

MATAWAI SCHOOL

Where the hills are high, and the sky is the limit

Newsletter

Week 4 - Term 4 || 5th November 2026 || Roll 55

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Principals Corner

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to Week 4! The term is moving quickly, with lots of exciting things happening! There has been, and will continue to be a lot of notices coming home with info on upcoming events and permission slips. So keep an eye on the bottom of your childs bag, probably under the lunchbox and damp togs, for any updates!

Ag Day

A big thank you for a fantastic day last Friday! It was a blast to see so many whānau in attendance, all of the animals, the creations and the creativity of the costumes! I know that the judges had a very difficult time choosing winners, as everything presented was just fantastic! We have a lot of appreciation for all of the support to make the day a success, the Board of Trustees, our staff, our judges, sponsors, and everybody who lent a hand - so thank you to you all. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Fisher for an awesome end to the day, I know a lot of work goes into preparing everything needed for the young farmers competition, and it was a real highlight! (Even if there was a bit of cheating from the adult teams....)

Staffing update

We are pleased to share that we have appointed Mrs Sarika Devi to a fixed term teaching position for 2027, to cover Miss McIntosh's maternity leave. Sarika will join us from Auckland, having taught in early childhood in NZ, and with over 18 years as a primary school teacher in Fiji. We look forward to having Sarika join the team in 2027! A further introduction from Sarika will feature in our next newsletter.

Looking ahead, we have our rural athletics event this Friday, please let the office know if your child will not attend, school will be closed.

Have a great week!

Nga mihi,

Matua Steve

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 6th November -Rural Athletics

Thursday 12th November - Sharing Assembly

Friday 13th November - Teacher only day **SCHOOL CLOSED**

30/11-4/12 Senior Camp

Wednesday 9th December - Room 1 Fun day

Thursday 10th December - Room 3 Sleepover at school

Friday 18th December - End of year assembly & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!



Every Day Matters!

TARGET:
80%
of students attending
90%
of the term
by 2030

CLASS ATTENDACE

TERM 4 ATTENDANCE TO DATE

ROOM 1: 81%

ROOM 3: 91%

ROOM 4: 91%

Teacher Only Day



A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION NEXT FRIDAY 13TH OF NOVEMBER. OUR STAFF WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN STRUCTURED LITERACY FOR THE DAY WITH JANICE LANGFORD.

















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AG DAY 2026



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Advice & Insurance



LOUISE HANSEN FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION OF AWESOME SPOT PRIZES!

Thank you

AG DAY 2026

PGG Wrightson

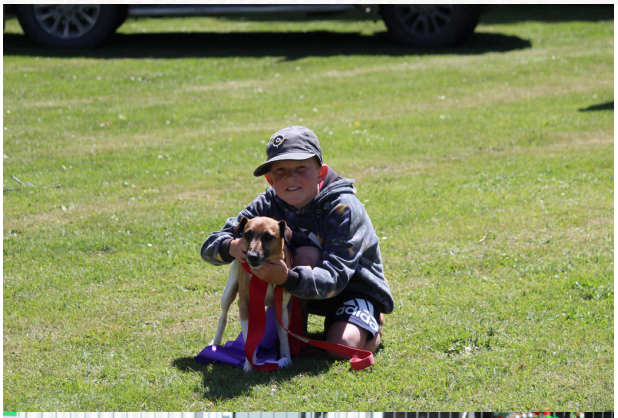


JUDGES : ROB & ROBYN DE LA HAYE, AND THEIR ASSISTANT TIM

BRIAR ROBERTSON FOR THE DIFFICULT JOB OF JUDGING THE CAKES AND CUPCAKES



CONGRATULATIONS



TOM FARAM + CHICO

Champion Dog



HEIDI BROWN + HERBIE

Champion Lamb



ROSIE MCLACHLAN + GINGERNUT

Champion Calf & Overall Supreme Champion

Well done to all children who entered their animals.


HALLOWEEN
PARTY
TODAY AFTER SCHOOL!!!
5TH
2:30PM - 5PM
COME AND ENJOY
HALLOWEEN PARTY
TRICK OR TREATS
AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE
7 KEREI STREET
BYO

Matawai Playgroup

SHEEP DRIVE Fundraiser

Support our local families, our children and our community!



