



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 30 November 2023

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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 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 Thursday 1st February 2024 and look forward to your continued support.

Grandparents/Special Person Day: A massive thank you to all our special people who came along and supported our kids and celebrated the success they are having at school. We love seeing you in our classrooms and learning spaces.

PTA: We would like to take this opportunity to make a special mention of our amazing PTA group of parent helpers. This small but highly effective group works tirelessly to help us provide so many additional resources for our kids. You are not often thanked as a group but we appreciate all that you do so much!!!

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 tailor off at the end of the year. Please have a chat with you child/ren at home about always being their own personal best at school right to the end of the year. Thank you.

Teacher Only Day: We had our final Ministry of Education prescribed Teacher only day on Monday 27 November. This aligned with all Matamata Schools.

End of Year Prizegiving: This will be held on Wednesday 13 December starting at 9.15am. School reports will come home this day as well.

*"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Nga Mihi, Glenn MacPherson, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 1 December

2pm Senior Assembly

Monday 4 December

PTA Meeting

Thursday 7 December

Y4 Camp - Totara Springs

Friday 8 December

Y4's return from camp

Tuesday 12 December

11-12.30pm Meet the Teacher day - Y1 - Y5
Year 6 - Ninja Valley trip

Wednesday 13 December

9am - Senior Prizegiving - Matamata Bible Church

Wednesday 13 December

Senior Social - School Hall

Friday 15 December

Last Day of School Term
SCHOOL FINISHES 12.30pm

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





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GRANDPARENT'S/SPECIAL PERSON DAY & BOOK FAIR

We were delighted to share a special day with our Grandparents and special guests on Monday 20th November. There were approximately 1000 Grandparents and special guests joining us to celebrate the incredible work of our students as well as visit the Book Fair.

The students shared everything from Artwork to Writing and Reading. The pride on the faces of the Grandparents was evident as they admired the creativity and innovation displayed by their grandchildren. To make the day even more special, a concert was put on showcasing the Kapa Haka, winners from our MPS talent contest, the school Rock Band, and the School Choir.

The success of Grandparents Day goes beyond the celebration itself. It highlights the strength of our school community and the importance of fostering connections between generations. The day was a reminder that learning is not confined to the classroom; it extends to the stories, experiences, and wisdom passed down through families.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Grandparents Day a truly special occasion.



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We really appreciate your support in enabling us to share information with our School Community and would not be able to use this app without your support.

There are still positions available to feature local businesses if you wish to advertise and support the school. Please contact Skool Loop directly for further information.

BALLOT 1 - 31 JANUARY 2024

Our first ballot for the year for 'out of zone' students will be held on **Thursday 31 January** at 9am.

We have spaces available for; **Y0/NE - 25 spaces (turning 5 after 28 April 2024),**

Y1 - 10 spaces (turning 5 before 28 April 2024), Y2 - 10 Spaces, Y5 - 1 space, Y6 - 6 spaces

No Spaces available for Y3 or Y3

Ballot forms are available from the school office or our school website and **MUST** be returned before 9 am Thursday 31 January along with a copy of your child's birth certificate.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL OUT OF ZONE CHILDREN MUST ENTER THE BALLOT REGARDLESS OF IF THEY HAVE SIBLINGS AT SCHOOL.





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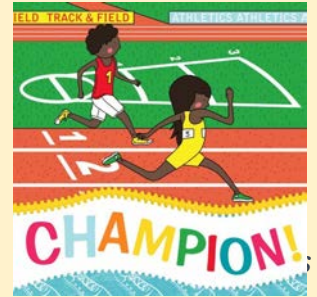
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MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS FINALS

The recently concluded Athletics Finals Day at our school displayed a high level of competition, making it a memorable day for everyone involved. A highlight of the day was the much-anticipated Bowler Cup, awarded to the fastest girl and boy over 100 meters. The winners, Mila Moore and Kade Wellington, have now got their names engraved on the cups along with names dating back to 1958!

