



# MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### From The Principal

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

*It has been a rainy few weeks, but hopefully we have seen the worst of it for this term. A huge thank you to our Senior Room Minders, Green Team members, Peer Mediators and Road Patrollers who continually commit to their jobs and responsibilities rain, hail or shine. Well done MPS kids.*



*Our awesome PTA have just purchased three 'Friendship Seats' for our students. The seats have been placed in separate areas of the school. These seats are to be used by students who are having a rough day or who don't have a friend to play with during break times. 'Having a Heart' is one of our core school values. Our learners will be encouraged to keep an eye on the friendships and join in any kids who don't have a friend to play with.*

*Hopefully by now you have all had an opportunity to read the article by John Parsons that we emailed home regarding Cyber Safety. He is an expert in this field and provides some useful information to help keep your children safe in the cyber world. If you did not receive this please contact the office and we will send it again.*

*Thank you to Mrs Bateman for organising the Greenpark Sports Exchange. This was a fantastic day. Some very talented athletes on show! We were extremely impressed with the sportspersonship our MPS students demonstrated.*

*If you have not booked a Parent Teacher interview yet I would like to encourage you to do so as soon as possible. We would like to meet with every parent this year. Thank you. Enjoy the rest of your week. Nga Mihi, Glenn MacPherson*

***"The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking". Albert Einstein***

#### **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

Our Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on 12 September from 8.15am - 5.30pm. Bookings for these will be open on Monday 19 August at 9am and will close on Tuesday 10 September. To book your interview please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). To make a booking go to **MAKE A BOOKING** button then enter event code which is **esgzr**.

You can then go ahead and make a booking with your child's teacher.

*Please ensure you choose the correct classroom!*

#### **OUT-OF-ZONE STUDENT BALLOT - MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019**

*Ballot application forms can be collected from the School Office for entry into the Sept-Dec 2019 ballot being held on Monday 9 September for out-of-zone students;*

**20 Places - Year 0** (born after 1 May 2014 turning 5 between 1 May 2019 - 30 April 2020)

**7 Places - Year 1, 1 Place - Year 2, 5 Places each Year 3 & 4, 1 Place - Year 5**

*Ballot applications must be received at the school office by;*

**Monday 9 September before midday.**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday 30 August

Daffodil Day for Cancer-dress in yellow  
PTA Pizza lunch day - \$2.00 a slice  
Friday Assembly 1.45pm

Tuesday 3 September

Corinthian Cup match vs Firth  
Fundraising Group Bake Sale

Friday 6 September

MPS Cross Country - 11am start  
Mobile Ear Clinic at MPS  
9.30 - 2.00pm - no appointment needed

Monday 9 September

Ballot - Out-of-zone Students - 12 noon  
Book Fair Week

Tuesday 10 September

Leamington Sports Exchange

Wednesday 11 September

Book Character Dress up Day  
BOT Meeting - 7pm

Thursday 12 September

Parent/Teacher Interviews -  
8.15am -5.30pm

#### **TERM DATES 2019**

Term 3 - Monday 22/7 - Friday 27/9

Term 4 - Monday 14/10 - Thursday 9/12  
(Labour Day 28/10)

#### **TERM DATES 2020**

Term 1 - Monday 3/2 - Thursday 9/2  
(Waitangi Day 6/2)

Term 2 - Tuesday 28/4 - Friday 3/7  
(Anzac Day Monday 27/4)  
(Queens Birthday Monday 1/6)

Term 3 - Monday 20/7 - Friday 25/9

Term 4 - Monday 12/10 - December tbc





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## *This week in Review*

### **GREENPARK SPORTS EXCHANGE**

Yesterday 120 of our Yr 3, 4, 5 and 6 students competed in our annual sports exchange against Greenpark School from Tauranga at Matamata Primary School. Students displayed excellent sportsmanship, quality skills and teamwork in their chosen sport. Our students battled it out against Greenpark in Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Football. Although Greenpark came away with the overall win on the day, we were very proud of the efforts and commitments our students put in yesterday. This annual sports exchange is a great learning opportunity for our sports players as well as a new avenue of making friendships interschool. A huge thanks goes to Dwayne Barlow, Toni Garland, Bruce Andrews, Roz Larsen and our Matamata College and Intermediate students who volunteered their time to help out on the day. We are looking forward to heading over to Greenpark School in 2020.



