



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10 August 2023

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Junior Turf: Our Junior turf is looking amazing. We would like to make a special mention of the amazing Mrs Brophy who does a fantastic job applying for grants to help support our ongoing projects.

Fifa World Cup Day: This was an amazing day for our MPS Learners. Such a cool opening ceremony with 18 different countries represented. Mrs Bateman did a brilliant job behind the scenes organising this event. We are lucky to have such passionate, organised teachers on our staff.

Talented MX riders: Congratulations to Reef Callis who won the 50cc 6-8yrs South Waikato Schools MX Challenge held in Tokoroa. Henry Millar also did extremely well, coming 2nd in the Pro 65cc and 2nd in the 85cc 8-11 years Category. Awesome work boys. We are really proud of you.

Leamington Sports Exchange: Our annual Leamington Sports Exchange is on Tuesday 15 August this year. It is being played in Leamington. We hope some of our whanau can make the journey over to support our athletes.

Gymnastic Competition: This Friday we have 56 children competing in Morrinsville at the Matamata Piako Gymnastics competition. These children range from Year 2 to Year 6. They have been training hard for weeks with Miss Stutt so are looking forward to putting their hard work into action.

Outdoor BBQ area: We are super excited that our new outdoor BBQ that has been funded by our PTA is nearly up and running. Malcolm from Matamata Bricklayers (2013) Ltd has done an excellent job designing and installing this Project.

“There’s no standard student. Every child has talents, passions, and the Potential to be amazing” - Dr Brad Johnson.

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

Friday 11 August 2023

Gym Competition Morrinsville
2pm Senior Assembly

Monday 14 August 2023

6pm PTA Meeting Staffroom

Tuesday 15 August

Leamington Sports Exchange

Friday 18 August

2pm Full School Assembly

Monday 21 August

10am Mihi Whakatau

Wednesday 23 August

Corinthian Cup

Wednesday 30 August

School Cross Country
Postponement 31 August

Tuesday 5 September

6pm BoT Meeting Boardroom

Thursday 7 September

Talent Quest





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This Week in Review

Book Character Dress up day

We had a wonderful book character dress-up day on Tuesday 25th July. The day proved to be a magical celebration of creativity, imagination, and the love for reading. Our school transformed into a vibrant world of imagination as students and staff dressed in costumes inspired by their favorite book characters. From Harry Potter to Oscar the Grouch, superheroes to historical figures, the diversity and creativity on display was fantastic. Not only was the day a delightful sight to behold, but it also served as a reminder of the power of books in shaping young minds and fostering a love for reading. In conjunction with the dress-up day, our school also hosted a Book Fair that exceeded all expectations. The new buildings were transformed into a wonderland of books, inviting students and parents to explore the vast array of literary treasures. The Book Fair showcased a wide selection of titles, catering to diverse interests and reading levels. Thanks to the support and enthusiasm of our school community, the Book Fair was a resounding success. Events like Character Dress-Up Day and the Book Fair are not just about fun and excitement; they carry significant educational benefits. Encouraging children to embrace their imagination through literature fosters creativity, critical thinking, and empathy. Moreover, reading enhances language

skills, comprehension, and intellectual Growth. A special thanks to Adam Barton For judging the many awesome costumes and finally settling on 6 winners - two junior students, two middle, and two seniors.



Our Wonderful School Art Exhibition

In a kaleidoscope of colors and a mesmerizing display of creativity, our school's Art Exhibition on the theme of 'Diversity' held in our school hall recently was beautiful. From brush strokes that seemed to dance to sculptures that breathed life, the exceptional quality of work showcased by our young artists truly surpassed all expectations. The theme of 'Diversity' provided a platform for our students to explore their personal experiences and viewpoints through art.

The creative interpretations of diversity were as diverse as the artists themselves. The exhibition was open to parents, teachers, students, and the wider community. The success of this exhibition is a testament to the dedication and passion of our students and teachers, who worked hard to make this event a success. The celebration of diversity through art has enriched the cultural fabric of our school.



