specific progress outcomes for each year level – this is a shift from the previous approach where teachers worked from broad levels of the curriculum and deterred next steps based on student needs.

Previously reports included OTJs or Overall Teacher Judgements. Teachers created these by triangulating the data they collect from assessments, student progress and outcomes in class, independent work and observations. As the government is yet to finish developing the assessment tools to sit alongside the new curriculum documents. As teachers are not able to complete this triangulation process nor do they have a complete understanding of the new curriculum we will not be including OTJs in this report.

The report will include some information from the new curriculum about what students have been taught from the specific year level by year level curriculum for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. There will also be several skills that students demonstrated consistently independently documented in the report as well as a general comment.

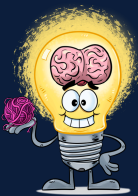
Reports will be received at Conferences – Week 2 of Term 3 – in hard copy. Please make a copy of the report for your own records and keep it in a safe place.

You will be able to book for conferences using HERO in the coming weeks

## Introducing Ayla and Logan

You may see these two faces around our school over the next few weeks. Ayla Khan and Logan Makata are 5<sup>th</sup> year student doctors, and are completing a selective placement at Reremoana as part of their training.

Ayla was a foundation student at Reremoana, and Logan is also an ex student. We are so happy and proud to have such strong role models in our kura, learning alongside us.



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# Community Evening

Many thanks to those who braved the weather last week to attend our community evening with the board and leadership team.

At this meeting we shared the work we have been doing using The Sir John Kirwan Foundation's Mitey, a New Zealand research informed approach to mental health education. This work is supporting our tamariki to identify their emotions and understand ways to regulate their emotions in a positive way. Children are learning about friendships and positive relationships. The Mitey learning is woven with our language of learning and our prior learning around hauora eg using the Te Whare Tapa Wha model.

A question was asked on the night around how this works for our neurodiverse learners, as we know they sometimes have a harder time identifying their own and others emotions. Mitey is even more important for our students who struggle with emotions, we know some children need explicit teaching around these as they don't just 'pick it up'. The explicit teaching approach of Mitey is a great support for our neurodiverse learners.

We also shared how mid-year reports are going to work this year. For more information around this please see the Curriculum Update section of this newsletter.

A modified version of the slides from the evening can be found here:

## [Community Meeting](#)

The final part of our evening was community consultation. This information will be used by the board and the senior leadership team to inform our strategic plan from 2026. We'd love the input of everyone in our community and so invite those who were unable to attend the meeting to complete some of the questions via this link:

## [Community Survey](#)

We are aware there are quite a few questions; this is the start of a major piece of consultation that schools complete every 3 to 5 years. We really appreciate your time and contribution and want to ensure we get feedback reflective of our diverse community. We are asking for information such as name and child team so we can ensure we get a wide spread of voices.

# Congratulations Aiden

Aiden G in Te Awa 2 has been nominated as 1 of the 5 finalists of the Kōkako Award, being the song writer, pianist and singer of his own song "Take Me To The End".

This award is for young performers (12 years and under) across the country, as part of the Aotearoa Children's Awards. Here's the link of the news:

<https://kiwikidsmusic.co.nz/new-blog/announcing-the-2025/>

Those who attended the Mother's Day High Tea would have heard Aiden perform on the piano.

Ka rāwe, Aiden!





## Amazing Hockey Success!

Although we celebrate this on our sport pages later in the newsletter, we must make special mention of our boys' hockey team, who yesterday WON the Counties tournament!

This is the first time we have ever won at Counties hockey. Selected from a small group of Y7/8 boys, we certainly punched above our weight, beating teams from much larger schools/intermediates.

The team has now qualified to compete in the Auckland Champs next term.

Thanks must go to Miss Jorien Fourie for her coaching and mentoring of this team. Thanks also to the parent supporters and helpers.

Next week our girls' team competes in the Counties tournament. We wish them all the best.



## Staff Update

At the end of this term we (sort of) farewell Brooke Thomas from Te Awa 2, as she goes off to travel the world! We welcome back Mrs Nathana Wickman, who will take over as kaiako in Te Awa 2. Nathana is well known to the children as she has been teaching one day a week in there all year. Nathana will also resume her role as Team Leader, alongside Krisitie Knauf.

A huge thank you to Miss Courtney White for the fabulous job she has done as Acting Team Leader in Te Awa.

