



# MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 17 FEBRUARY 2022

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## From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Matamata Primary School learning community. I hope you had a fun and relaxing break over the summer. It has been a somewhat challenging start to the year for us all and I certainly hear and understand some of the frustrations you as a community have voiced. Thank you for your understanding as we work through some of these new teething issues.

We are excited to have all our kids back and have some awesome learning opportunities planned. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families. We look forward to working alongside you and your child/ren.

**Middle Toilet Block:** We are making good progress with this project. This space will be open and back up and running at the start of March.

**Senior Camp:** Our Year 5/6 camp will be from 14-16 March at Kauaeranga Valley Camp. We are the sole group booked into the camp facility and with our additional RAMS forms are confident that we will still be able to make this opportunity happen for our MPS kids. This is an important component of our EOTC Programme.

**Goal Setting Day:** School will be closed for instruction on Wednesday 9 March. Teachers will contact you.

**COVID:** Please make sure all your contact details are up to date and you keep your phone on you at work if possible. If we have a confirmed case during the day, we will need to be able to get hold of you to collect your child if they are a close contact. Thank you.

**Modified Events:** Whanau picnic is cancelled under Red conditions. Goal setting day will still go ahead in a modified capacity and we ask for your patience and support with this. This is an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, via a phone call and also have the opportunity to be part of setting some academic goals for 2022. If your child has additional health or learning requirements please book a meeting with your child's classroom teacher at any stage as soon as possible.

*"Failure is a part of life. If you don't fail, you don't learn, if you don't learn, you'll never change." - Unknown*

Ngaa Mihi,  
Glenn MacPherson, Principal



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 18 February

Whole School Online Assembly

Tuesday 22 February

6pm BOT Meeting

Monday 7 March

1.30 - 2.30pm School Hall Springboard Programme

Wednesday 9 March

Goal Setting Day (School Close for Instruction)

Monday 14 - Wed 16 March

Y5 and Y6 Senior Camp

Thursday 12 May (upcoming)

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

### TERM DATES 2022

**Term 1 - Thursday 3 February - Thursday 14 April**  
**Term 2 - Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July**  
*(Queens Birthday Monday 6/6 (Matariki Friday 24/6))*  
**Term 3 - Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September**  
**Term 4 - Monday 17 October - Thursday 15 Dec**  
*(Labour Day Monday 24/10)*

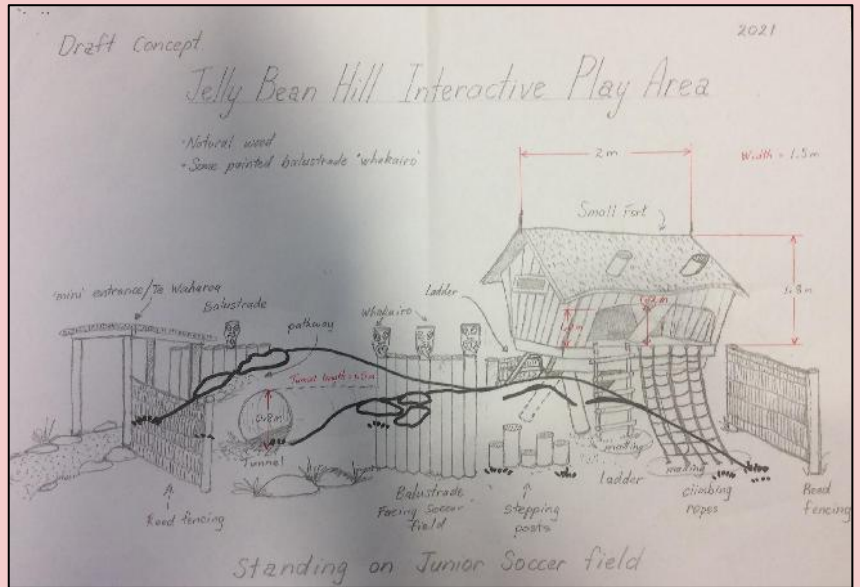


# MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*This week in Review*

## Junior Interactive Playground

Over the next term you will see the development of a new playground specifically designed for our MPS students to use during playtime and lunchtimes. The new playground will be built by our caretaker Eddy Baukema. It is located on what we call the 'Jeanbean Hill' outside Room 11. Pictured is the concept plan of the playground along with the first poles for some of the structures.



## Flag Bearers

We have two very dedicated flag bearers this year who hoist our flag and take it down each day. Leah Sainsbury and Ben Lawes are out before school each morning ensuring that the New Zealand flag is on display for all to see. Thank you Leah and Ben for making this happen. They are following on from our dedicated students last year who took on this important role; Kavya Bajaj, Nika Nekhaieva, Jaxson Peeke and Cooper Swap. They did an amazing job!!