BALLOT 4 - OCTOBER - DECEMBER 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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JUNIOR MATARIKI ROTATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

It was wonderful to see the Juniors engaging in various activities to commemorate this special occasion. Each pair of classrooms had a different activity organised:

Making Lanterns: Creating lanterns is a great way to symbolise the guiding light of Matariki and the stars. These lanterns were decorated with Matariki related symbols and designs, reflecting the cultural significance of this event.



Matariki Art: Artistic activities can help the Juniors express their creativity and understanding of Matariki. They created pastel drawings inspired by the Maori New Year.



Learning about Hiwa-i-te-rangi: Hiwa-i-te-rangi is a specific star associated with Matariki and is known as the wishing star. The Juniors learned about the cultural significance of this star and made their own wishes during the celebration.



Making a Korowai with Feathers: A korowai is a traditional Māori cloak adorned with feathers. Creating a class korowai together fosters a sense of unity and collaboration amongst the Juniors, and it's a beautiful way to honour Matariki's cultural heritage. The Juniors have learned some Te Reo kupu (words) related to Matariki and incorporated them into their activities.

These activities not only provide a fun and engaging way for the Juniors to celebrate Matariki but also help them to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Māori traditions and culture. By participating in these activities, they are likely to develop a stronger sense of cultural awareness and respect for the indigenous heritage of New Zealand.

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 your 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



A big thank you to Dean O'Reilly of Superior Carpentry and Construction for the kind donation of materials to build eel traps (Hinaki). The boys involved in this learning opportunity have been very excited to learn about the traditional ways of catching eels (tuna) and then making them.

**SUPERIOR
CARPENTRY/CONSTRUCTION**

We would like to thank everyone for the support of our Book Fair during our Literacy Week. From the volunteers who supported us running the book fair to the families who purchased books, we thank you for your support once again raising money for the school to purchase more books.





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PTA News

KEY DATES FROM THE PTA

- Monday 14 August - PTA Meeting (6pm School Staffroom)
- Monday 11 September - PTA Meeting (6pm School Staffroom)
- Thursday 23 November - Gala Day
- Pizza Days - Wednesday 16 August
Wednesday 30 August
Wednesday 13 September

Travel Raffle Update

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Queenstown raffle such a success. Whether you bought a ticket, sold a ticket or returned your tickets so they could be re-allocated, we appreciate you. Our lucky winners were;

Raffle 1 - Jan Kemp (Matamata), Raffle 2 - Zep Clarke-Lynn (Walton)

The family who sold the most tickets were the Nicholson whānau who sold a whopping 73 tickets. All spot prizes have been announced on the school Facebook page. The travel raffle fundraised an incredible amount for the school. Raffle 1 made a profit of \$17,610.30 and Raffle 2 made a profit of \$12,370.31! **Thank you so much to our generous sponsors; Tainui Press Design & Print, Matamata Travel, Skyline Queenstown and Subway, Matamata.**

Op Shop Week

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents, wider whānau members, teachers and the PTA who volunteered in the Community Op Shop recently. Another huge thank you to everyone who donated to the shop across our week or who popped in a snapped up a bargain or three. We raised over \$6,000 for the school. We share a second week in the shop each year with the Matamata Toy Library, and we take over the shop again on Saturday 14 October. We'll be on the lookout for donations and volunteers closer to the time.

PTA Meetings

We hold regular PTA meetings on Week 5 and Week 9 of each term. These are held in the staffroom at MPS and are at 6pm. Joining the PTA gives you an opportunity to give back to the school, hear directly school leadership on current happenings and information and also enables you to be involved in decisions about fundraising and where those funds are spent. We welcome new members to join us! Contact pta@mmps.school.nz if you have an questions for queries.