It is only au revoir for Brooke though, as she is returning in Term 4. Brooke will take over from Shannon Gugich-MacKenzie, who is expecting a baby and will take parental leave from Term 4. Congratulations to Shannon, and we look forward to having Brooke back on staff then!

Mrs Wickman



## Staff Carpark

We acknowledge that parking around our school can be tricky before and after school. However the staff carpark is reserved for staff vehicles.

In addition to ensuring there is capacity for staff, In the mornings we have students crossing at the entrance to the carpark, and cars travelling in and out is a safety risk.

We have granted express permission for a small number of our students with additional needs, who require close proximity. We also invite parents transporting children on trips to use the staff carpark, as it is safer to get our tamariki into the vehicles in the carpark. Please do not park in the staff carpark if this does not apply to you.



# Ice Skating Tour!

Last week our tamariki had an absolute blast learning some ice skating skills. Apparently it was the best day of some of their lives! Each kaitiaki/class had 2 lessons and we were so impressed to see so many of our tamariki go from being nervous about trying something new and doubting their ability to skate to zooming around the rink with massive smiles on their faces. They showed resilience as they fell and got back up again, pushing the boundaries of what they thought they were capable of. We saw them encouraging each other and celebrating the success of their peers. What a great extension of our PE classes!

I loved seeing families, ex-students, and pre-schoolers who haven't yet started come along to the disco evenings on Wednesday and Thursday.

Ngā mihi nui, many thanks to those who helped set up on the Sunday afternoon and pack up on the Friday afternoon, your help was so appreciated!



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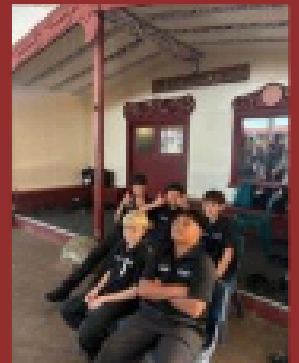
# ELCM Matariki Exchange

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, ELCM came over to our hall and watched Te Roopu ō Hinemoana perform. They were so cute and performed Waitī Waitā and Tutira mai ngā iwi. Afterwards, Te Roopu ō Hinemoana buddied up with a little kid and taught them either rākau or poi. Maishga and I buddied up with Auryn and Gabrielle with the poi. It was so fun and their performance was very impressive as they were all three or four years old and they knew all the āringa and kupu. (actions and words.) I cant wait for them to return when they're older.

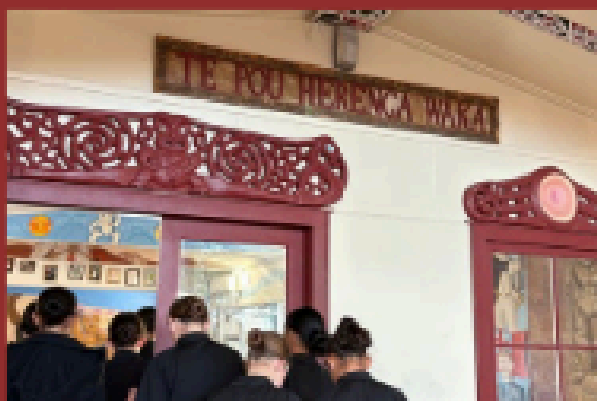
- written by Erin B



# Noho Marae



On the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, Te Roopu o Hinemoana visited James Cook's marae- Te Pou Herenga Waka. We started with a pōwhiri to enter before we walked into the marae we were staying over in. While we waited for our bags, we watched some performances from the students in Pūtake. When they finished performing, we went over to the gym where we all performed for each other, first up was us, and we stood in front of everyone. We did our bracket and watched everyone from James Cook do their hakas, waiatas, patu, and poi. It was such an amazing experience! Nā Te Arapaparahi





# Foodstuffs Kaupapa



**Te Roopu ō Hinemoana had a great opportunity to go to Foodstuffs, which was an amazing experience. As soon as we arrived, we settled into our “VIP lounge,” which featured soft and comfortable chairs and prepared goodie bags. They had a table set of all sorts of food, then we had a few practices. Now it was our time to shine, they guided us to the stage and then we started to sing and harmonise, people pulled out there cameras, lights flashed our performance was unfortunately done all we could hear were claps and all we could see were smiles and joy with another pakipaki we walked off. After our performance, Foodstuffs prepared us a hāngi with pumpkin, chicken, potato, and some delicious stuffing! After we ate our kai, a guy with taonga had a kete and started to speak loud and clear. After he was done he began “Tu Tere mai nga iwi”. We joined in with smiles. We hopped back on the bus and traveled back to kura. What an experience!**

