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Kia ora e te whānau,

As we prepare for 2025, our school is embracing the new requirements, including the implementation of the updated Literacy and Maths Curriculums. We're excited to share our plans for these positive changes and how they will support the learning journey of our tamariki.

Structured Literacy

For us, this is business as usual. We have been successfully using a structured literacy approach for the past 4-5 years, and we will continue to build on this strong foundation to ensure every child achieves literacy success.

Structured Maths

We are thrilled to announce our adoption of PR1ME Mathematics. This internationally recognized programme, developed by Scholastic International, integrates best practices from top-performing maths nations such as Singapore, Hong Kong, and South Korea. Grounded in the science of learning, PR1ME offers a coherent, engaging, and systematic approach that will equip our tamariki with the skills and confidence to excel in mathematics.

In addition, we are collaborating closely with the Ministry of Education and local schools to deepen our understanding of the new Maths and Literacy Curriculums. Early next year, we hope to confirm further details from the Ministry regarding these updates and will keep you informed as we progress.

We're enthusiastic about these developments and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on our tamariki. We can't wait to share examples of their learning journeys and celebrate their successes with you in 2025.

Trialing a New Parking System

To enhance the safety of our tamariki during drop-off times, we are trialing a new parking system. Staff cars will now be parked away from the gates, providing parents with better access to drop their precious children off safely at the gate. This change reflects our commitment to ensuring the wellbeing and safety of our school community.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mike and the brilliant Kuranui Staff

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Upcoming Events

11th Dec - Whole school trip to Swim Zone Matamata

17th Dec - End of Year Prizegiving and last day

29th Jan - 1st day of Term 1

Van Runs

Just a reminder that you need to let the van driver know if your child is not going to be on the van. If you are going to pick up your child in the afternoon, please make sure you ring the school before 2.00 pm so we can take them off the afternoon van runs. Thanks.

Van 1 Phone Number: Mr Thornley 021 048 1899 Van 2 Phone Number: Mrs. Read 021 048 1949

School Uniforms

Any school uniforms not being used for sports, can these please be returned back to the office. Thank you!

Lost Property

Please check lost property in the Office.. Thank you.

Food Bank

A reminder: we are looking for any non-perishable items to donate to the local food bank in Putaruru. Please kindly place items under the Christmas tree in the library. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

School Docs

All our policies and procedures are available to view on school docs. Log in is Kuranui and the password is 3485

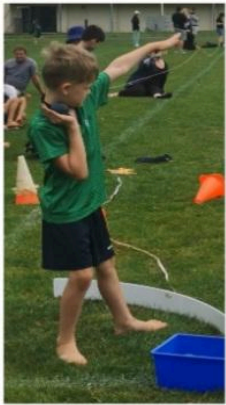
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Athletics



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Inter - Schools



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School Orientation Information

This is a friendly reminder about the Matamata Intermediate School Year 6 Orientation Day, which will take place on Wednesday, 4th December. Parents can take your own child. If you need support with this please see Mike.

- **Arrival Time:** Please arrive by **9.15 am** for a **9.30 am** start.
- **Powhiri:** We will begin the day with a formal powhiri. If there is someone who would like to lead as the **kaikaranga** and respond or participate as the **kaikōrero** on behalf of the contributing primary schools, please reply to this email to let us know.
- **Morning Tea:** Students will need to bring their own morning tea with them.
- **Parent Information Session:** While the students are in their 2025 class, we will be hosting a parent information session. If whānau are unable to attend this session during the day, we are also offering an evening session at **7.00 pm** in the staffroom.
- **Finish Time:** We aim to conclude by **12.15 pm**



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Kia ora e te whānau,

As the year comes to a close, we want to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our tamariki with a day of fun! On Wednesday, 11th December, we will be taking a trip to Matamata Swim Zone from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

At the Swim Zone, we have booked:

- A few lanes in the big pool with the blow-up obstacle course
- Access to the undercover pool

To ensure the children's safety and enjoyment, we will need support from parents (or older siblings over 16) who are willing to jump into the pool and assist our students during the activities.

After our time at the pools, we will head to the park next door for a relaxing picnic lunch before returning to school.

Key Details:

- Date: Wednesday, 11th December
- Time: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
- Location: Matamata Swim Zone
- Transport: By bus (to and from school)
- What to Bring:
 - Swimmers, towel, and sunscreen
 - Packed lunch, water bottle, and a sunhat
 - Comfortable clothing

Please complete the permission slip below and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, 6th December.

Ngā mihi nui,
Mike - Proud Principal

Permission Slip: Trip to Matamata Swim Zone

I give permission for my child/ren, _____, to attend the trip to Matamata Swim Zone on Wednesday, 11th December.

- ☐ I am able to help on the day.
☐ I am able to swim with the children.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____