



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 22 February 2024

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to our amazing Matamata Primary School learning community. I hope you had a fun and relaxing break over the summer. We are excited to have all our kids back and have some awesome learning opportunities planned. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. We look forward to working alongside you and your child/ren.

Goal Setting Day; This is an opportunity for you to sit with the classroom teachers and really tell them about your child/ren. Set some quality goals for the year and establish a relationship with the teacher. We really appreciate you taking the time to attend this day.

PTA: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to come along and join our awesome PTA. The first meeting for 2024 will be Week 5, Monday 26 February in the school staffroom at 6pm. All welcome.

Behaviour: Please sit down with your child/ren and have a discussion about our MPS values and how they can follow them at school. Encourage positive decision making and to always try their best. At times school work can be hard. This is because teachers are taking students from an independent level to a guided level. This often results in Learning Pit moments. These are to be celebrated as it means we are learning new knowledge.

Senior Camp: This is quickly approaching. The Year 5/ 6 students will be away from the 11 - 13 March at Kauaeranga Valley Camp. This is an excellent EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) opportunity for our kids.

MPS Trolley Derby: This year we are having our inaugural Go-Kart day. This is an optional fun event for our students. It is a homework task that can be a lot of fun. Students need to enter as a team and then get busy building their trolley. Race day will be Monday 25 March @ 1.30pm.

“Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution.” - Aristotle

**Nga Mihi, Glenn MacPherson
PRINCIPAL**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 26 February

10.15am - Mihi Whakatau
6pm - PTA Meeting

Wednesday 28 February

GOAL SETTING DAY

Friday 1 March

1.45pm - Whole School
Assembly - Hall

Monday 4 March

MPS Swimming Sports

Friday 8 March

2pm - Senior Assembly - Hall

Monday 11 March

Senior Camp (11-13 March)

Friday 15 March

2pm - Middle Assembly - Hall

Tuesday 19 March

6pm BOT Meeting

Friday 22 March

2pm Junior Assembly - Hall

Thursday 21 March

Interschool Swimming





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This Week in Review

MPS TEACHER SWIMMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Recently our MPS teachers were invited over to the town pools to watch Graeme Laing teach a number of swimming skills. There were different skills and steps Graeme taught that went through his key points that, over time, set children up with confidence and competence when around water.

The PD clearly went through the progressions Graeme used and the essential skills he would like to see every child at MPS develop during their time at MPS.



SENIOR SYNDICATE FUN DAY

Last Wednesday each Senior Syndicate class participated in an outdoor fun day. One of the goals was to develop a team spirit - problem solving, collaboration and inclusiveness.

There was a chance to push and extend the students' physical skills, particularly when playing 'Coney Island' where catching and hitting a small ball was a game focus. The different games were; **King Ball, Coney Island, Noodle Pass, Scavenger Hunt and Crack the Code.** We were fortunate to have great weather for the day.



GOAL SETTING DAY - WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY - 8AM - 5PM

We are holding our Goal Setting day next *Wednesday 28 February*. This is a great opportunity for Parents/Caregivers to meet with their child's teacher to set goals for 2024. If you have not already made a time, please go to Skool Loop to book your 15 minute time slot with your child's teacher. Bookings close on Monday 26 February at 9am.

Kelly Club will be open for the day for parents wishing to book care for their children. Please contact; Kelly Roberts on 021-638927 or email to; matamata@kellyclub.co.nz.





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New Librarian

Matamata Primary School would like to welcome our new librarian, Jessica Hughes, who started at the beginning of this year. Jess, who has also been a Teacher Aide, brings some new and exciting ideas to the role of librarian. She will be in the library each day during morning intervals and lunchtimes working with children. Jess will also be part of instructional times where she has the opportunity to work alongside teachers to help foster reading and a passion for books. An idea already being considered is 'Book of the Week' where activities relating to the book, such as word finds and art activities, will be developed.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOT CHAIRPERSON

We would like to welcome and congratulate **Rachel Wightman** on her appointment as our new Presiding Member (Chair) on our MPS Board of Trustees.

Rachel was a current Board of Trustee member who would stand in for Adam Lynch when he was unable to make a meeting. Adam Lynch left Matamata at the end of Term 4 to move to Whakatane so Rachel was elected to chair at the BoT meeting this week..

SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRTS - AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We now have School Sports shirts available for purchase from the school office. These are for children who would like to OWN their school sports shirt and each have a number on these so the children know that this number belongs to them. The cost of the shirt is \$45.00 and is pictured on the bottom of this Newsletter. This is ideal for children playing a number of sports.

MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

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

MPS TROLLEY DERBY OPEN TO Y5 & 6 STUDENTS

We are holding our very first Trolley Derby on Monday 25 March from 1.30-3.00pm. Entry forms available from Room 1 and teams can consist of Y5 and Y6 pupils. Trolley's to be built at home (without motors) and will need to be brought to school on Monday 25 March. Prizes for the best looking racing machine, best dressed team and fastest team.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

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<http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1555k49> Our school raises 20% on all sales.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 1 - CLOSSES THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY

SPRINGBOARD 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMME - TERM 2 2024 IS ON MONDAY 8 MAY. PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AT OFFICE.

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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MPS 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
Pictured right is our new Sports Shirt which is numbered.



TERM DATES 2024

Term 1 - Thursday 1 February - Friday 12 April (Waitangi Day Tue 6/2)
Term 2 - Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July - Kings birthday - Monday 3/6, Matariki - Friday 28/6
Term 3 - Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
Term 4 - Monday 14 October - Tuesday 17 December (½ day) - Labour Day - Monday 28/10

School Policies & Procedures

Matamata Primary School Policies and Procedures are available to be viewed online at:

<http://matamataprimarieschooldocs.co.nz>

Username: matamataprimaries

Password: 3440

Up for review: Behaviour Management and Concerns and Complaints.. Please click on link;

<https://matamataprimarieschooldocs.co.nz/17525.htm>

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