



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 23 MAY 2024

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Congratulations to our MPS learners who have made such a positive start to Term 2. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families.

Attendance: As you may be aware the Government has developed a strategy for tackling the decade long decline in regular attendance and engagement of our learners. Our school wide data is very strong in both these areas compared to the national average. The new government has set a target of 80% regular attendance and more than 90% of each term from 2030. Schools are to aspire to 94% regular attendance. We love having our kids at school regularly and the data shows that regular attendance improves learning outcomes. Although, if your child is genuinely sick, please keep them at home until they are well. We don't want sick students spreading germs at school. We do ask that you please inform the office of their absence and the reason why.

Better Start Literacy (BSLA): The Ministry has recently announced that Structured Literacy will be mandatory in all Primary Schools as of 2025. Over the past few years our teachers have been upskilling in Structured Literacy through BSLA training from the University of Canterbury. We have seen significant gains within our students' literacy learning over the past few years. Key elements to this approach are explicit, systematic and sequential teaching of literacy at multiple levels. We will continue to implement this approach for our learners.

Our Kids online parent evening - Rob Cope: On Monday 17 June we have organised Rob Cope who is a filmmaker and author to speak to our staff and parents from 6.30-8.30pm about internet safety. This event will be held in our school hall and tickets for this event are \$10.00 and can be purchased from the school office. This will be a humorous and eye-opening evening.

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up." - Thomas A Edison

Nga Mihi
Glenn MacPherson
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 24 May

2pm Senior Assembly

Monday 27 May

PTA Meeting

Friday 31 May

2pm Whole School Assembly

Monday 3 June

Kings Birthday - No School

Thursday 6 June

PTA Disco

Friday 7 June

2pm Middle Assembly

Friday 14 June

2pm Junior Assembly

Monday 17 June

6.30-8.30pm Rob Cope
Internet Safety - School Hall

Tuesday 18 June

6pm BOT Meeting

Thursday 20 June

Greenpark Sports Exchange



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This Week in Review

Cotter and Orr Cup Rugby - Our MPS boys and girls excelled once again on the rugby field at our annual Cotter Cup tournament winning both trophies. The children played in great conditions at the Hinuera Rugby fields and the students enjoyed the experience Of representing our school. Both teams made the finals and went on to win. The Y5/6 team grinding out a tough final with 6 tries to 2. Our students displayed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. Thank you to all the parents who supported the school with coaching and transportation.



Cotter Cup Netball -Three netball teams from MPS competed in the Cotter Cup tournament this year. All teams had such a great day. They enjoyed the competition, consistently used our MPS school values and represented our school with pride.

Our MPS Blue team was the most successful of the day. They defeated a very competitive Te Poi team in the final where they absolutely played their hearts out and came away with the trophy. Well done to this team and also a big thank you to Kimberley Swap and Ruby Douglas for coaching them for the day.



Impressive performance by our Hockey Team - Our hockey team showcased a great performance at the tournament, securing a commendable third place. Throughout the competition, the team demonstrated skill, teamwork and determination, which were evident in the matches they played. Competing against some strong teams in our local region, our players displayed remarkable resilience and sportsmanship. Their hard work and dedication paid off, as they advanced through the rounds. Finishing in third place is a commendable achievement, reflecting the team's continuous improvement and commitment to excellence. Congratulations to all the players and coaching staff for their remarkable effort and success at the Cotter Cup tournament.



Highlights from Soccer - At our recent Cotter Cup Sports day, our school was proudly represented by two enthusiastic soccer teams. Both teams displayed outstanding effort and sportsmanship throughout throughout the event. One of our teams made it all the way to the final, showcasing their skills and determination despite a hard fought match, they were narrowly defeated by Firth Primary School in the final. Congratulations to all the players for their dedication and hard work!



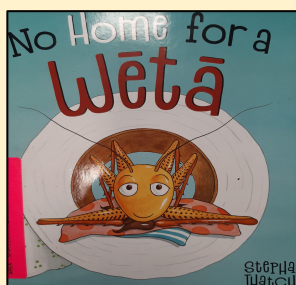


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No Home for a Wētā - Room 17

Room 17 have been reading 'No home for ā wētā'. Little wētā is fed up with her noisy home and tries to find a new one. The children from Room 17 have embarked on a project to build homes or hotels for a wētā, a native bird of New Zealand. This story has provided A creative opportunity for our young students to come up with a purpose to build a home/hotel for the wētā.



Hunter's Passion Project - Hunter Duncan, a creative and dedicated student From Room 3, has recently completed an impressive passion project that showcases his engineering skills. Hunter constructed two rescue trucks entirely out of Lego, demonstrating remarkable attention to detail and creativity.

This project was part of the school's initiative to encourage students to pursue Their interests and develop new skills. Hunter's passion was for emergency Service trucks. This inspired him to design and assemble these rescue vehicles, Which included a special winch to rescue vehicles that had been involved in an accident. Great work Hunter. We look forward to seeing what you will create next. Keep up the great work.



Matamata Primary support Pink Shirt Day 'Standing United Against Bullying'

Last Friday was awash in pink as students and staff came together to celebrate Pink Shirt Day, a global initiative Aimed at promoting anti-bullying awareness and fostering a culture of kindness and inclusion. This Vibrant event not only added a splash of color to our school but also served as a powerful reminder of the importance of standing up against bullying in all its forms. MPS raised \$390.50 towards this worthy cause with the children and staff bringing along a donation.



We would like to welcome Abby Mein to our staff. Whaea Abby is an experienced practitioner with a great deal of teaching expertise in the Early Childhood Education Sector and will be a great asset to the Junior Team. Abby will be teaching in Room 13 alongside our New Entrant class.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

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SPRINGBOARD 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMME - TERM 3 2024 IS ON MONDAY 29 JULY. 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
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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 2 - Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
Kings birthday - Monday 3 June
Matariki - Friday 28 June
Term 3 - Monday 22 July to Friday 27 Sept
**Term 4 - Monday 14 October - Tuesday 17
December (Half 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: matamataprimary

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**Up for review: *Behaviour Management and Concerns and
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