***IMaishashree***

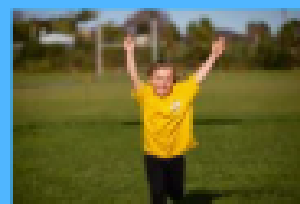
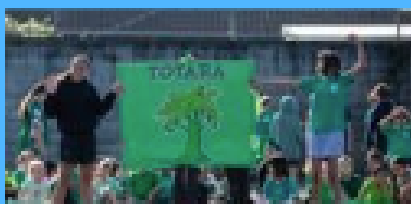
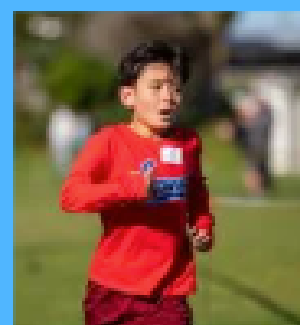




# 2025 REREMOANA SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS



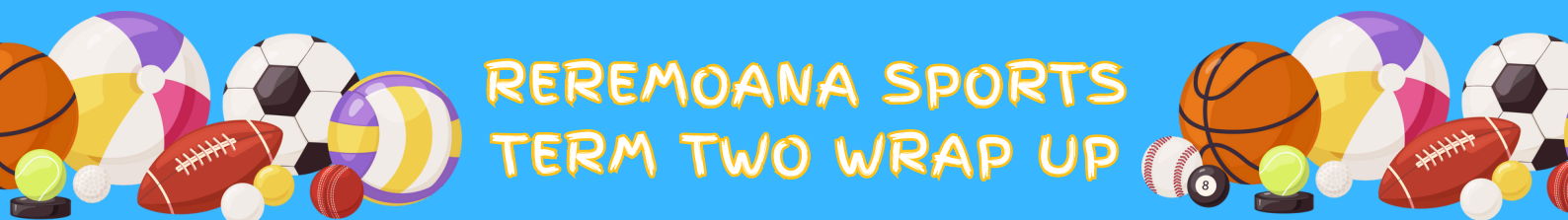
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2	Ibrahim	Lucy
3	Marona	Zoey
	Y1 Boys	Y1 Girls
1	Noah	Niu
2	Conrad	Aleena
3	Ayan	Vaneece
	Y2 Boys	Y2 Girls
1	Kion	Eden
2	Payton	Elinor
3	Bohden	Amelia
	Y3 Boys	Y3 Girls
1	Mason	Georgie
2	Kingston	Richelle
3	Alex	Zara
	Y4 Boys	Y4 Girls
1	Max	Nina
2	Luka	Sarah
3	Kingsley	Esther
	Y5 Boys	Y5 Girls
1	Mason	Savannah
2	Arlo	Angelique
3	Micha	Deanna
	Y6 Boys	Y6 Girls
1	Te Manawa	Leila
2	Dewan	Aleisha
3	Tanmay	Sarah
	Y7 Boys	Y7 Girls
1	Julius	Khloe
2	Riley	Zoey
3	Rex	Dhristi
	Y8 Boys	Y8 Girls
1	Carlo	Amanda
2	Elwood	Crislyn
3	Keneil	Zianne







FOR MORE CROSS COUNTRY PHOTOS, VISIT OUR [SCHOOL FB PAGE](#)



## REREMOANA SPORTS TERM TWO WRAP UP

**We have had a fun and busy term of sports. Including;**

- Counties Orienteering
- MPSSA Football
- MPSSA Volleyball
- CCSA Hockey
- Counties Hockey

### **Special Shout outs:**

Our stand out hockey teams, both the girls and the boys team placed first at CCSA. Additional accolades to the boys team who WON the Counties competition yesterday. The first time Reremoana has won this event. Good luck to our girls team competing next week!

MPSSA football was another fabulous day out. Our mixed team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the championship league; well done to Arlo H for his player of the tournament performance.







