



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 21 MARCH 2024

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Congratulations to all our MPS learners who have been showing our core values and displaying outstanding behaviour. Your commitment to having a heart, owning your actions, standing proud and being thinkers shine through in every aspect of school life. Whether it's helping a classmate, showing empathy, or demonstrating integrity, your actions inspire all of us. Keep up the fantastic work kids, you continue to make our school learning community a welcoming and nurturing environment for everyone. Your dedication to our values sets a wonderful example for others to follow. Well done!

Swimming Sports: *Well done to all the MPS Athletes who competed in our school swimming sports. A special mention to Luke Hills and Ann Swap for winning the Bowler Cups.*

Senior Camp: *Thank you to all the amazing parents that helped with transport and running activities at Kauaeranga Valley Camp this year. We are really lucky to have such a supportive community and excellent group of teachers to make these events happen for our kids.*

MPS Trolley Derby: *Our Inaugural Trolley Derby is on Monday 25 March. Carts to be parked up outside the hall before school. The parade lap will be at 12pm. Please come down and support the kids. The coffee cart and sausage sizzle will be all go. Five lap team racing will start at approximately 1.30pm. Mr Mair has made a really cool trophy to compete for.*

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or we can rejoice because thorn bushes have roses" - Abraham Lincoln

**Nga Mihi,
Glenn MacPherson
PRINCIPAL**

TERM DATES 2024

**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**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 21 March

Interscholar Swimming

Friday 22 March

2pm Junior Assembly - Hall

Monday 25 March

MPS Trolley Derby
Junior Trip - Rm 14,17 & 19

Tuesday 26 March

Junior Trip - Rms 12,15,16,18
7pm - PTA Meeting

Friday 29 March

Easter - Good Friday holiday

Monday 1 April

Easter Monday **No School**

Tuesday 2 April

Easter Tuesday **No School**

Thursday 11 April

PTA Pizza/Juicie day

Friday 12 April

Term 1 ends 2.55pm
2pm Whole School Assembly
Covered Turf





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This Week in Review

Celebrating Success: MPS School Swimming Sports

This year we had a superb day for our swimming sports event, and it proved to be a great success, marked by spirited competition and excellent participation.

Our Swimming Sports day encourages a high level of participation from students from eager novices - the 'Give it a Go' activities to competent swimmers who compete in the 'Competitive' events such as freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

Each year, students swim to compete for the Bowler Cup over two lengths of Freestyle. These prestigious cups are awarded to the outstanding Male and Female swimmers over this freestyle sprint.

This year, and for the second year running, Luke Hills emerged as the victor of the boys Bowler Cup, while this year Anna Swap won the girls Bowler Cup.

Thank you for all the parental support for this event.

The children who placed in the top 3 in each age group at this event were entered into the Interschool Swimming sports which was held today at the Matamata Pools.



EPRO8 Student Technology Challenge

During Week 6, 26 Senior and 22 Year 4 students tackled the *In School EPro8 2024 Engineering Challenge*. The children worked together to follow a design brief for an Earthquake Testing Platform, an Earthquake Generator, and explain their thinking.

I was extremely impressed with the way most students worked together to get out of the learning pit and solve some tricky problems. As the competition is for Year 5 & 6 students, only 8 Senior students can qualify for the next stage, however, I am very excited to see how many skills the Year 4 students gained during the day. Well done I am so proud of you all. **Mrs Wendy Freeman**





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YEAR 5 AND 6 SENIOR CAMP

Our recent Year 5 and 6 camp was held at the Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp in the Thames region. It was a wonderful learning opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in a multitude of exciting activities, creating memories to last a lifetime.

Activities Galore included;

- **Archery:** Bulls-eyes and fun were the order of the day as our budding archers aimed for greatness.
- **Raft Building:** Teams put their engineering skills to the test, constructing sturdy rafts to navigate the serene waters.
- **Go Carting:** The adrenaline rush was real as students zoomed around the track, showcasing their speed and agility.
- **Canoeing:** Our students learnt how to paddle canoes safely.
- **Paintballing:** Strategising and teamwork were key in this thrilling adventure, where colourful battles ensued.
- **Gym Games:** From relay races to tug-of-war, our students showcased their athleticism and camaraderie.

Learning through Adventure;

The camp activities provided invaluable opportunities for personal growth and development. Through each activity, students honed their communication, teamwork and problem solving skills, fostering resilience and confidence along the way.

Gratitude and Appreciation;

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp as well as our parent helpers for their awesome support.



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Please mark Wednesday 15 May in your Calendar for our School Photographs. You can pre purchase Individual and Class Photographs of your children. Further information will be provided before the day on how to order these.





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Upcoming Event

Inaugural Matamata Primary School Trolley Derby: 1.30 - 3.00pm Get Ready for Thrills and Excitement!

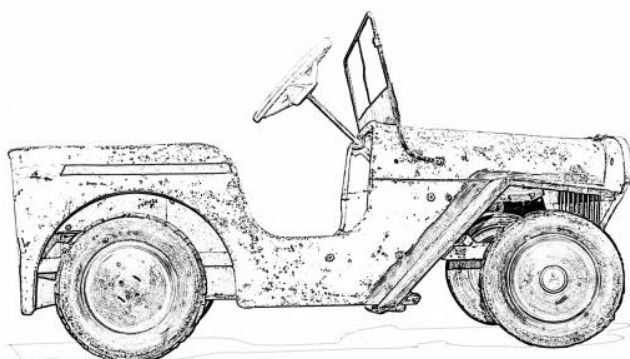
Get those awesome trolley's ready because the inaugural Matamata Primary School Trolley Derby is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for this coming Monday 25 March for a day filled with adrenaline-pumping action and family fun.

We're looking forward to putting on our push-kart derby, and we have an array of exciting categories to keep everyone on their toes:

- 1. Best Decorated Kart:** Show off your creativity and imagination as you transform your push kart into a rolling work of art! Whether it's adorned with vibrant colors, flashy designs, or themed decorations, let your kart stand out from the crowd for a chance to win a certificate.
- 2. Best Dressed Team:** It's not just about the wheels; it's also about the style! Dress to impress and co-ordinate your team's attire with your kart's theme. From matching outfits to creative costumes, let your team spirit shine as you strut your stuff down the derby track.
- 3. Fastest Go Kart:** Buckle up and prepare for speed as you race against the clock in our thrilling speed competition. Test your karting skills and see if you have what it takes to claim the title of the fastest go kart at Matamata Primary School. But remember, speed isn't everything – safety first!

And that's not all! We have a beautiful trophy waiting to be claimed by the winners of the fastest cart!

There will also be an opportunity for Juniors to build 'box karts' and display these while the go kart competition is on.



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Reminders, Events and Important Information

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**Matamata Primary School BOT ,
ASB BANK: 12-3438-0004616-00**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ADD YOUR CHILD'S
NAME, CLASS AND WHAT IT IS FOR WHEN MAKING
PAYMENTS SO WE CAN IDENTIFY THESE.**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 2 -
CLOSES THURSDAY 28 MARCH.**

**SPRINGBOARD 4 YEAR OLD
PROGRAMME - TERM 2 2024 IS ON
MONDAY 6 MAY. PLEASE COMPLETE
REGISTRATION FORM AT OFFICE.**

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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*



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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