



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 18 May 2023

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We want to acknowledge our excellent student behaviour so far this term. Student behaviour is an essential aspect of a positive learning environment. When students behave well, it creates a safe and supportive atmosphere for everyone, allowing a maximum focus on learning and academic progress. It is worth noting that good student behaviour does not happen by chance. It results from dedicated efforts from **teachers** and **parents** to instill a sense of responsibility, respect, and accountability in our MPS learners. Positive reinforcements and the consistent use of our school values (cards), clear expectations, and modelling of good behaviour are some of the strategies we are using to encourage this positive behaviour. Well done to all our MPS learners!

School Projects: We are in the process of completing our Junior shade areas, outdoor bbq and Junior quad turf. These are all significant projects. We would like to thank our PTA and BoT for the time they have put into these projects for our kids. We must also acknowledge Ms Brophy for all the behind-the-scenes work for our kids.

Senior Camp: A huge thank you to our Senior Syndicate teachers who had to modify our Tui Ridge experience due to the unfortunate weather situation. The health and safety of our kids is always our number one priority. We were fortunate to have such an energetic group of parents volunteer to come and support our kids. Our kids had a great time!

Cotter Cup: Thank you to Mrs Bateman, Mrs Muckle, Mr Wigg and our excellent parent coaches who helped with the Cotter Cup. Seeing so many of our MPS kids out there having fun and competing in this historic event is fantastic.

School Production - Grease Lighnin': Tickets will sell out fast for this amazing show. There will be one Matinee show (Wednesday 14 June at 1.30pm) and three evening Performances this year on 13, 14 and 15 June (7 to 8 approx). We have a limited capacity in our hall, so please book your tickets early to avoid the disappointment of missing out.

"Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck."

- Dalai Lama

Nga Mini, Glenn MacPherson
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 18 May

Cotter Cup Tournament

Friday 19 May

2pm Middle Assembly

Monday 21 May

6pm PTA Meeting Staffroom

Wednesday 23 May

Tough Guy/Girl Challenge

Thursday 25 May

EPRO8 Semi Final Hamilton

Friday 26 May

2pm Senior Assembly

Monday 29 May

10.15am Mihi Whakatau

Tuesday 30 May

Rippa Rugby Tournament

Monday 5 June

Kings Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 13 June

6pm BOT Meeting

Tuesday 13 - 16 June

7pm - Grease Production

TERM DATES 2023

Term 2 Ends - Friday 30 June

Term 3 Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Term 4 Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December



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This Week in Review

SENIOR CAMP 2023 - TUI RIDGE PARK - ROTORUA

This year the weather forecast wasn't looking too flash leading up to Senior Camp. With that being said, we were still determined to ensure our students had the best camp experience possible. All the students arrived enthusiastically on the Monday morning and were looking forward to their two night stay away. Tui Ridge Park in Rotorua had arranged some amazing opportunities for our students as a substitute for the activities that would have been held outside. Students got to visit Motion Entertainment, 3D Trick Art Gallery and the Agrodome as well as doing half of the activities at Tui Ridge. The activities onsite included indoor rock climbing, nerf wars, team building, giant indoor games, gym sports, archery attached and the burma trail which we were able to modify and set up inside. Students showed our school values while at Camp and we were lucky enough to have a great bunch of parents that brought energy, enthusiasm and encouragement to the students despite the weather.



Some very tired yet satisfied students left MPS upon their return on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to everyone that helped make Camp happen in 2023.

COTTER CUP SPORTS DAY

Today we had 110 children head off to the annual Cotter Cup Interschool Sports Day. Three Senior Y5 & 6 Rugby teams and two Y3 & 4 Rugby teams played out at Hinuera Rugby Club. There were two Year 5 & 6 Football teams who played at Pohlen Park, three Netball teams played at the Matamata Netball courts and one Year 5 & 6 Hockey team played up at the College Turf. Fortunately the weather was fine for the day although the day started shrouded in fog, not the usual frosty mornings of past years. Some great results were achieved and the children displayed some fine sportsmanship on the day. Results will be published on Facebook/Skool Loop.