Help us protect our local Playcentre funds and build a brighter future for Matawai!

Matawai Playgroup is organising a Sheep Drive Fundraiser to raise funds to help our community retain the money held in our local Playcentre account.

These funds have been built up over many years for the benefit of our local community. We are seeking legal advice to help us establish our options and retain these funds for the purpose they were intended for.

Our goal is to keep this money working for Matawai, supporting our children, families and wider community.

Where will the money go?

First priority:

Raising funds to cover the cost of legal advice and representation to help us retain the money held in our local Playcentre account.

Community future:

Any money left over after legal costs will go towards our plans to build a new shared community building to replace the old Playcentre building, including a dedicated woodwork room for the school.

A new shared community building for Matawai



The new building will include:

- ✓ A dedicated playgroup space for our youngest children
- ✓ A woodwork room for the school
- ✓ Kitchenette
- ✓ Bathroom facilities
- ✓ Spaces for other community groups to use





A space for learning, playing, creating and connecting.

How you can help:

1. **Donate sheep**
   We're asking for kind community members, farmers and businessess to donate sheep.
2. **Drop off at our farm 6952 Matawai road on the 20th of November**
3. **Truck collects**
   A truck will pick up the sheep from our farm and take them to the works.
4. **Make a difference**
   Every sheep donated, every dollar raised and every bit of support helps our community!

Please contact Megan

027 819 5164
megan_geary@hotmail.com

if you are able to donate or would like to discuss more about the fundraiser:

Let's come together as a community!



Kia ora everyone 👋

Please take a moment to read the information below regarding Ngatapa Junior Sport Registrations for the 2027 season and share it with any families who may be interested in playing.

📅 REGISTRATIONS OPEN: Start of February 2027

📅 REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 31st March 2027

This applies to all three codes:
- 🏉 Junior Rugby
- ⚽ Junior Football
- 🏐 Junior Netball

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY! We will be strictly enforcing our registration deadlines next season. All registrations must be fully completed and all fees paid by 31st March 2027.

As registrations come in, teams will be formed early in the year, with only a couple of substitute players allowed per team. Once a team reaches capacity, registrations for that team will close.

We will not be able to guarantee a place for everyone who leaves registration until the last minute.

Late registrations may only be accepted at the discretion of the relevant code representative and will be subject to availability.

Please do not assume late registrations will be accepted.

🐿️ We will be sharing this information with families at the beginning of 2027 and again when registrations officially open in February.

We want to make sure everyone is aware of the deadlines and expectations well in advance.

All updates and communication regarding registrations will be shared via the Ngatapa RASC Facebook page, so please make sure you follow the page to stay informed.

📧 Any enquiries, please email: ngatapasportsclub@xtra.co.nz

We want to give all our kids the best opportunity to play, but we need families to get organised and register on time so we can plan our teams properly.

Please don't leave it until the last minute, register early to avoid missing out!

💚🤍Ngā mihi, Ngatapa Rugby & Associated Sports Club

MOTU 4WD SAFARI 2027

GEAR UP FOR THE ULTIMATE OFF-ROAD WEEKEND WITHOURLEGENDARY BI-ANNUAL 3-DAY 4WD ADVENTURE BASED IN THE MOTU VILLAGE!



Grab your mates, make a team or come as an individual.

Tackle some tricky terrain—from river crossings and tracks to sweeping farmland—all while taking in some of the most stunning backcountry views New Zealand has to offer



Unbeatable vibes fellow off-road enthusiasts

JAN 30TH - FEB 1ST 2027







Registrations open 1st September 2026, and close 20th December 2026.
Camping is available on Friday 29th January and Monday 2nd February if required.

Email: motu4wdsafari@gmail.com
Or visit Motu 4WD Safari 2027 Facebook page for more details.





NIPPERS & LITTLE RIPPERS

Season Starts: Sunday 1st November 10am

Ages 4-5 Little Rippers

Ages 6-13 Nippers

PLEASE REGISTER HERE:

www.midwaysurf.org.nz/register

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Gisborne Glass is planning on coming up to do a day or two in Matawai. If you have any jobs that need doing then please contact them

PLEASE RETURN ALL TROPHIES WON AT LAST YEARS END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP





