



# MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2 November 2023

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## From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to all of our new families. We are excited that you have joined our learning team. Our school has now grown into a U6 classification. We currently have 507 students. This means we will only have very limited ballot spaces and in certain year groups moving forward.

**Grandparents Day:** Please let all our amazing Grandparents and special family members know that our annual Grandparents Day will be on Monday 20 November this year. We look forward to sharing our learning environment and celebrating our achievements.

**Eddy:** We wish Eddy all the best in his new job. We are sure you will do a fantastic job in this new position. Our new Caretaker David has started and is doing an excellent job.

**Teacher Only Day:** We have our final Ministry of Education prescribed Teacher only day this year on Monday 27 November. This will align with all Matamata schools.

**End of Year Prizegiving:** This will be held on Wednesday 13 December starting at 9am. School reports will come home this day as well.

*"I found a book entitled, "How to be amazing at anything". It had just a single page inside and was just one word long: "PRACTICE". - Writergram*

Nga Mihi  
Glenn MacPherson  
**PRINCIPAL**

### 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 June, Matariki - Friday 28 June)

Term 3 - Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4 - Monday 14 October - Tuesday 17 December (½ day)

(Labour Day - Monday 28 October)

**TEACHER ONLY DAY - MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Friday 3 November

2pm Senior Assembly

#### Monday 6 November

6pm PTA Meeting

#### Tuesday 7-8 November

Y3 Camp

#### Friday 10 November

2pm Full School Assembly

#### Friday 17 November

2pm Junior Assembly

#### Monday 20 November

Grandparents Day

#### Wednesday 22 November

Interschool Athletics

#### Thursday 23 November

School Gala Day

#### Friday 24 November

Middle School Assembly

#### Monday 27 November

TOD - School Closed for Instruction



# MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*This Week in Review*

## AGRICULTURAL DAY 2023

Matamata Primary School came alive with the excitement of its much anticipated Agricultural Day, which took place on a sunny Wednesday in the first week of term.

The Agricultural Day provides a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about animal care, responsibility and the rewards of hard work. Students brought in their lambs, kids and calves, each groomed and trained with dedication. The animals are not just a part of the show; they were also a reflection of the students' commitment and hard work.

The students and their animals were evaluated in four categories;

**Most Obvious Pet:** This category celebrated the strong bonds between the students and their animals.

**Rearing:** Students were assessed on their knowledge of how to raise their animals, ensuring they were very healthy and well-cared for.

**Leading:** This category assessed the students' ability to lead their animals with confidence and control. It emphasised the importance of trust and effective communication between the children and their animals.

**Dairy Type (Calves):** For the calves only there is a special category called "Dairy Type"

The judges had a challenging task, as each student and their animal, exhibited exceptional dedication and effort. Nevertheless, winners were selected, and they received a variety of Cups and Ribbons and Trophies for their hard work.

Sixteen students went on to compete at Group Day with their animals.



## ***Middle School Girls' Self Defence Project***

During Week One of this term the Middle School girls learnt about self defence and Personal Safety Education. The Kaiako taking the girls on this course was a qualified and experienced Personal Safety Educator. She helped the girls learn ways of dealing with unsafe people, situations, and threats to their safety. This included dealing with acquaintance and stranger attacks, being followed and issues relating to cyber safety. The course emphasized how students could 'think' their way out of a threatening situation, and how important it is to tell a safe adult if something happens. Feedback from the girl's self reflection was very positive.





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### ***Preparing the Next Generation of Road Patrollers***

Recently, a group of our Year 5 MPS students stepped up to the challenge to take on the role as Road Patrollers for 2024. Police Constable Tarsha and Mr Wigg helped with the training for these young recruits.

**Learning the Ropes:** The Road Patrollers, who will soon be donning their reflective vests, have been learning about their essential roles - using the correct crossing calls and how to handle the 'lollipop' stop signs.

**Ready for Action:** Our new Road Patrollers are set to begin in just a few weeks, and they are well-equipped for the task. Being a Road Patroller is not just about stopping traffic and guiding pedestrians, it's about ensuring safety for everyone and being a role model for other students.

**Remember to always use our controlled crossings, even if it means waiting for a minute or two. They are the safest way to cross our busy roads.**



### **FAREWELL TO EDDY BAUKEMA - OUR CARETAKER**

Last week we farewelled our Caretaker, Eddy with a special dress up day and Assembly. It was great to see so many children dressing up for this event and joining in on the fun. A special Assembly was held to commemorate Eddy's last five years at MPS. Some of the children spoke and the Kapa Haka Group put on a Haka for Eddy.

Welcome to Dave Watson (Dave O) our new Caretaker who has taken over the Caretaker Role.

### **PARKING REMINDER - PICKING UP / DROPPING OFF CHILDREN AT SCHOOL**

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE PARKING CORRECTLY IN OFFICIAL CAR PARKS WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING CHILDREN UP FROM SCHOOL. WE HAVE SPOTTED ON OUR CAMERAS THAT PARENTS ARE PARKING IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK ACROSS THE ROAD AND LEAVING THEIR CARS WHEN PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS. IN MANY CASES THERE ARE PARKING SPOTS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. WE ASK YOU TO RESPECT THE CHURCH PARKING FOR THEIR OWN MEMBERS.





# MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Reminders, Events and Important Information*

## ENTERTAINMENT DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP

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Our school raises 20% on all sales.

**SPRINGBOARD 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMME FOR TERM 1 2024 IS ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY. 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).***

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Hoodies - \$60.00  
Trackpants - \$50.00  
Polo Shirts - \$35.00  
House Shirts - \$32.00  
Black Shorts - \$35.00  
League Shorts - \$40.00  
Wide Brim Hat - \$20.00



## PTA COOKIE TIME FUNDRAISER

This week an order form went out from the PTA for Cookie Time cookies. Order and payment must be back by 15 November at 3pm.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 7

Please note that the cut off is on the 3 November (Week 4). All orders must be placed before then.

## 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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