



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 23 March 2023

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we approach the end of the term, I want to express my gratitude to all our MPS Teachers. Teaching has become one of the world's most challenging and essential professions. Despite the obstacles and challenges, our teachers have continued to inspire and educate our learners with creativity, passion and dedication. As a parent myself, I have seen first hand the incredible impact and positive impact quality teachers can have on our kids.

Beach Education: Thank you to Mrs Bateman for booking and co-ordinating all our Beach Education sessions. We see this as an essential life skill for our kids to learn.

Senior Camp: Our Year 5&6 camp will be from 1-3 May at Tui Ridge Camp, Rotorua. We want to acknowledge the outstanding response we had from parents volunteering to take time off work to support our MPS Learners with this experience. Unfortunately there is a set number we can take due to accommodation and related costs. We apologise if you missed out. We would love your support throughout the year with day trips and events.

Makerspace: Mr Wigg and Mrs Swap have some awesome new equipment in our Makerspace room. If you get a chance, please come in and see our digital printers in action. Shortly our laser cutter will be up and running. Our kids make us proud of this room with all sorts of innovative creations.

Scavenger Hunt: A huge thank you to Ms Brophy for organising such a fantastic community challenge. There were some extremely creative pictures being taken. It is also great to see our MPS Learners in the community showing our school value of "Having a Heart".

"Teachers working conditions are your child's learning conditions".

Nga Mihi, Glenn MacPherson, PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 24 March

2pm Senior Assembly

Monday 27 March

6pm PTA Meeting

Wednesday 29 March

Middle School Beach Education (8,9 & Y3 (Rm 7)

Thursday 30 March

Middle School Beach Education (10, 11 Y4 (Rm 7)

Monday 3 April

Senior Beach Ed - Room 21

Tuesday 4 April

Senior Beach Ed - Room 5/6

Wednesday 5 April

Senior Beach Ed - Room 3/4

Thursday 6 April

Term one ends

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Tuesday 9 May (Term 2)

TERM DATES 2023

Term 1 Finishes Thursday 6 April

Term 2 Wednesday 26 April (Monday 24 April - TOD, Tuesday 25 April (Anzac Day) - 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

MPS SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Another successful swimming sports was held on the 6 March on an overcast day which was perfect for keeping the kids cool out of the harsh sun. Congratulations to the children who placed in the top three;

7 year girls - 25m Freestyle - 1st Josie Bruins, 2nd Lucy Clothier-Mason, 3rd Olivia Passey, **25m Breaststroke** - 1st Josie Bruins, 2nd Lucy Clothier-Mason, 3rd Alannah Franklin, **25m Backstroke** - 1st Lucy Clothier-Mason, 2nd Josie Bruins, 3rd Aoife Franklin

7 year boys - 25m Freestyle - 1st Mac Moore, 2nd Lachlan Swap, 3rd Benjamin Crawford **25m Backstroke** - 1st Benjamin Crawford, 2nd Beauden Dalton, 3rd Lachlan Swap

8 year girls - 25m Freestyle - 1st Roisin La Vaillant, 2nd Andee Telfar, 3rd Tamsyn Laurent **25m Breaststroke** - 1st Elahni Brizzle, 2nd Roisin La Vaillant **25m Backstroke** 1st Andee Telfar, 2nd Evie McCullum. 3rd Tessa Wightman

8 year boys - 25m Freestyle - 1st Toby Rae, 2nd Max Holmes, 3rd Reuben Mason, **25m Breaststroke** - 1st Reuben Mason, 2nd Max Davison, 3rd Jules Ross, **25m Backstroke** - 1st Max Holmes, 2nd Reuben Mason, 3rd Max Davison

9 year girls - 25m Freestyle - 1st Anna Swap 2nd Ainsley McLennan 3rd Rory Gamble **25m Breaststroke** - 1st Payton Ensor, 2nd Melissa Duarte 3rd Anna Swap **25m Backstroke** - 1st Payton Ensor, 2nd Ainsley McLennan, 3rd Arden Cawker

9 year boys - 25m Freestyle - 1st Luke Hills 2nd Sky Gouk 3rd Ryland Marshall **25m Breaststroke** - 1st Sky Gouk, 2nd Luke Hills, 3rd Sean Fannin, **25m Backstroke** - 1st Luke Hills, 2nd Jack Davison, 3rd Sky Gouk

10 year girls - 25m Freestyle - 1st Mila Moore, 2nd Tatum Balsom, 3rd Zoe Wilcox **25m Breaststroke** - 1st Mila Moore, 2nd Tatum Balsom, 3rd Zoe Wilcox, **25m Backstroke** - 1st Tatum Balsom, 2nd Mila Moore, 3rd Zoe Wilcox

