MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Wow!!! *Less than 30 days left in the 2024 School Year. We have a busy few weeks ahead of us. All class lists have been sorted. We are now sitting on a school roll of 523 students. This is the biggest we have been in some time.*

Meet the Teacher: *At 11am on Friday, 13th December, our MPS Learners will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for 2025 in their new classroom spaces.*

School Year: *School finishes for 2024 on Tuesday, 17th December at 12.30pm. Please make arrangements to pick your children up at that time. Kelly Club will open if you want to book in before Christmas.*

Education Review Office (ERO): *On the 15th, 16th and 17th October, the Education Review Office was onsite for our ERO review. This was an extremely successful process for us. They focused on the Board Assurance Statement and School Improvement Framework. ERO found MPS to be embedding and excelling in all areas. In consultation with them, we will be setting an ongoing attendance goal and increasing the focus on boys' writing in our next Annual Plan. All classroom observations, health and safety and schoolwide systems are compliant. We are very proud of this positive review of our great school.*

Curriculum Changes: *You may have noticed in the media that the Government and Ministry have rolled out some new compulsory Curriculum documents and changes for schools. These include a Structured Numeracy and Literacy Approach. Prime Maths is one of the programmes that has been endorsed by the Government and will now be in many schools. Our staff are already fully trained in this programme and have used it for the past 3 years. We are also in a strong position with the Better Start Literacy Approach as all of the Junior Teachers are trained and have seen solid learning improvements.*

2025 start date: *We will welcome all of our MPS learners back on* ***Tuesday 4 February.*** *The office will open on Thursday 30, Friday 31st January and Monday 3rd February for new enrolments, sun hats, uniforms and stationery packs.*

"A mistake should be your teacher, not your attacker. A mistake is a lesson, not a loss. It is a temporary, necessary detour, not a dead end". - Real deep quotes

Nga Mihi,
Glenn MacPherson, *PRINCIPAL*

TERM DATES 2025

Term 1 - *Tuesday 4 February to Friday 11 April 2025*
Term 2 - *Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June (Easter/Anzac Day in holidays)*
Term 3 *- Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September*
Term 4 *- Monday 6 October - Friday 17 December (half day)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 7 November
Y3 Overnight camp
Friday 8 November
2pm Full School Assembly
Monday 11 November
6pm PTA Meeting - Staffroom
Wednesday 13 December
School Leaders camp
Thursday 14 November
PTA Pizza/Juicie Day
Friday 15 November
TEACHER ONLY DAY
Monday 18 November
MPS Athletics Day
Thursday 21 November
MPS Track Finals
Friday 22 November
Middle School Assembly
Monday 25 November
Grandparents day
Thursday 28 November
3.30pm Gala Day

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This Week in Review

Matamata Primary Agricultural Day: A Wonderful Success!

Matamata Primary School recently held its much-anticipated Agricultural Day, boasting an impressive turnout of 53 enthusiastic participants. Students showcased their hard work and dedication by bringing along lambs, kids, and calves that they have nurtured and raised over the past month. The event was a fantastic opportunity for the children to demonstrate their agricultural skills and share their passion for farming with the community.



Plenty of cups were up for grabs with the following categories being contested:

- *Call and follow*
- *Leading*
- *Rearing*
- *Dairy Type (calves only)*





A big thank you to all the students, parents, and staff who made this day possible. We can't wait to see what next year's Agricultural Day will bring!

A number of students went on to compete at the Group Day and the Waikato show.

Kapa Haka and Ki O Rahi Festival Showcase

We are thrilled to report that the recent Kapa Haka and Ki O Rahi festival at the Intermediate and Firth Primary School was a fantastic event! Our Matamata Primary School Kapa Haka group delivered a stunning performance, showcasing their hard work and dedication. We couldn't be prouder of their spirit and talent!



In addition to the vibrant Kapa Haka performances, the Ki O Rahi games provided a fun And engaging experience for all the children. They enjoyed participating in the games, fostering teamwork and sportsmanship. A big Thank you to everyone involved for making this festival such a memorable occasion! We look forward to more events like this in the future.







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Mrs Wuest's Girls Group Pawsitively Loves Cats!

