



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 28 October 2021

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This has been a very strange start to the term personally for myself and Miss McGuinn. We both live in Cambridge. Living in a Waikato Level 3 zone has meant that we have both been locked down for the past three weeks. It has taken a long time for travel exemptions to be granted and we have both returned three negative tests in preparation for returning to school. We have carefully followed all of the government rules to keep our staff and students safe. Our Board of Trustees have been very supportive during this difficult time. We are both looking forward to and extremely excited about getting back into normal everyday life at school.

Class Lists: We will be starting the long and complex task of constructing 2022 class lists in Week 3. If you have a genuine educational or emotional reason your child needs a certain teacher or needs to be separated from a certain peer please email us by Tuesday 2 November before 12.30pm so your request can be considered. Address your email to principal@mmps.school.nz. Please add all the relevant background information and a detailed account of why, so we can make an educated decision on this. This is not always possible, but we will do our best to fulfil these requests.

School Roll 2022: As some of you may be aware, we are carefully managing our school roll. This means there are only limited spaces in certain year groups for out-of-zone students. If you have siblings or family members due to start in 2022 who are out of zone, please let Leigh in the school office know asap and pick up a Ballot Application Form.

Covid disruptions: We have had to change or modify a few of our School and Inter-School events during this term to safely follow all Ministry and Government guidelines. We are doing our best to still run these in a modified fashion, so our kids don't miss out completely. We will be running our Beach Education days, School Parentless Athletics and modified Assemblies. Unfortunately certain activities like our Grandparents Day, Book Fair, Gala Day and Year 4 camp have had to be cancelled due to the number of parent helpers and students involved. The Middle School teachers are planning a similar exciting day for our Year 4 students on our school site as an alternative to their camp.

The Whakatau for our new families normally held at the start of Term 4 has been postponed and all new families will be welcomed formally into our school at the start of Term 1 2022.

We are learning how to move forward with all of these new expectations. It will take us some time to get it all bang on. So, if we get something wrong please email and let me know. We will learn from any mistakes we make.

Reports: Reports will go home on Monday 13 December this year. Our final day is Wednesday 15 December, finishing at 12.30pm. Term 1, 2022 starts Thursday 3 February

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying I will try again tomorrow." Mary Anne Radmacher

Ngaa Mihi,
Glenn MacPherson, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 4 November

PTA Pizza/Juicie Day

Monday 8 November

1.30-2.30pm - Springboard
Term 4 Session

Tuesday 9 November

School Athletics Day
(No spectators due to Covid)
6pm - BOT Meeting

Thursday 11 November

Athletics Finals
(No Spectators due to Covid)

Monday 15 November

7pm PTA Meeting

Tuesday 30 November

Beach Education - Y3/Y4

TERM DATES 2021/2022

Term 4 2021

Monday 18 October -
Wednesday 15 December
(school finishes 12.30pm)

Term Dates 2022

Term 1 - Thursday 3 February -
Thursday 14 April

Term 2 - Monday 2 May -
Friday 8 July

Term 3 - Monday 25 July -
Friday 30 September

Term 4 - Monday 17 October -
Thursday 15 December



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week in Review

Matamata Primary Agricultural Day

Last Wednesday saw a very successful Agricultural day take place under a dry, sunny day. We had 42 students attend with their Lamb, Calf, or Kid. Congratulations to all students for the hard work they put into caring for their animal. The results are as below:

CALVES

Leading: Senior: Spencer Olesen

Intermediate: Stella Mason

Junior: Reuben Mason

Rearing: Senior: Toby Mason

Intermediate: Stella Mason

Junior: Reuben Mason

Most Obvious Pet: Senior: Oliver Brosnan

Intermediate: James Brosnan

Junior: James Corrigan

Dairy Type Light: Summer Olding

Dairy Type Heavy: Zoe Wilcox

Beef: James Brosnan

Novice Entrant: Zoe Wilcox

Most Points Overall: Stella Mason

Champion Calf: Stella Mason

Reserve Champion: Toby Mason

KIDS

Leading: Senior: Inara Juma

Junior: Lilah Harland

Rearing: Senior: Inara Juma

Junior: Lilah Harland

Most Obvious Pet: Senior: Isabella Christini

Junior: Harper Hennessy

Novice Entrant Kid: Luke Hills, **Champion Kid:** Inara Juma

Reserve Champion Kid: Isabella Christini

LAMBS

Leading: Senior: Ellie Lissington

Intermediate: Katie Lissington

Junior: Blake Tappin

Rearing: Senior: Ruby Tappin

Intermediate: Hunter Duncan

Junior: Blake Tappin

Most Obvious Pet: Senior: Indie Bolten

Intermediate: Hunter Duncan

Junior: Zayne Bolten

Novice Entrant Lamb: Piper Duncan

Champion Lamb: Hunter Duncan

Reserve Champion Lamb: Blake Tappin

Well done to all of the winners on the day. Pictured right is a photo of some of our trophy winners on the day;

