MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to our Matamata Primary School learning community. I hope you had a relaxing break over the summer (and managed to dodge the wind early on!). We are excited to have all of our kids back and have many enriching learning opportunities planned. I would also like to warmly welcome all of our new families.

***Attendance** - this is currently a major Ministry of Education focus;*
As we begin the new school year, we want to remind our students and families of the importance of looking after ourselves and each other and that regular attendance is crucial for consistent learning.

We are committed to providing all of our students a safe and supportive learning environment. We will continue to offer a wide range of programmes and activities for our students, including our Music and Art programmes, camps, our sports teams, and working with local clubs and organisations. We will also implement new initiatives to support our 2025 Annual Plan and promote a positive and inclusive school culture.

At Matamata Primary School, we believe that strong relationships between our school, our families, and our wider community are essential to the success of our students. We encourage you to get involved and stay connected with us throughout the year.

Education Review Office:
We have received our confirmed ERO review. This was an extremely positive review that we are very proud of our two recommendations around boys' writing and attendance.

We look forward to working with our students and families this year, and seeing our students thrive and achieve their full potential. Let's work together to make this school year a success!

"Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them."
Nga Mihi, Glenn MacPherson

TERM DATES 2025
Term 1 - Tuesday 4 February - Friday 11 April
Term 2 - Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June
Term 3 - Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September
Term 4 - Monday 6 October - Wednesday 17 December (half day)
Public Holidays; Kings Birthday - 2 June, Matariki - 20 June, Labour Day - 27 Oct

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3 March
6pm - PTA Meeting Staffroom
Wednesday 5 March
MPS Swimming Sports 6/3 - Postponement Day
Friday 7 March
2pm Full School Assembly
Monday 10 & Tue 11 March
School Leader Programme
Friday 14 March
2pm Senior Assembly
Monday 24 March
Interschool Swimming
Tuesday 25 March
6pm BOT Meeting
Thursday 27 March & Friday 28 March
Middle Beach Education
Sunday 30 March-1 April
Senior Syndicate Camp
Monday 31 March
6pm PTA Meeting Staffroom

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This Week in Review

Middle Syndicate Fun Day

Recently the Middle Syndicate had a '**fun**' day focusing on physical education activities that challenged the students' thinking, teamwork and their gross and fine motor skills.

Activities involved ball handling skills, batting skills, throwing and catching.
An emphasis on team building and getting to know each other throughout the syndicate was important so as to develop unity among the students from the different classes - particularly at the beginning of the year.





SENIOR SYNDICATE TEAM BUILDING DAY

At the start of the year the Senior Syndicate looked at team building for the students. One of the targets of the day was to develop communication throughout the syndicate, with the activities and games helping students to feel more comfortable with each other, so when they need to communicate, it's easier to do, and helps with conflict resolution. There were relays, batting games and ball handling games that required strategic thinking and co-operation.






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JUNIOR SCHOOL - PMP Programme a successful start for 2025

The Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) is a programme aimed at developing children's perceptions and understandings of self through specific movement experiences. It helps children to refine gross motor skills to prepare the brain for formal classroom learning.
This programme is ideal for students in our junior school.

Each junior class has the opportunity to develop these skills twice a week for half an hour with facilitators trained in the PMP programme. The PMP programme focuses on teaching children movements related to time (eg moving fast versus moving slow), direction (moving forward, back or to the side) and spatial awareness (eg crossing their arm from the right side of the body to the left or tapping their heel to the ground.






COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Our Project Play Playground Colour Run fundraiser has launched. Please see the letter attached or just head to https://projectplaycolourrun.raiseit.co.nz/ to sign up for a fundraising profile for your child(ren). We are raising funds for to support the redevelopment of the Domain Playground into a vibrant space that caters to tamariki of all ages and stages.
We have partnered with Go Raise It to run our fundraising platform and we have some great fundraising spot prizes up for grabs – further details on the fundraising website.
Thanks for your support! Short video to help with registration:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAE52TRDXqM

Rebecca Brophy
Project Play Fundraising Committee

Spot prizes start being drawn straight away so don't delay!

MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - TUESDAY 8 APRIL

Please mark in your calendar our School Photo day for Individual and Class Photographs. Further information will be provided before the day.

