



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 7 September 2023

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter. As we nearly complete another exciting term, we're excited to share the fun educational journey our MPS Learners have been on. From captivating science lessons, engaging sports events to a multitude of enriching learning experiences.

Gymnastics: Congratulations to our thirteen students who competed in the Waikato Regional Schools Festival in Hamilton. Thank you to Miss Stutt for all the time and energy you put into our gym team.

Corinthian Cup: A really competitively contested match this year. We were really proud of the resilience our kids showed to win this match. Once again the Corinthians planned and organised a great day for our local kids. The pies were delicious!

Playground Behaviour: We have had a huge amount of Values Cards handed in this term. We are really impressed with all of the positive choices our learners have been making in the playground. It is really exciting to see our kids making an effort to follow our school values and key competencies. Well done team.

Snap Chat / Social Media: It has been brought to our attention that there have been some negative social media incidents outside of school hours. Some of these chat groups are now impacting staff teaching time and our kids learning. Can you please be mindful that some of these platforms are designed for older students. Please be aware of what your children are posting. Thank you.

2023 Kapa Haka and Ki-o-Rahi Festival: This will be held on Wednesday 18 October this year. Our kids are busy learning new school waiata and Matamata district haka.

Class Placements 2024

If you have a genuine reason (please elaborate) to request a class placement for 2024 could you please put this in writing to; principal@mmps.school.nz between 9-13 October. Any requests outside of these dates will not be taken into consideration as the class lists will be finalised.

*"If you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you haven't learned anything."
- Muhammad Ali*

Nga Mihi
Glenn MacPherson
PRINCIPAL

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

TERM DATES 2023

Term 3 Monday 17
July to Friday 22
September

Term 4 Monday 9
October to Friday 15
December

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 7 September

Talent Quest

Friday 8 September

2pm Senior Assembly

Monday 11 September

6pm PTA Meeting - Staffroom

Thursday 14 September

Interschool Cross Country
Postponement day 15/9

Friday 22 September

2pm Whole School Assembly
Term 3 finishes

Monday 9 October

Term 1 starts

Wednesday 11 October

Agricultural Day

Monday 16 October

Ballot 4 - Out of zone
students

Wednesday 18 October

Kapa Haka Festival





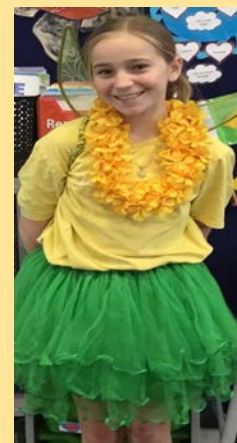
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Daffodil day at MPS

On Friday the 25th of August 2023 the **Arts and Cultural leaders** at MPS ran Daffodil day. The whole school dressed up in yellow, orange and green. Most of the school brought a gold coin donation, but some of the kids bought daffodil pins. We raised **\$565.00**. People wear daffodil pins and badges to support the **Great Daffodil Appeal**. Funds raised from people wearing the yellow flower pin provide care for people living with cancer. If everyone in Matamata donates a dollar we could save someone's life. The classes in the photos are Room 29, Room 7, Room 6 and Tahlia Goldsmith (Room 4).

By Alyssa and Inara



Corinthian Cup Victory

In an exhilarating display of teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, the Matamata Primary rugby team emerged victorious in a thrilling match against Firth Primary School, securing the coveted Corinthian Cup. The game, played on Wednesday 23 August, was a testament to the team's great skills and cohesive efforts on the field. From the first whistle to the final play, our team's hard work and dedication were evident as they executed accurate passes, speedy runs, and crucial tackles throughout the game. The driving force behind the team's success, Mr. Mac, their coach, was thrilled with the way his players performed on the field. A special thanks to Sooty Samuels for refereeing the game and the Corinthian rugby club for putting on food and drinks.



BALLOT 4 - 16 OCTOBER 2023

Our fourth ballot for the year for 'out of zone' students will be held on Monday 16 October at 9am. We have spaces available for; **Y0/NE - 25 spaces, Y1 2023 - 10 spaces, Y4 - 1 space, Y5 - 6 spaces**
No Spaces available for Y2, Y3 and Y6

Ballot forms are available from the school office or our school website and **MUST** be returned before 9 am Monday 16 October 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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Visiting Author - Raymond McGrath

We had the privilege of hosting an engaging session with esteemed author Raymond McGrath at our school last week. As an accomplished writer, McGrath has delved into the captivating realm of Graphic Novels, a genre that marries storytelling with visual artistry. During his visit, he not only shared his personal journey but also ignited a newfound enthusiasm for reading and writing within our students.

What truly set McGrath's presentation apart was his interactive approach. He seamlessly wove moments of participation into his talk, keeping the students fully engaged throughout McGrath's visit not only showcased the joys of Graphic Novels but also underlined the importance of nurturing a love for reading and writing from a young age. His own journey from an aspiring writer to a published author served as an inspiring example of what can be achieved with dedication and creativity.