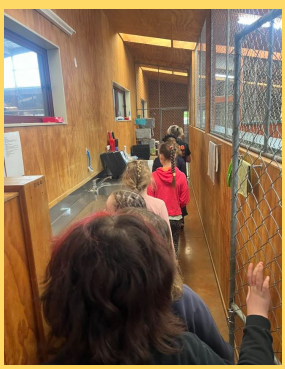
Recently, Mrs Wuest's girls group embarked on an adventure to the Big Paw Pet Lodge, where they got an up-close look at how the cats and dogs were cared for. The girls were thrilled to meet a variety of cats and dogs and learn about their needs and personalities.

During the visit, they discovered the importance of proper care, including nutrition, socialisation, and regular veterinary check-ups. Angela from the Big Paw Pet Lodge shared her experiences, and the girls asked plenty of questions about what it takes to ensure the animals were happy and safe while they were there.

Prior to the visit, the girls had also been busy crafting homemade cat toys! Using materials such as fabric scraps, carpet and cardboard, they created fun and engaging toys.

Overall, the girls group is passionate about making a difference in the lives of animals. Their dedication and love for cats shine through in everything they do!

Thank you to Angela at the Big Paw Pet Lodge for a background tour of the facilities.



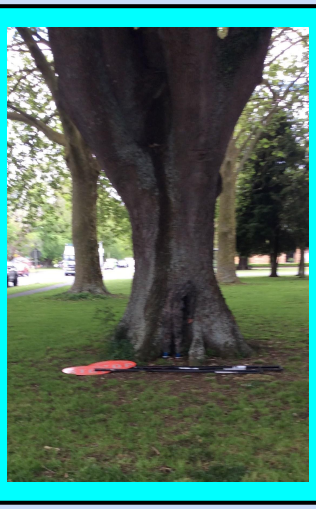




Student Spotlight: James Brosnan's Camo gear

Last week, James Brosnan experienced a stroke of luck! He won a School prize voucher for Sports World, and he was very, very pleased.

Accompanied by Mr. Mac, James headed to the store to use his voucher. After browsing through the wide selection of gear, he decided to treat himself to some camouflage clothing. James was thrilled with his choice and couldn't wait to show it off at school. The photograph below shows James hiding against a tree with his camo gear on. Can you see him? Congratulations, James, on your win and your fantastic new outfit! Keep up the great work!



KELLY CLUB NEWS TERM 4

KELLY CLUB

TERM 4 2024

14 October - 20 December

Weekly Theme Planner
Kelly Club Matamata

Wk 1 14 Oct	**When I Grow Up**		Learn about all sorts of jobs and dream about your future!
Wk 2 21 Oct	**Mind, Body, Soul**		It's time to stop, take a breath and focus on the here and now.
Wk 3 28 Oct	**Scary & Spooky**		All things spooky, messy and fun this Halloween!
Wk 4 4 Nov	**Cartoons & Comics**		Step into a cartoon world full of your favourite characters.
Wk 5 11 Nov	**Wheels Week**		Get ready for some wheely good fun at Kelly Club this week.
Wk 6 18 Nov	**Kids Choice**		It's up to you what we do at Kelly Club this week.
Wk 7 25 Nov	**Crafty Kids**		Get creative and take home some clever creations.
Wk 8 2 Dec	**Take Flight**		Feeling inventive? Learn about flight and aerodynamics!
Wk 9 9 Dec	**Christmas is Coming!**		Celebrate a sunny summer Christmas at Kelly Club.
Wk 10 16 Dec	**Staff Choice**		The staff have got you covered with a week filled with their favourite activities.

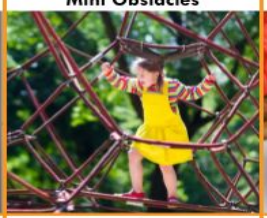
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KELLY CLUB