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Reminders, Events and Important Information

ENTERTAINMENT DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP

ORDER YOURS TODAY ONLINE FOR LOADS OF SAVINGS ON MEALS/TAKEAWAYS AND ACTIVITIES. YOU CAN PURCHASE A WAIKATO BOOK WHICH COVERS HAMILTON AND TAURANGA FOR $69.99 OR NATIONWIDE BOOKS FOR $119.99. **Our school raises 20% on all sales.**
Order at http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1555k49

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 1 - CLOSES TODAY THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

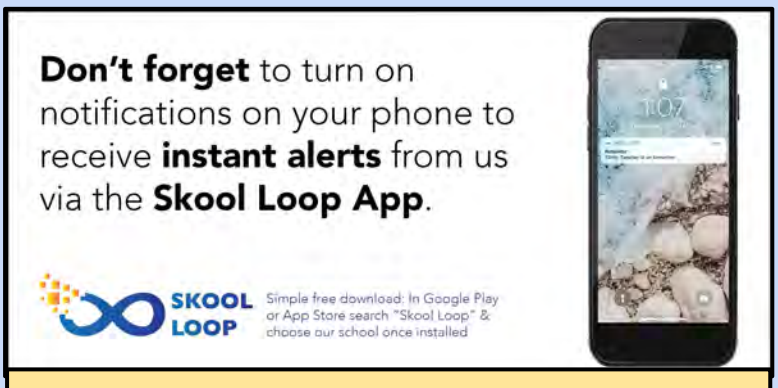
SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS

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).

SPRINGBOARD 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMME - TERM 2 2024

MONDAY 12 MAY

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THE SCHOOLOFFICE.



Download the School Loop APP Today!! Please see the details on how to download the app here.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Hoodies - $60.00
Trackpants - $50.00
Polo Shirts - $35.00
House Shirts - $30.00
Sports Shirts - $45.00
Black Shorts - $35.00
League Shorts - $40.00
Wide Brim Hat - $20.00

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

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Project Play Colour Run – Online Fundraiser

Bring Some Colour to Matamata – It's the Project Play Colour Run! Get ready for the most exciting and vibrant event of the year! The tamariki and students of Matamata are preparing for the Project Play Colour Run, where they will be seeking online sponsorship to take part in this fun-filled day. The funds raised will support the redevelopment of the Domain into a vibrant space that caters to tamariki of all ages and stages. This space will include a playground with zoned hubs for various age groups, creating a destination for play, relaxation, gathering to share kai, and storytelling—a place for the whole whanau to enjoy.

How will this fundraiser work? We have partnered with online fundraising company Go Raise It. Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield (friends & family living overseas, work colleagues etc) and no need to worry about handling cash!

How do I sign my child up to fundraise online? Each child can sign up for their very own fundraising web page to send out to collect online sponsorship from anyone, anywhere!

Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at: https://projectplaycolourrun.raiseit.co.nz/

Or use the QR Code to visit the hub page:

Click on the **SETUP A FUNDRAISING PAGE** button
If you need any help email help@raiseitfundraising.com for direct assistance
Multiple children in your family? No problem, all children can sit under the same email address. You'll find a button to set up another page while logged in to the fundraising account you created first.
Do I have to sign up for an online account to fundraise? We would love everyone to have an online account as this allows the school to significantly reduce administration overheads. Go Raise It adhere to strict cyber safe guidelines and this is built into our fundraising website. If you really do not want an online fundraising page, and still want to participate please check with the school office to see if you can collect cash.

Prizes:

We have a great range of fundraising prizes available including a huge number of spot prizes and overall fundraising prizes for Schools/ECE centres and individuals. Please see the Prizes page linked on the Fundraising Hub page of our fundraising website. The top fundraising centre will get a pre play before the official opening of the playground and the top fundraiser will get to cut the opening ribbon as well as get a $100 prize.

Event Details:

The event is to be held at the Domain by the existing playground on **Friday 21st March.** We will start with the ECE centres at 10am and then filter through the schools throughout the day, finishing with the College students at 2pm. A timetable will be sent out once finalised.

Kindest regards,

Rebecca Brophy and Simone Hillis

Fundraiser Organiser