Messages for Children at school during the day

If you are wanting to get a message to your child at school, please make contact through the school office on 8888566 or 027-6102911 and we can ensure your message is sent through to the classroom. Please refrain from messaging the teachers directly as they do not always check their emails or mobile phones during the day and sometimes these messages can be missed. It would be helpful if messages can be sent before 2.30pm if possible.





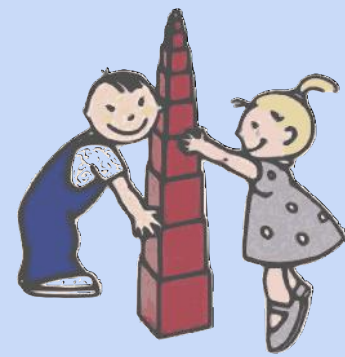
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Kelly Club Information

KELLY CLUB		THEME: Howling & Growling				Weekly Activities Plan
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Wolf Mask & Structured Free Time	Who am I? & Structured Free Time	Werewolf Game & Structured Free Time	Card Making & Structured Free Time	Cupcakes & Structured Free Time	
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Handball	Game: Fly Saegull Fly	Game: Line Tag	Game: Red Light, Green Light	Game: Traffic	
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign in & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign in & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Chiaelos & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cupcakes & Fruit	
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Top Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Stuck in the Mud	Game: Quick Fire Cricket	Game: Capture the Flag	
3:45 - 4:30 pm	COOKING Werewolf Sliders 	CRAFT Wolf Silhouette 	GAME Animal Memory 	DISCOVERY Tiger Silms 	SPORT Touch Rugby 	
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers	
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Mother May I? & Projects	Game: Where's Wally? & Projects	Game: Sharks, Islands & Fish & Projects	Game: Sheeps & Wolves & Projects	Game: Slide Tag & Projects	

E: matamata@kellyclub.co.nz kellyclub.co.nz/matamata P: 021 638 927

Lots of fun activities offered by Kelly Club which runs a before and after school programme from the MPS Hall. Further information available from the office or Kelly Club.



KELLY CLUB		TERM 3 2023	Weekly Theme Planner
		17 July - 22 September	Kelly Club Matamata
Wk 1 17 July	Football Mania		Join the world in Football Fever!
Wk 2 24 July	Red Nose Week		Join us in supporting healthier children, with brighter futures, this Red Nose Day!
Wk 3 31 July	Show us your Skills		We know you've got some skills. Bring them to Kelly Club so you can show them off.
Wk 4 7 Aug	Green Thumbs up		Can you dig it?
Wk 5 14 Aug	Howling & Growling		Who howls? Who growls? Are they a friend or a foe? Come along and see!
Wk 6 21 Aug	Staff Choice		It's up to the Staff what we do at Kelly Club this week!
Wk 7 28 Aug	Fun Fathers!		Let's celebrate all the Fathers and Father Figures that make life fun!
Wk 8 4 Sept	Kids Choice		It's up to you what we do at Kelly Club this week.
Wk 9 11 Sept	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori		Join us this week as we celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori! Let's make the Māori language strong!
Wk 10 18 Sept	Rugby World Cup		Passing, Catching, Kicking, it's all about Rugby this week at Kelly Club!

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REMINDERS

It is really important for children to create good routines and part of this is arriving to school on time in the morning so they can be ready for their day.

We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving to school late on a regular basis which not only affects your own children but also interrupts the other children in their classroom and the Teacher when they come in late. Our school day begins at **8.55am**. We encourage families to have their children to school between 8.15-8.45am to ensure they are ready to start their day.

We also ask that children are picked up promptly at the end of the day (**2.55pm**) as often the Teachers have Staff or Syndicate meetings or duties at the end of the day and it is not safe for children to be left unattended.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

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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



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MIHI WHAKATAU - MONDAY 21 AUGUST

Our next Mihi Whakatau to welcome new families and children to our school will be held on Monday 21 August at 10am. The children are officially welcomed at a special assembly and presented with a certificate which is then followed by a morning tea at 10.30am for our new families. An invitation will be sent out.

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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