MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 7 AUGUST 2025

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our School Newsletter. As we embark on another exciting term, we're excited to share the fun educational journey our MPS Learners have been on. From captivating science lessons, engaging sports events to a multitude of enriching learning experiences.

Jump Jam: *Congratulations to our amazing Jump Jam team for taking out first place in the Strictly Jump Jam competition in Tauranga. We wish our team the best of luck at the Nationals. Thank you to Mrs Bolger for all the time and energy you put into our Jump Jam team.*

Space Unit: *Mrs Piper has organised a super exciting planetarium experience that will be set up in our school hall which all of our learners will have the opportunity to engage in. This will take place from the 18th -21st August. There will be experts facilitating this from the Spacebound team.*

Playground Behaviour: *We have had a huge amount of Values Cards handed in this term already. We are really impressed with all the positive choices our learners have been making in the playground. It is really heartening to see our kids making an effort to follow our School Values and Key Competencies. Well done team!*

Snap Chat/Social Media: *It has been brought to our attention that there have been some negative social media incidents outside of school hours. Some of these chat groups are now impacting staff teaching time and our kids learning. Can you please be mindful that some of these platforms are designed for older students. Please be aware of what your children are posting. Thank you.*

Interschool Cross Country: *This event has been moved to the 11th September.*

"When you come from nothing, you want to give your kids everything. Then you realise giving them everything teaches them nothing" - Unknown

Nga Mihi, Glenn MacPherson

TERM DATES 2025
Term 3 - Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September
Term 4 - Monday 6 October - Wednesday 17 December (half day)
Public Holidays; Labour Day - 27 October

SUSHI DAY - FRIDAY 8 AUGUST
REMINDER SUSHI LUNCH DAY TOMORROW - FRIDAY 8 AUGUST.
Parents will need to order directly from Sushi Japan with orders and payment will need to be made TODAY.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 8 August
Sushi Lunch Day 2pm Middle School Assembly
Monday 11 August
MPS Cross Country
Friday 15 August
Junior Lunchtime Disco 2pm Whole School Assembly
Thursday 21 August
PTA Pizza/Juicy Lunch Day
Friday 22 August
Middle School Disco 2pm Senior School Assembly
Friday 29 August
Senior School Disco 2pm Junior School Assembly
Tuesday 2 September
6pm BoT Meeting
Wednesday 3 September
Glenview Sports Exchange
Wednesday 10 September
BOT VOTING CLOSES 4PM

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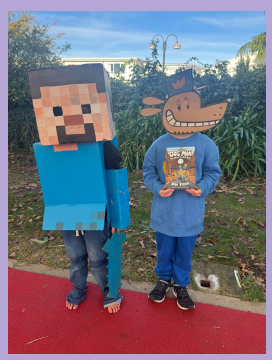
This Week in Review

BOOK FAIR CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY - A STORYBOOK SUCCESS!

On Tuesday 22 July, our school was filled with magic, mystery and marvelous characters as students celebrated Book Fair Character Dress up Day! From creative, homemade costumes to colourful store-bought ones, it was fantastic to see so many students (and staff!) getting involved and bringing their favourite book characters to life.







A special mention goes to one class who achieved 100% participation - what an incredible effort! Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun, and a huge thank you to our two judges. Eva And Melesa, who had the tough task of selecting the winners from such an amazing array of costumes. What a wonderful way to celebrate books, reading and imagination! Congratulations to the prize winners (pictured above).

School Firewise Educational Visit - *Junior School Learns to Stay Firewise*

Our Junior School students recently enjoyed an exciting and educational visit as part of the **Firewise Programme**. The children were engaged in learning all about **fire safety**, including how to **stay safe around fire** and what steps to take in the **event of a house fire**.

Through fun and interactive activities, students discovered the importance of having a **safe meeting place**, how to **"Get Down, Get Low, Get Out"**, and why it's important to **never play with matches or lighters**. They also learnt about the role of firefighters and how to **call 111** in an emergency.

It was a valuable experience that not only Captured the children's interest but also equipped them with Important **life-saving knowledge**. A big thank you to our Firewise presenters for helping keep our tamariki safe!





BALLOT 4 2025 - 19 SEPTEMBER AT 12 NOON

Our fourth ballot for the year for 'Out of Zone' students will be held on Friday 19 September. We have spaces available for the following;

NE/Y0 (turning 5 after 28 April 2026) - 10 spaces, Y1 starting 2026 - 10 spaces,
***Y2 - 1 space, Y4 - 4 space* - No spaces available for Y3, Y5 or Y6**

Ballot forms are available from the school office and *MUST* be returned by 12 noon 19 September along with a copy of your child's birth certificate.

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BB EDGE WOODWORK PROGRAMME BUILDS MORE THAN JUST CRAFTS

This term, a dedicated group of boys has been hard at work in the BB Edge woodwork programme, transforming simple planks and nails into useful creations - most recently, a clever rat trap. Under the guidance of our instructors, the lads learned to measure, saw, and assemble with increasing skill. Next up on their project list is a classic catapult, where they'll apply the same techniques and problem solving skills to launch marshmallows (and possibly more ambitious targets!) across the workshop. More than just mastering tools, the programme is designed to foster self-esteem, resilience and essential life skills - teaching students that patience, teamwork, and determination are the real building blocks of success.



We're proud of our BB Edge participants for embracing challenges with creativity and encourage.

SENIOR GIRLS JUMP JAM TEAM WINS REGIONAL TITLE!

A huge congratulations to our Senior Girls Jump Jam team who took out first place at the Regional Jump Jam competition! The girls gave an energetic and polished performance that impress the judges and wowed the crowd.



A very special shout out to their dedicated coach, Zara Bolger, for her outstanding leadership and support. Your hard work and commitment truly paid off!

We wish the team the very best of luck as they prepare to Take on the Nationals - we're all behind you!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2025

At the close of nominations on Wednesday 6 August we had received 8 Nominations for our Board of Trustees. This means that we will be going to a Voting Election.
Voting papers will go out to all eligible voters next week (by 13 August).
PLEASE ensure that your current address is correct at the school office.
Nominations Received from;
Rachel Wightman, Charly Draper, Sarah Imeson, Michael Tipping,
Gerren Goddard, Megan Austin, Tristan Le Pit, Rachel White
Good luck to all of our candidates and we appreciate you putting your name forward.
Leigh Raynel
RETURNING OFFICER

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Reminders, Events and Important Information

ENTERTAINMENT DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP

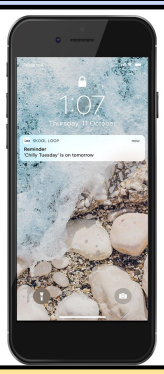
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Order at http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1555k49

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS 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).

Don't forget to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.

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SPRINGBOARD

4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMME - TERM 4
MONDAY 13 OCTOBER
PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THE OFFICE.

PRODUCTION TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Please pick up your tickets from the School Office for our School Production on Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 September.
Adults $10, Children $5 *(primary age)*
Cash or Eftpos available.

MPS HUNTING AND FISHING COATS FOR SALE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE
$100.00 each
(selling under cost)



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