10 year boys - 25m Freestyle - 1st Jack Swap, 2nd Kane Telfar, 3rd Conor Borrie, **25m Breaststroke** - 1st Jack Swap, 2nd Angus Grice, 3rd Eli Fieten **25 Backstroke** - 1st Kane Telfar, 2nd Angus Grice, 3rd Kade Wellington

BOWLER CUP 50M FREESTYLE WINNERS:

Girl: 1st Mila Moore Boy: 1st Luke Hills



Lunchtime Drama Group run by Miss McGuinn for students is a great opportunity for students to learn about drama techniques and improve their acting skills. Drama is an important part of education because it helps students develop their creativity, confidence, communication, and collaboration skills. The students are learning the basic drama techniques such as voice projection, character development, and stage presence. They do improvisation exercises to help develop their improvisational skills.

Miss McGuinn has also introduced the students to different genres of drama, such as comedy, tragedy, and drama. The students use short plays or scenes from plays to learn about different techniques and styles of acting.

To make the lunchtime drama group more engaging, Miss McGuinn has assigned the students roles in different plays or scenes, and has them practice their roles in front of the group.

Finally, Miss McGuinn may be organising a small performance at the end of term school assembly, where the students can showcase their skills to other students and teachers. This will give the students a chance to demonstrate what they have learned and boost their confidence.





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Important Information

WHANAU SCAVENGER HUNT 2023

This event was a great success again this year and was held from 10-16 March. Eighty families registered to take part and there was fun for the entire family with 12 challenges to complete in that time and prize money up for grabs. Activities ranged from best BMX track action photo, solving problems, tracing your family history and embracing your creative talents to form the best natural piece of art. The hunt concluded with three families being drawn out to participate in the 'Big Dig'. The families dug in the school sandpit to find one of three objects buried. Prize money donated was by Maven, MRE and SCC. Along with the three cash prizes there was also dinner vouchers donated by Redoubt and Kowhai Creamery spot prizes to be won along the way. Thank you to those sponsors and thanks also to Rural Support and New World for supporting this event.

One family emailed to say "Thank you for arranging this event. We laughed, embraced and shared so much over these past days, what a beautiful way of bringing whanau and community together."

Winners were the UMS Crew (Kane and Andee Telfar and Eden Tuhakaraina), 2nd was Tokolicious (Malachi, Azzaraih and Sarayah Tokona) and 3rd was Looking High and Low (Fearne Tomkins). Ephemeral Art Winners were The Books Worms (Maeve, Aoife and Alannah Franklin) and BFFLSE (Summer Love). Spot Prizes went to Charlotte Cole, Hunter Vicars for registering first! Elsa Cooper-Looman's team for owning their actions and finishing all 12 challenges first! Toby, Stella and Reuben Mason and Lilah and Theo Harland for showing four school values in their ephemeral art and Cooper and Oliver Dunseath for their thinking around the new Domain Playground design ideas.

Thank you to all those that took part. We hope you enjoyed the challenge and the fun spending time with your family. Check out #mpshunt23 On Facebook and Instagram to see the action.



Junior Beach Education

Our "Beach Ed" programme began last week for the Junior School in the classroom and over at the swimming pools. Students use critical thinking in order to learn life-saving knowledge; including how to identify and escape from rip currents and how to practice safe, fun water activities. Beach Ed is a full-day interactive course taught at select beaches or pools, across the country, delivered in a controlled and safe manner. All the instructors are fully qualified Surf Lifeguards who have also completed a course on safeguarding children. Here, Room's 16 and 17, learn about how to get out of a current using the lifeguard equipment.





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Makerspace Inventiveness

The Makerspace learning area is a great opportunity for children to be creative and have heaps of fun doing it!! Last week, out in the playground, a robot, built in the Makerspace was seen roaming around the playground at lunchtime. This new MPS robot had many special and amazing powers that were demonstrated to bystanders. The creator of this truly remarkable Robot was Jaxon Hennessey. Awesome work Jaxon!



BALLOT 2 - TERM 2 2023 - 28 APRIL 12 NOON

We will be holding our next Ballot for OUT OF ZONE students next Term on **Friday 28 April at 12 noon (week 1 Term 2)**. We have space available for;
Y0 - 25 Spaces, Y1 - 10 Spaces, Year 4 - 2 Spaces, Y5 - 8 Spaces
NO SPACES AVAILABLE FOR Y2, 3 or 6.

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Reminders, Events and Important Information

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Hoodies - \$60.00
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Black Shorts - \$35.00
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be easily identified).*

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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