THEME: Mind, Body, Soul

Term 4 Week 2, 21st October 2024

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Matamata

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Who Am I? & Structured Free Time	Scratch Art & Structured Free Time	Paper Creations & Structured Free Time	Board Games & Structured Free Time	Homemade Cookies & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Handball	Game: Fly Seagull Fly	Game: Line Tag	Game: Laser Maze Challenge	Game: Traffic
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Chips, Salsa & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheese Toasties & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Cookies & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Tap Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Stuck in the Mud	Game: Quick Fire Cricket	Game: Capture the Flag
3:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT Soul Stones 	GAME Mind Search 	DISCOVERY What's in the Box? 	SPORT Mini Obstacles 	COOKING Brain Bites 
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Baking
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Mother May I? & Projects	Game: Where's Wally & Projects	Game: Sharks, Islands & Fish & Projects	Game: Sheeps & Wolves & Projects	Game: Slide Tag & Projects

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Reminders, Events and Important Information

TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

We are holding a teacher only day next Friday 15 November. Kelly Club will be operating on this day if you wish to book your child in. Contact them directly to make a booking on 021-638927

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 8

Issue 8 for Scholastic Book Club has gone out and all orders close on 22 November.

ENROLMENT FOR 5 YEAR OLDS

If you have a 5 year old starting this year or know of a family with a child turning 5 who have not yet completed Enrolment Forms, could you please come to the office to complete the enrolment process so we can predict numbers coming through.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS

Matamata Primary School BOT,

ASB BANK: 12-3438-0004616-00

(Make sure you clearly add reference details and your child's surname so your payment can be easily identified).

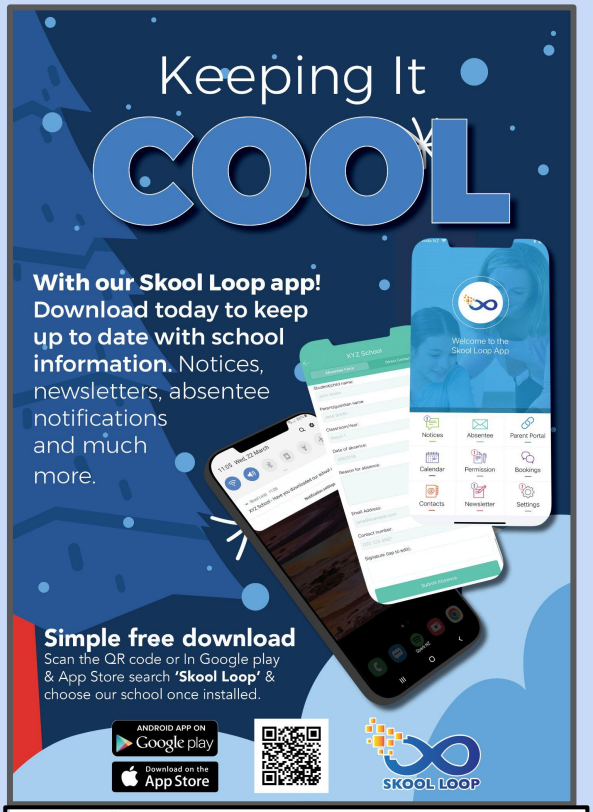
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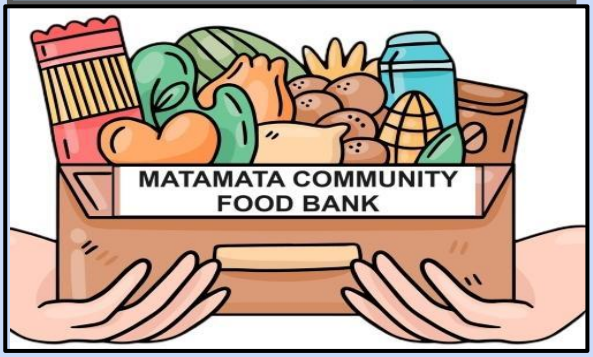
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School Policies & Procedures

Matamata Primary School Policies and Procedures are available to be viewed online at:
http://matamataprimary.schooldocs.co.nz
Username: matamataprimary
Password: 3440

Up for review: ***Behaviour Management and Concerns and Complaints.****. Please click on link;*
https://matamataprimary.schooldocs.co.nz/17525.htm





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Monday 11am – 12pm
Wednesday 11am – 12pm
Friday 11am – 12pm

Phone Contact: 021-119-8497
Located at: 9 Tui Street, Matamata
Other times this service is available by phone is; Monday-Friday 9am–12noon
Please note: Calls after 12.00noon will be dealt with the following workday.