**Thanks so much to FEZ Kebab and the parents for contributing towards our shared lunch.**

### **A special visit from the Auckland Boys Choir!**

Last Friday the Auckland Boys Choir were touring the North Island and offered to do a performance for our students. The choir was made up of 21 boys ranging in age from 8 to 16. They entertained us for 45 minutes with a range of songs, starting with the National Anthem. One of the boys played a tune on the violin, accompanied by the pianist, which was beautifully played.



### **PLAY, MAKE, CREATE comes ALIVE in Rm19!**

Ms Harty has introduced the text 'Tiddler' to her class last week and on Friday it was time to bring the story alive while working with a buddy from Room 1. Mrs Butler introduced the tasks to the children which were: **Create something from Lego, Create a 'clay-mations' and Playdough Characters.**

Each child and buddy got to choose what they wanted to 'Create' and then they were able to celebrate and share their learning in different ways with their buddies. The language and excitement for the morning was evident and the room was humming! There were a lot of busy beavers problem solving and collaborating together to celebrate their creations. The Play, Make, Create Concept is a focus for our teachers at MPS and they are continuing to develop their knowledge around with the help of our facilitator Paula Jamieson from Switch On NZ.



### **Friendship Seats**

Over the past few months the Matamata Primary School PTA have been organising 'Friendship Seats' for our school to be placed in each area of our Junior, Middle and Senior playgrounds. "We want everyone to enjoy school and have friends, so the seats are a point of contact for those looking for friends" said Rebecca Brophy Chairperson of the PTA. The Cancer Foundation had been donated the seats and they were auctioning them off at their recent Charity Ball. Ms Brophy knew the organiser of the event and the PTA agreed at their last meeting to purchase the seats. "So as well as having a positive place for our children to go, the money also went to a fantastic cause." said Rebecca.

The 'Friendship Seats' are a place to go for students who are either struggling to find or make friends, whose friends are away or simply they just want to make new friends. This will ensure that everyone has someone to play with or talk to during morning tea or lunch.

This week is the first week that the seats have been in the playground and the students are being educated around the use of these, in knowing that this is a positive place to go without being judged.

**Written by Mrs Butler's IExcel Journalism Group**





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## *This Week in Review/Upcoming Events*

### Environmentoes

I think we need to stop using plastic because it doesn't just make animals sick but it makes humans sick and it makes New Zealand look dirty because of the rubbish like in the 1st picture. Every day approximately 8 million pieces of plastic pollution find their way into our oceans. **Analyse**



Every day approximately 8 million pieces of plastic pollution find their way into our oceans. There may now be around 5.25 trillion macro and microplastic pieces floating in the open ocean. Weighing up to 269,000 tonnes. Plastics consistently make up 60 to 90% of all marine debris studied. Plastic pollution can now be found on every beach in the world, from busy tourist beaches to uninhabited tropical islands. Nowhere is safe. **Madison**



My friends and I started this environmental group to decrease the amount of rubbish in our school. From two lunch times my friends and I found two tidy tubs of rubbish we all thought it was shocking. Scientists have recently discovered microplastics embedded deep in the Arctic ice. **Charlotte**

We also want to help save the animals because 100,000 marine creatures die every year and one million birds also die every year. A plastic bag can kill numerous animals. Plastic pollution can now be found on every beach in the world, from busy tourist beaches to uninhabited tropical islands. Nowhere is safe. They take so long to disintegrate. Plastics consistently make up 60 to 90% of all marine debris studies. **Kate**



### **Gymnastics competition preparation**

This year 47 students from our school competed today in the Matamata Piako Gymsports Festival in Morrinsville. The students have been practicing for the last 5 ½ weeks during their lunchtimes, working on a number of disciplines such as the beam, floor artistic Routines and vault. A special thanks to Kylie Stutt, Donna Gillgren and Michelle Louw for coaching these students.



Results will be published in the next Newsletter.



### **THANK YOU TO OUR GARDEN VOLUNTEERS**

*A huge thank you to Rob Donderwinkel and Andrew Evans for their help in cleaning up our gardens with our Caretaker yesterday. It was wonderful to have these hard working men on site and the gardens look amazing!! Thank you for giving up your time for our school.*

### **DAFFODIL DAY FRIDAY 30 AUGUST**

Tomorrow is Daffodil Day to support Cancer. We are encouraging children to come to school wearing 'Yellow' whether they have something yellow on or go all out is their choice. We are asking them to bring a gold coin donation and in return they will get a daffodil to wear for the day.