INTERSCHOOL GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

The spirit of competition and the pursuit of excellence were on full display at this year's Inter-school Gymnastics competition. The event brought together gymnasts from various schools, showcasing their skills in the world of gymnastics. Our school, with two determined teams - The Twisters and The Flyers - made a remarkable impression, despite not securing a team placement. The Twisters and the Flyers supported their teammates, helping them to create an environment that fostered personal growth and resilience. While team placements eluded our school this time, it is important to acknowledge the exceptional individual achievements that shone brightly throughout the event.

Among the standout performances were those of Elahni Brizzle who placed first in a range of disciplines, Evie McCullum who placed 3rd and Tessa Wightman who came 6th. All representing The Flyers.



Congratulations to all our MPS gymnasts. The Inter-school Competition was a showcase of talent, teamwork and determination. A huge thank you must go to Kylie Stutt who put a lot of time into coaching the gymnastics team.

Agricultural Day 2023 - Wednesday 11 October

Entries are now open for our Annual MPS Agricultural Day. We are looking forward to seeing your children and their animals at this event. This will take place on Wednesday 11 October on the domain. If you child has a calf, lamb or kid goat that they are preparing for Ag Day please complete the entry form following the link; <https://forms.gle/qBQAz3jkiMerxTTAA>

All payments (online only using the bank account number on the entry form, *not the school account*) and entries are to be in by Friday 15 September. Further information about what is expected on the day is available via the Matamata Agricultural Group Facebook page. If you have Any queries, please email; mpsagday@mmmps.school.nz





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SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Last Wednesday we held our Cross Country under blue skies. The children had been training for weeks leading up to the big day and ran really well on the day. The top 5 of each age group will go through to the Inter School cross country being held on the 14 September. Results for the top three below;

5 Year Girls - 1st Zoe Laurent, 2nd Anika Van Waveren 3rd Freya Candy

5 Year Boys - 1st Will Millar, 2nd Cooper Harris 3rd Ethan Naitiqatabua

6 Year Girls - 1st Eden Tuhakaraina, 2nd Tessa Maisey, 3rd Juliette Barton

6 Year Boys - 1st Wyatt Bennett, 2nd Huxley Dalziel, 3rd Reef Callis

7 Year Girls - 1st Jaimee Magon, 2nd Kate Imeson, 3rd Isabella Morley

7 Year Boys - 1st Azzaraiah Tokona, 2nd Ezra Seaton, 3rd Josheb de Jong

8 Year Girls - 1st Josie Bruins, 2nd Annabel Puklowski, 3rd Rivey Feiten

8 Year Boys - 1st Mac Moore, 2nd Connor Hughes, 3rd Toby Rae

9 Year Girls - 1st Payton Ensor, 2nd Rory Gamble, 3rd Andee Telfar

9 Year Boys - 1st Blake Amodeo, 2nd Luke Hills, 3rd Malachi Tokona

10 Year Girls - 1st Serenity Thompson 2nd Lara Wellington, 3rd Maddison Casey

10 Year Boys - 1st Brooklyn Rosoman, 2nd Sky Gouk, 3rd Jack Davison

11 Year Girls - 1st Mila Moore, 2nd Olivia Carnachan, 3rd Zoe Cotter

11 Year Boys - 1st Angus Grice, 2nd Kane Telfar, 3rd Kade Wellington

Congratulations to all of the children who placed on the day and to all of the children who participated and gave their best effort.



PRIME MATHS PAYMENTS

If you have not yet paid for your child's Prime Maths Book, could you please ensure your payment is made to the school office ASAP. The cost of these books is \$10 per child and ALL Year 3-6 received these at the start of the year. The Junior children have been receiving these during the year so if you are unsure check with your child's teacher.

A REMINDER WHEN PICKING CHILDREN UP FROM SCHOOL

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE PARKING CORRECTLY IN OFFICIAL CAR PARKS WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING CHILDREN UP FROM SCHOOL. YESTERDAY WE HAD A NOTIFICATION THAT PARENTS WERE PARKING IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK AND BLOCKED IN THE PEOPLE FROM FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE AT CHURCH WHICH FINISHED AT 3PM. WE ASK YOU TO RESPECT THEIR PARKING FOR THEIR OWN MEMBERS.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

ENTERTAINMENT DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP

ORDER YOURS TODAY ONLINE FOR LOADS OF SAVINGS ON MEALS/TAKEAWAYS AND ACTIVITIES. YOU CAN PURCHASE A WAIKATO BOOK WHICH COVERS HAMILTON AND TAURANGA FOR \$69.99 OR NATIONWIDE BOOKS FOR \$119.99

Order at <http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1555k49>

Our school raises 20% on all sales.

SPRINGBOARD 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMME FOR TERM 4 IS ON MONDAY 30 OCTOBER. 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



Don't forget to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.



 Simple free download: In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed

PTA PIZZA LUNCH DAY

Wednesday 13 September

PTA Meeting - Monday 11 September
6PM - School Staffroom

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 6

Please note that the cut off is on the 7 September (Week 8). All orders must be placed before then.

Download the School Loop APP Today!! Please see the details on how to download the app here.

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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