A special thank you to all of our generous sponsors for providing prizes on the day; *OSP Stock Feeds, Fonterra, Farmlands and PGG Wrightson*



Group Day 2021

We had 21 students attend Group Day at Totara Springs on Tuesday 26 October. It was a beautiful day and the children and animals were all fantastic representatives of our school. Many of them had their hard work rewarded, receiving ribbons and some trophies throughout the day. Special congratulations to;

Hannah Clark: Reserve Grand Champion Calf and Intermediate Leading Champion

Ruby Tappin: Reserve Champion Leading Lamb and Champion Rearing Lamb Late

Reuben Mason: Junior Leading Champion (Calf) and Junior Rearing Champion

Stella Mason: Reserve Champion Intermediate Leading and Intermediate Rearing

Summer Olding: Reserve Champion Senior Leading

Toby Mason: Reserve Champion Senior Rearing.

(At time of printing we are still waiting for Dairy type results)

A big thank you to all the parents who helped with the setup and pack down of this event.





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MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

Kylie Stutt runs our Gymnastic programme at MPS. Each year students train in a number of disciplines such as **beam**, **mat**, and **vault** honing their skills so they can compete at the Inter-school competitions. Unfortunately due to Covid, the Inter-school competition could not take place this year so Kylie organised an 'in house' competition where all the students had the opportunity to compete and display their skills in front of two judges. The judges were Mrs Sarah Nelis and Mrs Aimee Harland.

A very special thanks to both ladies for helping out, sharing their skills and providing an opportunity for the students to display their hard work. This made it a special occasion for the students. Congratulations to all the students for putting hard work into their gymnastic training.

Please see below the list of winners:

Springer Year 2 Girls:

- 1st - Elahni Brizzle
- 2nd - Harper Dawson
- 3rd - Ana Wigg



Springers Year 2 Boys:

- 1st Max Holmes
- 2nd Sam Maisey



Springers Year 3-4 Girls:

- 1st - Arden Cawker
- 2nd - Tessa Wightman
- 3rd - Anna Swap

Flyers Year 3-4 Girls:

- 1st Lara Wellington
- 2nd equal Tahlia Goldsmith and Katy-Rose Thomas

Flyers Year 5-6 Girls:

- 1st Kavya
- 2nd Nika
- 3rd Johnnee Norris

Twister Year 5-6 Girls:

- 1st Milana van Dyk
- 2nd equal Maya McCullum and Faith Hills





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This Week in Review/Looking Forward

CAM KIWI ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

The annual CAM Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions are skills based and closely aligned with the New Zealand curriculum. The tests are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students.

They are tough exams that deeply probe students' knowledge and skills in the Sciences, Mathematics and English. Student's can choose which test they would like to do or can do all three if they wish. To gain an 'Achieved' means you have passed.

The students pictured right all gained an 'Achieved' in the following subject/s.

- Zoe Tolovae - English
- Rebekah Gillgren - Mathematics
- Ilah O'Reilly - English, Mathematics, Science



Congratulations to these students and to all the students who participated in these exams.

TEACHING TEAM 2022

Please find below our teaching team for next year. You will notice we have a few changes from this year.

Senior Syndicate

- Room 1 - Femke Piper / Sol Henare (Yr 5/6)
- Room 2 - Hannah Bateman (Team Leader) / Sol Henare (Yr 5/6)
- Room 3 - Cindy Howell (Yr 5/6)
- Room 4 - Zara McGuinn (Yr 5/6)
- Room 5 - Jeff Wigg (Yr 5/6)
- Room 6 - Carma Maisey (Yr 4/5)

Middle Syndicate

- Room 7 - Alma Juma (Team Leader) (Yr 3/4)
- Room 8 - Julie Wilson (Yr 3/4)
- Room 10 - Mary Muckle (Yr 3/4)
- Room 11 - Nicolette Bishop / Kate Muckle (Yr 3/4)