### **FUNDRAISING CLUB**

We are a group of students who have formed a fundraising club as a passion project. Any fundraising we do goes straight back to the school to help students with their learning. Our first fundraising activity is a **bake sale on Tuesday 3 September** during morning interval and lunchtime. We are asking students to bring a **gold coin** to buy some baking from us on Tuesday.

The teachers will also be baking for the stall!

*From: Emily, Leo,  
Jonny, Ashleigh, Charlotte,  
Alex, Kresh, Joshua*



### **ART EXHIBITION - WEEK 9**

Our Art Exhibition will be open for viewing in the school hall on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 September from 8.30am - 5.30pm. We will also be open on Friday morning 20 September from 8am - 12noon.

ALL WELCOME TO COME AND VIEW THE WONDERFUL ARTWORK.





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## Reminders, Events and Important Information

### MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR KBC VERANDAH

We are looking at upgrading our building at KBC by adding a verandah so it is a dry space for the children while using this facility. We have listed below some materials required and would welcome any donations;

4 x bags of Easycrrete, 3 x 90x90 H4 posts 3.5m long

4 x 150 x 45H3.2 4.8m long, 3 x 90x45 H3.2 4.8m long

6 x clearlite roofing sheets 2.7m long,

2 x bags clearlite screws, 6 x galv bolts (cup) 140 x 12mm

**Please contact Mrs Bateman if you can help**

[hbateman@matamataprimery.school.nz](mailto:hbateman@matamataprimery.school.nz)

### PICKING CHILDREN UP FROM SCHOOL

A reminder that our school bell rings at **2.55pm** at the end of each school day. Could you please make sure your children are picked up promptly at the end of each day as we have an increasing amount of children not being picked up until 3.15-3.30pm. **If you are going to be late please contact the school office to advise them so a message can be sent to your child/ren.**

If children are not picked up on time they will be required to wait under the Te Waharoa at the front entry of our school. We would prefer children not to wait in other areas of the school where they cannot be monitored.

### MOBILE EAR CLINIC - VISIT FOR TERM 3

Please note that the Mobile Ear Clinic will at our school on Friday 6 September if you wish to have your child's ears checked. You will need to accompany your child to the Mobile van which will be sited at the back of our hall from 9.30-2.00pm. No appointments necessary.

### MEASLES OUTBREAK

Please note there has been a measles outbreak in New Zealand, particularly South Auckland. We need to ensure our immunisation register is up-to-date so we will be sending letters out shortly to those families who we do not have records for and asking for a copy of your child's immunisation record or confirmation they are not immunised.

### Matamata Primary School Cross Country

Our children having been training hard for our school Cross Country which will be held next Friday 6 September. Please come along and support your children. This will be starting at 11am sharp and running through until 12.30pm

### WINTER UNIFORMS ITEMS AVAILABLE NOW

Please note that we have the following winter uniform items in stock and available from the school office;

**Hoodie - \$60.00**

**Poloshirt - \$35.00**

**Tracksuit Jacket - \$60.00**

**Trackpants - \$50.00**

**Beanie - \$20.00**

**Raincoat - \$20.00**

**PTA PIZZA LUNCH DAY TOMORROW  
\$2.00 A LARGE SLICE - CHEESE OR  
HAWAIIAN. ORDER IN CLASS**

### SCHOOL DONATION PAYMENTS

Thank you to all those families who have paid the School Donation of **\$55.00 per child for the year**. While this is not compulsory this helps provide additional resources for learning purposes. This can be paid at the school office or online, bank details below. **Thank you for your support**

### BUY YOUR ENTERTAINMENT BOOK TODAY

GET YOUR 2019/2020 Entertainment Book today!! These are \$65.00 each and have thousands of dollars worth of savings in these. Great for the school holidays with lots of activities such as cheap movie tickets, Leap, mini golf etc. You can go online to <https://www.entbook.co.nz/15555k49> to order your copy.

**The school raises \$13.00 for each book sold.**

### **Bank Account details for online payments**

If you are making online payments the information required is:

**Matamata Primary School Office Account**

**ASB: 12-3438-0004624-00**

Please make sure your surname and reference for what the payment is, e.g. Senior Camp, Touch Rugby, Guitar.

### **School Policies & Procedures**

Matamata Primary School Policies and Procedures are available to be viewed online

at <http://matamataprimery schooldocs.co.nz>

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