# REREMOANA SPORTS OVERVIEW FOR TERMS 3 AND 4



TERM	DATE	SPORT	WHO IS INVOLVED
Term 3	30th July	Football	Girls
	4th August	Netball	Mixed
	18th August	Cross Country	Mixed
	15th Sept	Basketball	Mixed
Term 4	22nd Oct	Touch	Mixed
	3rd Nov	Athletics	Mixed
	4/5/6 Nov	CM Games	Mixed

**MPSSA  
YEAR 5 & 6**

**THESE ARE THE SPORTS  
THAT WE HAVE  
PLANNED TO TAKE  
PART IN THIS YEAR  
FOR MPSSA AND CCSA**



**CCSA  
YEAR 7 & 8**

**IF YOU THINK ARE  
ABLE TO HELP WITH  
COACHING OR  
HELPING IN ANY  
WAY, PLEASE EMAIL**

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TERM	DATE	SPORT	WHO IS INVOLVED
Term 3	21st July	Netball	Mixed
	25th July	Cross Country	Mixed
	28th - 1st August	Sports Camp	Mixed
	1st - 5th September	AIMS Games	Mixed
Term 4	17th Sept	Volleyball	Mixed
	14th Oct	Touch	Mixed
	11th Nov	Athletics	Mixed

# Lost Property Reminder

It's nearly the end of term, and we'll be setting out all lost property (uniform, clothes, drink bottles, shoes) for claiming outside near the flagpole on Thursday of Week 9 (weather permitting), or Friday of Week 9 from 2:45–3:00pm. Come along and see if any of your child's missing items are there!

Please note: Any unclaimed uniform will be added to our second-hand uniform shop.

Ngā mihi,  
Crislyn, Lily and Mrs J

# Notice of Term 4 Teacher Only Day

When calculating our starting and finishing dates for 2025 we allowed for a teacher only day (in addition to the 2 maths curriculum days). This teacher only day will be Friday October 24th, the Friday prior to Labour weekend. Where possible we try to attach teacher only days to long weekends as we notice that whanau often want to make the most of a long weekend by getting away early.

The focus of this teacher only day on Friday October 24, will be end of year reporting as we are expecting more information from the Ministry of Education around end of year reporting at the start of Term 4.

## Term 2 Important Dates

Updated Weekly

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 23-27 June	Children's University Discovery Day			Y7/8 Tech Te Rā Haka - Kahui Ako	Term 2 ends

# Coming Up in Term 3

### Week 2

23/24 July - Three Way Conferences, reports shared

25 July - Choir SAPAC comp

**Week 3** - Sports Camp Week

### Week 5

15 Aug - Manurewa Rehu Tai Finals

### Week 6

22 Aug - Fathers Breakfast

**Week 8** - AIMS week

**Week 9** - BoT Elections

### Week 10

16 Sept - School photos

*2026 term dates will be confirmed at our next Board meeting,  
and will then be shared with families*

# Community News

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Monday 14 April - Thursday 24 April 2025\*  
held at both venues



Looking for an exciting way to keep the kids entertained these April school holidays?

Our action-packed school holiday programmes are filled with fun activities to match your child's interests, choose the perfect option for them and let the adventure begin!



Week One  
Commences Monday 14 April  
\*No sessions on 18 April due to public holiday

Week Two  
Commences Tuesday 22 April  
\*No sessions 21 and 25 April due to public holidays

Auckland Netball Centre  
7 Allison Ferguson Drive  
St Johns (OSCAR Accredited)

Windmill Park Venue  
48 Windmill Road



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### Nathan Homestead Holiday Programme

Please follow [this link](#) for all the information,.

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**BANDS**

**THE JUNGLE BOOK**

**SONGWRITING**

**JULY HOLIDAYS**

Turn up the volume these school holidays! Step into the spotlight as you write and film your own music video, rock out with friends in our band sessions, and dive into the wonder of musical theatre with The Jungle Book.

For our youngest stars, Little Rockers is the perfect place to start—try your hand at Ukulele, Drums, and Keyboard, then join forces to create a band of mini music legends! Spaces are limited—get ready to jam, perform, and make these holidays your most epic yet!

**SONGWRITING AND MUSIC VIDEO: AGES 8-15**

**BANDS: AGES 8-15**

**LITTLE ROCKERS: AGES 5-7**

**THE JUNGLE BOOK: AGES 6-14**

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**Kids Basketball holiday programme**

**Fun Games & Skills Sessions For Boys & Girls 5-12+ Years**

**\$150 5-Days**

**Pulman Arena**

- July 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
- 9am - 3pm
- \$40 per day

**AGES: 5-7, 8-11, 12+**

**Registration Link:**

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