

Panui/Newsletter



March 13, 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora whanau

We are over halfway into Term 1 of 2025 and what a wonderful start to the year it has been.

A huge highlight to kick the year off is that our Bike track is officially up & running! Thank you all for the support received in our fundraiser last year towards the restoration of the Bike track, much appreciated. A special mention also to Crossroads Construction for a job well done!

In week 2 we had "SPLASH & DASH" - a modified version of our annual MPS Triathlon as our bike track was still under construction.

Our tamariki had lots of fun and done extremely well in the "SPLASH & DASH". We also had Swimming sports last week, it was wonderful to have several whanau come down and support our tamariki! We had a few students go on to represent our school in the Rangitaiki Swimming Sports. A huge congratulations to all our tamariki who represented our kura and to both Tama & Te Puia for making it into the EBOP Swimming comp being held today!

Thank you to the parents/guardians that were able to attend the Parent/Teacher Interviews - it was great to see many of you leaving with smiles on your faces!

Photo life will be here next Tuesday for our school photos, thank you for updating your email addresses as each child's photo access key code will be sent via email.

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He iwi KŌTAHI tātou. Working together as one.

KOTAHI VALUES

OUR KOTAHI VALUES FOCUS FOR THIS TERM IS
"KO"

K = KIA MANA MOTUHAKE – BEING MOTIVATED
ACHIEVERS

O = OWNING OUR LEARNING AND ACTIONS –
POWERFUL LEARNERS

KO TE MANU E KAI ANA TE MIRO NONA TE
NGAHERE,

KO TE MANU E KAI ANA TE MATAURANGA NONA
TE AO!

THE FOREST BELONGS TO THE BIRD THAT FEASTS
ON THE BERRIES,

THE WORLD BELONGS TO THE BIRD THAT FEASTS
ON KNOWLEDGE!

Fun 4U day Y0-4 and Te Arawa Journey Y5-8 are both next week, please return your child's consent form asap.

Reminder again regarding school uniform, The Teal polo shirt and Black bottoms. The school uniform tops are available in the office. They are \$15 each. Any plain tidy black bottoms are fine, and a plain black jersey once we head into the cooler months.

Please ensure you like us on Facebook and sign up to the Skool Loop App to keep in touch with what is happening here at school. If you are not in your child's class "Messenger Group" please see their teacher and become part of the class chat as teachers are using this for reminders and as a way of contacting parents/caregivers. We do try and keep you informed on events taking place at school and the electronic way seems to be the best way to reach you all. If you do not use Facebook, Messenger or Skool Loop then please ensure you keep in touch with the school so we can get information to you on events concerning your child/ren.

Thanks,

Tania Raynes – Principal

We would like to acknowledge and thank our Valued School Sponsors



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Upcoming Events/Activities

March 13th – EBOP Swimming

March 18th – School Photos

March 19th – Y8 Vaccinations

March 20th – FUN 4U Day Y0-4

March 20th – Te Arawa Journey Y5-8

April 10th – Last day of Term

Year 8 Vaccinations are next Wednesday, consent forms have been sent home. Please fill in the consent or non-consent part of the form and return these by Tuesday.

School Uniform:

Uniform tops can be purchased from the School Office for \$15.00 each (sizes 6-16).

Absentees:

If your child is absent please send a message via skool loop or phone or email the school to advise or text your child's teacher – remember to give a reason for an absence. Our absentee records go to the Ministry of Education now so we would rather put a genuine reason than an unknown absence.


Matata Public School Bank Account:

12 3253-0080452-00

Please use student name and a description as a reference when depositing.

eg: Jack – uniform.



****Special Notice for our Farmers & Growers***

There's Something in the Water 
Freshwater Ecology Seminars for Farmers and Growers

Registrations are now open for these seminars being run by Allegrow, covering:

- > Native fish species and life cycles
- > Fish Passage
- > Water quality monitoring and understanding the results
- > Macroinvertebrates

Details as follows:

 Whakatane Edgecumbe Memorial Hall 19 March, 10am – 3pm	 Opotiki Opotiki Golf Club 20 March, 10am – 3pm
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To register, scan the QR codes above.

Or more information can be found here: <https://www.allegrow.co.nz/farm-environment-plans/integrated-farm-planning/>