MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 14 MAY 2026

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to an exciting Term Two at MPS. We hope you enjoyed a refreshing break and your first few weeks back have been productive. This term promises to be full of engaging learning opportunities, vibrant school events, and meaningful experiences for our kids. We're looking forward to working together once again, strengthening partnerships, and continuing to nurture a positive supportive environment where every child can thrive.

New Deputy Principal for 2027 - Congratulations to Hannah Batement on her well deserved appointment as Deputy Principal. We are thrilled to have her step into this role, and know she will be a tremendous addition to our Leadership Team. Hannah's dedication, professionalism and passion for supporting both staff and students have always stood out, and we look forard to the positive impact she will continue to make at our school. Hannah will be replacing Mr Mair who will be retiring at the end of 2026.

New Teachers – *We are extremely excited to formally introduce Mr Taine Lenihan who is teaching in Room Four for the remainder of the year. We have also been fortunate enough to be able to employ Bobbie Basalaj who is a specialist literacy teacher working with our middle and senior students*

Attendance - This is currently a Ministry of Education focus;
Term 1 saw 79% regular attendance which was an improvement from 2025 by 4%. The MOE goal by the end of 2026 is 75% regular attendance. Our winning class for the Ninja Valley 'Show Up and Shine' term 1 attendance challenge with 96.7% regular attendance was Room Nineteen. Sixteen of our Nineteen classes had 90% or above, of the students regularly attending.

"Success is defined by perseverance, action and continuous growth rather than just the final result, often described as a journey under construction. We learn from failures, hard work and maintaining integrity."
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Nga Mihi, Glenn MacPherson

BALLOT 3 - MONDAY 20 JULY AT 3PM

NE/Y0 5 spaces (turning 5 before 31 December 2026). Ballot forms are available from the school office or on our school website and *MUST* be returned by 12 noon 20 July along with a copy of your child's birth certificate.

NO SPACES AVAILABLE FOR ANY OTHER YEAR LEVELS.

TERM DATES 2026

Term 2 - Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July (Anzac Day Monday 22/4)
Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 17 December (half day)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 15 May
2pm Junior Assembly Anti Bullying Pink Shirt Day
Monday 18 May
6pm PTA Meeting Staffroom
Wednesday 20 May
Cotter Cup
Friday 22 May
Sushi Lunch Day
Thursday 28 May
PTA Pizza/Juicie Day
Friday 29 May
Junior Lunchtime Disco 2pm Whole School Assembly
Monday 1 June
Kings Birthday holiday
Friday 5 June
2pm Senior Assembly
Friday 12 June
Sushi Lunch Day
Tuesday 9 June
6pm BOT Meeting

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This Week in Review

Welcome to Mr Lenihan - Room 4 Teacher



We are excited to welcome Taine Lenihan to Matamata Primary School this term. Taine travels over from Tauranga each morning and has already made a great start in the classroom. He enjoys playing guitar, involves himself in physical education, and has quickly built great relationships with our students. We are also pleased to have another positive male role model joining the Matamata Primary School team. Welcome aboard, Taine!

Our School Gymnastic Programme

Our school Gymnastics programme is in full swing this term, with a large number of enthusiastic boys and girls training hard under the guidance of Kylie Stutt. Students are developing their skills and confidence as they prepare for the gymnastics competition later in the year. Training sessions include floor routines, beam work, and box horse skills, with students showing great determination, balance, strength, and teamwork. It is wonderful to see so many children involved and enjoying the challenge of learning new gymnastics skills.





SUSHI DAY - FRIDAY 22 MAY

We will be holding a Sushi lunch day on Friday 22 May. Orders need to be placed with Sushi Japan on Facebook Messenger. The options for orders will be Prawn or Chicken - 4pc - $8.50, 6pc - $12.50 or 8pc - $16.00. Parents will need to order directly from Sushi Japan and payment will need to be made *Thursday 21 May before 9am*.

We will also be holding another Sushi lunch day on Friday 12 June.

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Green Team Keeping Our School Beautiful

Our wonderful Green Team students have been working incredibly hard during playtimes and lunchtimes to help keep our school looking tidy and cared for throughout the autumn season. With many large deciduous trees around the school grounds, there is always plenty of leaf fall to collect!

Armed with rakes and leaf blowers, the team has been busy clearing pathways, tidying outdoor areas, and transporting leaves to the compost area where they will be recycled back into the environment. Their efforts not only help keep the school looking great, but also teach the importance of caring for our environment and working together as a team.

A huge thank you to our dedicated Green Team for the pride they show in our school every day.





EPRO8 COMPETITION

After the EPro8 in School Engineering challenge, two teams were selected for the Interschool Challenge during Week 3. Both teams qualified for the Semi Finals, which was amazing! The children demonstrated great building and electronics skills, Awesome determination and fabulous teamwork. Unfortunately neither team qualified for the final, but represented MPS with pride and we are so proud of them all.





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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 $70.00 OR NATIONWIDE BOOKS FOR $120.00.

Our school raises 20% on all sales.

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).

SPRINGBOARD

4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMME - TERM 3

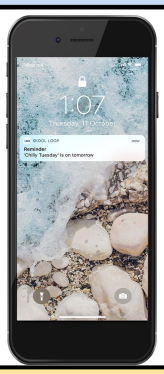
MONDAY 27 JULY

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THE OFFICE.

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

SKOOL LOOP

Simple free download: In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed



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

SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE IN STOCK AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

School Polo Shirt - $35.00
School Hat - $20.00
Black Shorts - $35.00
Premier Shorts - $45.00
Trackpants - $50.00
Hoodie - $65.00
Sports Shirt - $48.00
House Shirts - $30.00
Hunting & Fishing Jackets (as pictured above) - $100 (Below 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