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He iwi KŌTAHI tātou. Working together as one.

Term 1, 2026

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora whanau,

What a wonderful start to the year we've welcomed several new tamariki and whanau to our school, Nau mai haere mai whanau! We have also welcomed Brooke McMillan and Liane Davidson onto our team, you'll see them in Piwakawaka as teacher aides, Liane is also running a P.E program every Wednesday. Having Brooke & Liane onboard enables Mrs Brown to do the BSLA (literacy program) with our little ones during the week. The year started with the usual testing. This is done in the first few weeks to give our teachers a guideline of where our tamariki are at and how we can cater to their learning needs.

MPS Triathlon was held in the second week, and Swimming sports in the third. Luckily for us the weather was perfect on both occasions, and it was great to see so many parents/whanau come down to support our tamariki!

Each class had the opportunity to head out for a fun day on the water during week 4. This enabled them to learn more around 'Water Safety' but was also a great opportunity for everyone, children, parents and teachers to get to know each other outside of the class while having fun!

Last week our Year 5-8 tamariki went via bus to Rotorua to learn about the "Te Arawa Journey" a trip they make each year to learn history and whakapapa of the Te Arawa waka, more specifically of the people of Matata. We are very grateful to have Matua Matiu come along & share the history and knowledge that has been passed to him throughout the years. Thank you Matua!

Our Year 1-4 will be heading out on an excursion this coming Thursday to Otawairere, I'm sure it'll be a great day out for them all!

KOTAHI VALUES

OUR KOTAHI VALUES FOCUS FOR THIS TERM IS
"O"

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 BIRD THAT FEASTS ON THE BERRY OWNS THE
FOREST

THE BIRD THAT FEASTS ON KNOWLEDGE OWNS THE
WORLD

WE HAVE A "MAHI KOTAHI KETE" FULL OF TOOLS TO HELP
WITH LEARNING!

CHECK IN WITH THE TEACHER IF YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE
ABOUT THIS.

Regarding school uniform -

School Uniform tops are available in the office for \$15.

Tidy black pants/shorts etc is fine.

As the temperature has dropped in the last few days and we head into the cooler months – Any tidy plain black jersey or jacket is suitable.

Please ensure you like us on Facebook and sign up to the Skool Loop App(details below) to keep in touch with what is happening here at school. We also have group chats for each class on Facebook Messenger. 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.

Tania Raynes – Principal

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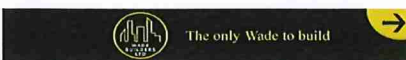
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Upcoming Events/Activities

- Mar 12th** - Fun Day Yr 1- 4
- Mar 13th** – Rangitaiki Swimming comp
- Mar 16th** – Leadership conference - Rotorua.
- Mar 19th** – EBOP Swimming comp
- Apr 1st** – Rangitaiki Touch
- Apr 2nd** - Last day of Term 1
- Apr 3rd** - Good Friday



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:

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

eg: Jack – uniform.

School Uniform:

Uniform tops can be purchased from the School Office for \$15.00 each (sizes 4-14).

Larger sizes we have purchased from another supplier are \$25.00

