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# kids first

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first credit union's newsletter just for kids!

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credit  
union**

If you're not a First Credit Union member, ask your parents if you can open a Kids Account today! Just pick up a School Banking pack from your school office, or visit one of our branches.

**Hi kids  
welcome  
to kids first**



## Matariki

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises just once a year, in mid-winter. For many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year.

The word Matariki means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki). According to myth, when Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother, were separated by their children, the god of the winds, Tāwhirimātea, became so angry that he tore out his eyes and threw them into the heavens. Traditionally, Matariki was a time to remember those who had died in the last year. But it was also a happy event – crops had been harvested and seafood and birds had been collected. With plenty of food in the storehouses, Matariki was a time for singing, dancing and feasting.

Matariki, or Māori New Year celebrations were once popular, but stopped in the 1940s. In 2000, they were revived. A special feature of Matariki celebrations is the flying of kites – according to ancient custom they flutter close to the stars.

SEE IF YOU CAN  
SPOT MATARIKI  
THIS YEAR!

STOREHOUSES WOULD  
BE FULL OF TASTY  
KAI LIKE KUMARA!



MATARIKI

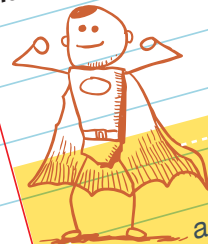
**Welcome back! I hope you had a great  
Easter and a cool holiday!**

I've spent my holidays learning about the stars and a special time called Matariki. I'm going to tell you a bit about it in this newsletter and maybe you will celebrate it – it starts on 28 June this year.

Make sure you get colouring and enter the competition on the back page – wouldn't it be awesome to win \$50 for your savings!

And don't forget to keep saving – you'll reach your goal in no time!

**Have fun super savers!**



**Jimmy**  
Jimmy Jumper

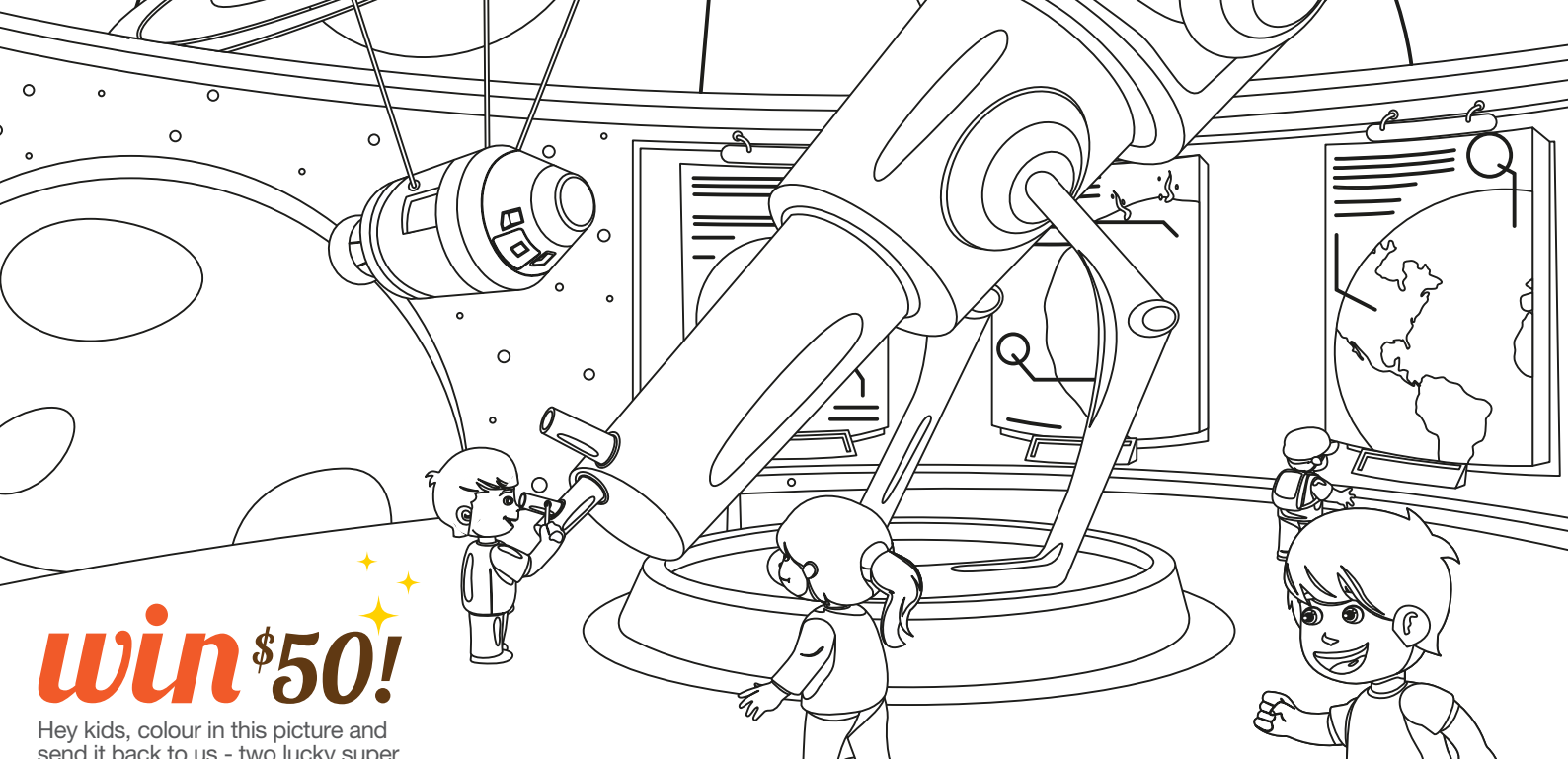
**Be a Super Saver!**  
Even saving a small

amount each week can  
add up! Set a goal and make  
sure you stick to it like glue!

**Hey Mum! Hey Dad!**

Do you know we have a range of savings accounts? Whatever your situation, there's one to suit you! No one knows what the future will bring, but the important thing to remember is to be prepared for it. It's never too late to start saving! The more you save now the better off you will be in the future. Plus, our interest rates are some of the highest around – that's more money in your pocket!





# win \$50!

Hey kids, colour in this picture and send it back to us - two lucky super savers will **win \$50 for their savings!**

Return your picture with your school banking passbook, bring it in to a First Credit Union branch, or post it to PO Box 585, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton by Tuesday, 1 July, 2014.

name

age

address

school

phone

**first credit union** & **FYD Waikato**

We sponsor FYD Waikato's Positive Young Star initiative. This award recognises kids who have positive attitudes and are all-round positive role models. A winner is chosen each month and they get a cool prize pack!

**Positive Young Star**

**Joscelyne Jordan** of Melville Intermediate, Hamilton's Positive Young Star for April 2014. Joscelyne is a student who easily gets along with others and is always willing to give a helping hand. Mrs Wilson of Melville Primary comments that, 'She is a great friend to others making them feel secure and helps them make the right choices'. Joscelyne believes that a role model is 'Someone that helps others and shows respect'. Respect is something that is very important to Joscelyne, 'Respect to me means being caring and not being mean to anyone'. Joscelyne is constantly role modelling the behaviours of a Positive Young Star and Mrs Wilson says, 'Joscelyne always speaks respectfully to everyone in the school'. **Well done Joscelyne!**

Amy McKavanagh



GOOD GUYS...

## congrats!

**Congratulations** to Gisele Reihana from Matata Public School and Amy McKavanagh from Kurutau School!  
**You both won \$50 for your savings!**

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