## Cyclone clean up!!

Due to the heavy winds over the weekend we arrived on Monday to find a lot of fallen branches littering the Senior Playground. It was fantastic to see most classes went out during the day to pick up the branches so they didn't cause a hazard when children were using the fields and playgrounds. Arborists are regularly employed to remove dangerous branches, dead wood and 'hangers' from the trees around our playgrounds, however the Strong cyclone winds still brought down quite a bit of wood. Unfortunately we have had to close our Scooter Track temporarily due to a tree being damaged and we are now waiting for an Arborist to come and remove this so it is safe for our children.







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## *Important Information*

### **GOAL SETTING DAY - WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION**

Our Goal Setting day this year will look a little bit different this year due to the current Covid settings. This year you will receive a hard copy goal setting sheet on Thursday 3 March. This will have information about your child's current learning as well as goals recommended from the teacher on the front of the sheet and on the back is space for you to write your comments regarding your child. There will also be a space for you to update your current contact details.

**Please return this form to the classroom teacher by 3pm Monday 7 March.**

Teachers will be busy collating goals, phoning parents and setting up any Individual Education Plans during our Goal Setting day to set students up for a successful year. If you have any questions regarding this please contact your child's teacher.

### **VISITING THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

- We are finding an increasing number of people coming into the office. During this time we are trying to reduce the volume of people coming in and the risk with the current Covid settings. If you wish to make any purchases for uniform (we can fit your child with sizing), stationery, payments for camp etc, please phone the office on 8888566 or 0276102911 or email [office@mmps.school.nz](mailto:office@mmps.school.nz) and we will organise to send any required items home with your child. You can pay for the items online (our bank account details are on the last page of this Newsletter). We would prefer people not utilising the office Eftpos at this stage for payments.
- If you are picking up children for appointments please have them meet you outside of the office under the tree where they can be seen. Could you send a note with them in the morning for their classroom teacher so they are aware they will be leaving or contact the office if this is an unexpected appointment. We can have them meet you.
- We are also having a large number of children in and out of the office daily who have forgotten or lost their masks. If your child is required to wear a mask (Year 4 - 6) please make sure they bring this with them to school daily.

### **NETBALL INFORMATION**

Please see information below (via links) for Primary School Netball this year. These include dates, times and guidelines for the Future Ferns programme. Today, Thursday 17 February is a 'Have A Go Day' for Years 1-6 before the full Future Ferns programme starts next week. Any Year 5 and 6 players who have not played before are encouraged to go along to see if it is something that they would like before committing to a school team.

Please note: Due to Covid restrictions, Year 4 players will only be included in our school teams this year if we require them to make up numbers. We understand that this will be disappointing for students who have been looking forward to playing for the school. We encourage Year 4 students to participate in the Future Ferns programme in order to develop their skills and enjoyment of the game so they are ready to join a school team next year.

If you have any enquiries, contact Mary Muckle via email: [mmuckle@mmps.school.nz](mailto:mmuckle@mmps.school.nz)

[Future Ferns Flyer](#)

[Have A Go Flyer - Years 1 - 6](#)





# MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Reminders, Events and Important Information*

## **BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE STUDENTS** **MONDAY 11 APRIL 12 NOON**

Our second ballot for the year for 'Out of Zone' students will be held on Monday 11 April. We have spaces available for the following;

**NE/Y1 - 25 spaces**

**Y2 - 5 spaces, Y3 - 5 spaces**

**No Spaces available for Y4, Y5 and Y6**

Ballot forms are available from the school office and **MUST** be returned before midday Monday 3

May along with a copy of your child's birth certificate.

## **SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB**

*Flyers have been sent home and all orders will need to be in for Issue 1 before Thursday 10 March (Week 6)*

My name is Arnav and I like to find crystals with my best friend Blake. Our biggest find is the Obsidian although it is not a crystal, it comes from a volcano. My crystal quartz was the hardest to find. My favourites are the geos and I found them in my backyard at home.



## **SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE;**

**Matamata Primary School BOT ,  
ASB: 12-3438-0004616-00**

**Make sure you clearly add reference details and name so your payment can be identified.**

## **SCHOOL SUMMER 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  
*(currently out of stock but new hats will be available from Term 1 2022)*



*\* Please note that wide brim hats must be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. These do not have to be school branded hats but as long as they are wide brim offering good sun protection.*

**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.

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>

Matamata Real Estate

www.mre.nz

## **LISTINGS FOR LEARNING**

Matamata Real Estate are proudly partnering with our school.

Listings for Learning is a fundraising opportunity.

If you or any of your family/friends choose to sell your property exclusively with Matamata Real Estate and mention our school they will donate \$750.00 on the successful sale of your property.

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