MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are nearly at the end of another extremely successful year for our MPS learners and staff. It is really exciting looking back at all of the quality learning opportunities and exciting experiences we have had throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who has helped with transport, supervision, donations, in-class support, coaching and various other activities throughout the year. We will be starting back on ***Tuesday, 3rd February 2026*** *and look forward to your continued support.*

Grandparents Day and Special Person Day: *This is quickly approaching. This year it is being held on Friday 28 November. We look forward to sharing our school with all the special people in our lives.*

PTA: *We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our fantastic PTA for the dedication and hard work they put into our school. Their efforts go directly back into our learners. We are extremely grateful for all that you do.*

Behaviour: *We have had a schoolwide reminder about the behaviour expectations we set at our school. We don't want to see our school values fall of at the end of the year. Please have a chat with your child/ren at home about always being their own personal best at school, right to the end of the year. Thank you.*

Meet the Teacher Day: *On Friday 12 December, our learners will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for 2026.*

End of Year Y6 Prizegiving: *This will be held on Tuesday 16 December, starting at 9am. School reports will come home this day as well.*

"Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water – It will make ripples throughout the entire pond." - Jessy and Bryan Matteo

Nga Mihi
Glenn MacPherson

TERM DATES 2025/2026
Term 4 2025 - Monday 6 October - Wednesday 17 December (half day)
Term 1 2026 - Tuesday 3 February - Thursday 2 April (Good Friday 3 April)

SUSHI DAY - FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER
Parents will need to order directly from Sushi Japan via Facebook Messenger from tomorrow (31/10) until Wednesday 5/11 - 3pm cut off. Prawn or chicken packs available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 31 October
2pm Middle School Assembly
Monday 3 November
Y4 overnight camp
Monday 3 November
6pm PTA Meeting staffroom
Friday 7 November
SUSHI LUNCH DAY 2pm Whole School Assembly
Monday 10 November
MPS Athletics Day
Thursday 13 November
Life Education Van at school MPS Athletics Finals Day
Friday 14 November
2pm Junior School Assembly
Monday 17 November
Beach Education - Seniors
Tuesday 18 November
6pm - BOT Meeting
Wednesday 19 September
Interschool Athletics

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This Week in Review

MPS AGRICULTURAL DAY 2025

What a wonderful day we had for our annual Agricultural Day! This special event is always a highlight on the school calendar, and this year was no exception. We had in incredible **72 entries for Calf Club,** with students proudly presenting their animals after many weeks of care and preparation.

It was also fantastic to see so many students take part in the **Ag Day Extras, from Photography and Makerspace creations to colouring and designing a gumboot,** there was no shortage of imagination and creativity on display. The effort and pride that went into every entry truly reflected the talent and enthusiasm of our students.



A big thank you goes out to all the families, judges, and helpers who supported the day - and of course, to our amazing students for making Agricultural Day such a success once again!!



The winners were;
CALF:
Supreme Grand Champion - James Corrigan
Reserve Grand Champion - Maisie O'Reilly
LAMB:
Supreme Grand Champion - Eloise Gardner
Reserve Grand Champion - Matilda Laurent
GOAT:
Supreme Grand Champion - Anika van Waverer
Reserve Grand Champion - Cooper Ross







Well done to all of the children who competed on the day.

Year 3 Camp Fun at School!

Our Year 3 students recently enjoyed their very first school camp — and what an adventure it was! The camp was held right here at school, giving many students a taste of the excitement and independence that comes with staying overnight for the first time.



The fun included an **Amazing Race**, where teams raced around the school completing challenges and solving clues. Laughter and teamwork were the themes of the day! Later, everyone wound down with a **movie night** and a delicious dinner of **homemade hamburgers**, followed by plenty of shared experiences and stories before bedtime.



In the morning, campers enjoyed a **breakfast of cereal, fruit, and home baking**, before heading out for more activities and team sports, including the slippery slide! A **huge thank you** to all the **parent helpers and Teachers** who made this special experience possible.



Your support, time, and enthusiasm ensured the children had a fun, safe, and memorable first camp experience.

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Welcoming Our New Students and Whānau with our Whakatau

This week, our school held a special **whakatau** to warmly welcome our new students and their families to MPS. We were delighted to greet **66 new students** joining our learning community this year!

A big thank you to **Ruby and our talented Kapa Haka group**, who performed two beautiful **waiata and a haka**, adding a very special touch to the occasion and helping everyone feel a true sense of belonging.

It was wonderful to include so many families and whanau as we celebrated the start of new journeys and friendships. We look forward to watching our new students grow, learn, and contribute to the life of our school.







Kapa Haka Festival at Matamata College

Recently, our school proudly took part in the Kapa Haka Festival held at Matamata College. With 110 of our talented students performing, it was a wonderful celebration of waiata, haka, and kotahitanga (unity).

Our group performed three waiata and an excellent haka, showcasing not only their skill and enthusiasm but also the pride they have in their culture and school. The students looked absolutely fantastic in their uniforms, presenting themselves with confidence and mana on stage.

The festival brought together all the local primary schools, as well as Matamata Intermediate and Matamata College, creating a powerful sense of community and connection. It was a truly special day of performance, pride, and celebration. Ka mau te wehi to all of our performers!







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Please find below our confirmed classroom staffing for 2026. We are excited to welcome three new teachers to the school and you will notice a few changes within the Junior area.

SENIOR SYNDICATE

Year 5 & 6

Room 1 - Mrs Bateman (Team Leader)
Room 2 - Miss Ewens
Room 3 - Miss Howell
Room 4 - Mrs Bolger
Room 5 - Mr Wigg
Room 6 - Miss Crozier ***(Year 4 & 5)***



MIDDLE SYNDICATE

Year 3 & 4

Room 7 - Miss Pawson
Room 8 - Miss Greenwell (Team Leader)
Room 9 - Ms King
Room 10 - Mrs Piper
Room 11 - Mrs Holm

JUNIOR SYNDICATE

Year 0 & Year 1

Room 12 - Mrs Freeman (Year 1)
Room 13 - Mrs Smart (Year 0 & Y1)
Room 14 - Mrs K Muckle (Year 0 & Y1)
Room 15 - Mrs Gibbard (Year 1 - Team Leader)

Year 1 & 2

Room 16 - Miss Stutt (Year 1 & 2)
Room 17 - Mrs M Muckle (Year 2 - Team Leader)
Room 18 - Miss Johnson (Year 2)
Room 19 - Ms Crocker (Year 1 & 2)

We will be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' day on Friday 12 December from 11-12.30pm for our children to spend time with their new teacher and classmates for 2026 .

STATIONERY 2026

Please note that we will be selling Stationery packs *prior* to school starting in 2026. We will be selling stationery from; Wednesday 28 January to Monday 3 February 10am-3pm (closed 12.30-1.30pm) *Further information will be emailed to all families before the end of this year.*

To ensure all students have the correct tools for learning, we ask that stationery items be purchased directly through the school. These specific items are chosen to match classroom needs and support consistent learning experiences for all students. Having the correct stationery helps children work efficiently, stay organised, and fully participate in daily classroom activities. We source competitive pricing for our packs at the end of 2025 and preorder for the 2026 year for our students. Thank you for your support in helping us set your child up for success.

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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).

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 1

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THE OFFICE.

MPS GALA DAY 2025

Our School Gala Day will be held on ***Thursday 20 November from 3.30-6pm*** at the school. There will be lots of games, baking, silent auction, food trucks, pony rides etc. More details will be supplied by the PTA shortly.

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