Junior Syndicate

- Room 12 - Emma Smart (New Entrant)
- Room 13 - Kristina Swetman (Yr 1/2)
- Room 14 - Taylor Ashley (Yr 1/2)
- Room 15 - Abbey Greenwell (Yr 1/2)
- Room 16 - Kylie Stutt (Yr 1/2)
- Room 17 - Wendy Freeman (Yr 1/2)
- Room 18 - Lesley Gibbard (Team Leader) (Yr 1/2)
- Room 19 - Becs Harty (Yr 1/2)





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Important Information/Reminders

SPRINGBOARD 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMME

Due to current COVID restrictions our Springboard programme for this term will be run differently. We will have only ONE session on Monday 8 November from 1.30 - 2.30pm. This condensed session will cover all information normally covered over the four session programme. Your child will get to spend time in the New Entrant classroom during this time while the parents complete this session. If your child requires further visits to the New Entrant classroom before starting school please contact the School Office and this can be arranged.

If you have registered for the programme you will be contacted with all the information required.

If you have not yet registered please contact the office to register as soon as possible.

We will need to know numbers attending for spacing purposes.

Thank you all for following the Level 2 COVID restrictions while entering our school, such as scanning in, sanitising and wearing a mask. We really appreciate that you are following the guidelines when visiting the office and not entering your children/s classrooms. We know this is difficult but we do appreciate it and encourage all children to be dropped off and picked up promptly each day to ensure the safety of our children and our staff.

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 (out of stock but will be coming in later this term)

**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.*



SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Our lunch orders are available on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** each week.

Orders must be placed in your child's classroom prior to 9am.

Hot cup Noodles - Beef/Chicken \$2.50

Sausage Rolls - \$2.00

Macaroni Cheese - \$4.00

Popcorn (Sweet n Salty) - \$1.00

Cool Sip - Berry - \$1.50

Ham & Cheese Toastie - \$3.00

Mince Pies (170g) - \$2.50

Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$1.30

Calci Yum (Small) Chocolate - \$1.50

(No large notes please. Correct change if possible)

PTA PIZZA/JUICIE DAY - THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER Orders to be placed in the classroom on Wednesday 3 November. \$2.00 each item.

SUBWAY FRIDAY'S - Order on Friday's via Subway Express where you can choose School Lunches and go to Matamata Primary and then select your items. These are delivered on a Friday to school and placed into your child's classroom box for lunchtime. ***Please ensure the correct classroom is put on your order. These can be ordered during the week for Friday delivery.***



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Reminders, Events and Important Information

THE GYMNASTICS ACADEMY - TERM 4

Held in the Matamata Primary Hall
Monday 18 October - Monday 13 December
7.45 - 8.45am
\$125.00 a Term (with graded Certificate)
Book online at;
www.thegymnasticsacademy.com or Phone
Marie on 0211705426.

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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](https://matamataprimarieschooldocs.co.nz/17525.htm)

PTA INFORMATION

Pizza/Juicie Lunch Day - Thursday 4 November

Order in your child's classroom on the day
Before (Wednesday 3 November)
Pizza - \$2.00 a slice
Juicie - \$2.00 each

SENIOR SYNDICATE CAMP 2022

A letter was sent out this week regarding our
Senior Syndicate camp for 2022. This will be held
from 14-16 March at a cost of \$90.00 per child.
Next year the children will be going to Kauaeranga
Valley Christian Camp in Thames.

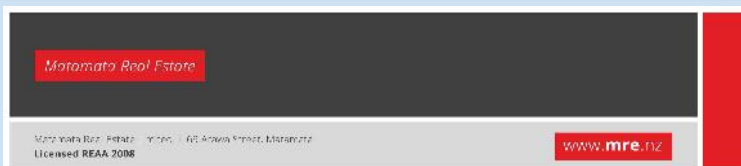
The children will be experiencing a range of
outdoor activities such as go karting, kayaking,
swimming, camping outdoors, team challenges,
obstacle courses, axe throwing, air rifles, archery,
flying fox, frisbee golf, jiggers, paintball, raft
building, water sliding and more.

Parent support will be needed and in early 2022
we will send out permission and health forms for
the children and a request for parent help. If you
are a helper you will require Police Vetting and
need to be fully vaccinated against COVID.

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.**



LISTINGS FOR LEARNING

Matamata Real Estate are proudly partnering with our school
in a fundraising opportunity. If you, family or 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. Contact Stuart Brizzle
021 220 4090 or Joanne Morgan on 027 4756609