The spirit of friendly competition displayed by the students was excellent and made for a great day. Beyond the winners, every participant contributed to the success of Athletics Finals Day, trying their best in events such as Long Jump, High Jump, Discus and Shot Put.

Thank you to all participants, organisers, and supporters for making Athletics Day a resounding success.



YEAR 3 CAMP A SUCCESS

The Year 3 students recently embarked on their very own school camp! This immersive experience provided a unique opportunity for our young learners to step out of their comfort zones, bond with friends, and develop their confidence.

For many of our Year 3 students, the camp marked their first night away from home without their families. There was a fair bit of excitement and a touch of nervousness as the young campers anticipated the adventures that awaited them.

The camp served as an excellent platform for students to strengthen their bonds with classmates. Away from the routine of the classroom, they found themselves engaged in team-building activities that fostered collaboration and camaraderie.

The camp provided an opportunity for students to face and overcome challenges, promoting resilience and self-confidence.

This is an annual tradition, providing each new batch of Year 3 students with the chance to embark on their own adventure with an overnight camp at our school.

Pictured are some of the children working on a team challenge.





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MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA DAY

We had a very successful Gala Day recently, a vibrant and festive event that brought our school community together to raise money for the students at our school. The day was made possible by the hard work and dedication of our incredible PTA (Parent Teacher Association), who were instrumental in getting it underway. A heartfelt thank you to the PTA

There were various activities and attractions that contributed to the day's success, making it a memorable occasion for all who attended. There was a Silent Auction, where participants had the opportunity to bid on an array of items generously donated by local businesses and community members. The competitive spirit was alive and well, and the auction added an exciting element to the festivities. There were cakes on sale, a sausage sizzle, raffles for \$100 as well as food hampers, candy floss, a coffee cart, and a show where students played instruments, sang songs, and performed the Kapa Haka.

The students ran stalls showcasing their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. From interactive games, to selling a variety of things. Additionally, the teacher's messy hair-do activity brought in some more revenue. We look forward to more celebrations and shared moments in the future as we continue to foster a vibrant and supportive school community. Thank you for making Gala Day 2023 a truly unforgettable experience!



A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL PTA:

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to, volunteered for and attended our Gala. It was such a successful evening where we raised \$7,455 (plus each syndicates individual extra fundraising amounts) to invest in our school and learners. We couldn't have done this without your support!

A huge thank you to the following local businesses who provided sponsorship or silent auction items: **Ador Matamata, Bobs Bikes, Garland Engineering, Life Pharmacy, Off Road NZ, Matamata Sportsworld, Osteria, Thomas whanau, Rotorua Tree Walk, Swim Zone, Daltons, Wheelie Bin Services, Matamata Yoga, Sustainable Fisheries (Colby Grey & Pearson Tukua), Ag-Worx, Todz & Up, Mitre 10 Matamata, Wealleans, Matamata Racing Club, Fez Kebab, Matamata Primary School, Top Notch Calves, Balle Brothers**

Thank you also to the following local businesses and individuals who provided help for our stalls and entertainment on the day:

LJ Hooker, Jess Brosnan & Kimberly McMillan, Matamata Police, J.Swap, Matamata Volunteer Fire Brigade, Ashley Tipping and Peter Mair

We also acknowledge those awesome local food trucks who joined us too! And finally a MASSIVE shout out to all of our parent and community for their donations for the raffle hampers, book stall and syndicate donations. Thank to MPS for putting on a great show with entertainment and all the children and teachers who did stalls which created fun for our local community!





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

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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).

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



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PTA PIZZA/JUICE DAY THIS FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER

The PTA will be having their last Pizza and Juice day this Friday December 1.

Orders MUST be placed on Kindo before Thur 30 November at 10.30am

School Policies & Procedures

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

<http://matamataprimarieschooldocs.co.nz>

Username: matamataprimaries

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

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

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