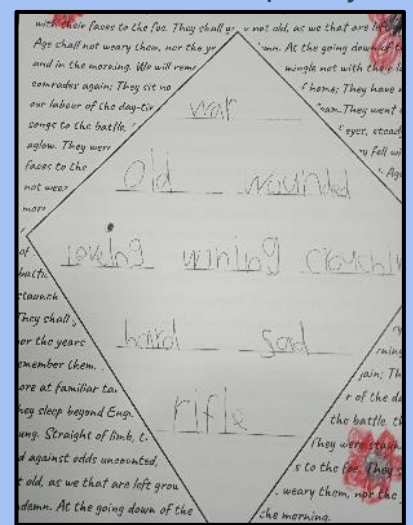
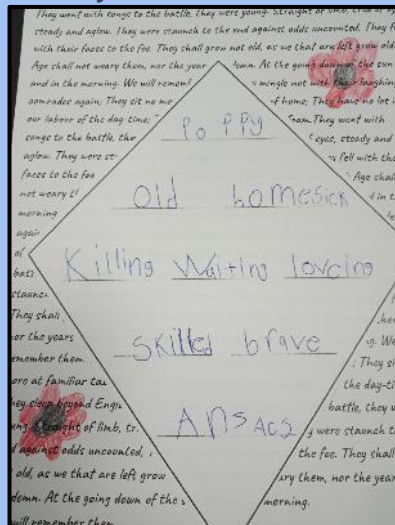
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ANZAC ART

ANZAC Day is an important day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand, and it's great to see our Junior students creating art and poetry to commemorate it. The red poppy is a symbol of remembrance for the soldiers who have died in war, while the black center is a symbol of remembrance for the animals who have also served in war. It's important to continue educating the younger generation about the sacrifices made by those who have served, and art and poetry are a great way to do that.

The School Leaders ran a wonderful ANZAC assembly for the school the school students, telling the ANZAC story.



AFTER SCHOOL SEWING CLASS

This year we started an After School Sewing Class for our Y4-Y6 students. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning the craft and have made some amazing items. See below some photographs of their creations.



A REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS TO MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING AND SHOES ARE NAMED SO WHEN ITEMS ARE PICKED UP WE CAN RETURN THESE TO THE CORRECT OWNERS. OUR LOST PROPERTY BINS ARE OFTEN OVERFLOWING AND ANY UNNAMED PROPERTY GOES TO THE OP SHOP AT THE END OF EACH TERM.





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Upcoming Events

REMINDER - PINK SHIRT DAY TOMORROW - FRIDAY 19 MAY

PINK SHIRT DAY TO SUPPORT DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND KINDNESS. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A PINK SHIRT OR HEAD TO TOE PINKNESS TO SHOW SUPPORT! A GOLD COIN DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED FOR THOSE WILLING TO DONATE FOR THIS CAUSE.

MONDAY 29 MAY - MIHI WHAKATAU (WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES)

On Monday 29 May we will be holding our Mihi Whakatau welcome for our new families and children to our school. We invite the families to this special event with a letter of invitation which you will receive next week. We ask families to be at school at 10am for a 10.15am start where the children are welcomed and presented with a certificate at our school hall.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION - GREASE

Rehearsals are well underway for our Production which will be held on Tuesday 13 June to Thursday 15 June at 7pm. This runs for approximately 1 hour. We will also be holding a Matinee show on Wednesday 14 June at 1.30pm. Tickets will be available from the School Office - Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00 (preschool/primary school)
We will advise on Facebook/Skool Loop when tickets go on sale.

LEARNING CONFERENCES SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 26 JULY

School will be closed for instruction on this day. We will send out information regarding booking a time closer to the event. During the Conference week we will be holding our Book Fair and Art Exhibition.

SPRINGBOARD 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMME

We hold a Springboard Session each term for our New Entrant children prior to starting school. This is one session only and runs for 1 hour from 1.30 - 2.30pm on a Monday. The next session date is Monday 31 July next term. If you have a four year old starting and haven't signed up please get a form from the school office and complete. Your child then can do some additional visits prior to starting school.

BALLOT 3 - OUT OF ZONE STUDENTS

Our next Ballot will be held on 18 July at 9am for students wishing to apply who are out of zone. We will advertise in our next Newsletter in Week 8 the number of spaces we are opening for and the year levels as we will not have spaces in every year level. Ballot forms are available from the school office and any enquiries regarding this process.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

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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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>



Thursday 25 May | MPS School Hall

Come dressed in your PJs!

- Juniors 6pm-7pm
- Seniors 7.15pm- 8.15pm
- Middle school can choose!

Prizes for
best
dressed
and best
dance
moves!

PTA Fundraiser \$3 door charge cash only

ALL children must be collected from the hall at the end of the night.

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