



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From The Principal



Dear Parent/Caregivers,

It has been an action packed year at MPS! We would like to thank all Parents, Grandparents, Extended Whanau and Local Businesses for all the help and support you have given our special school this year. We really appreciate the assistance and look forward to continuing our partnership with you all in 2020.

All students will meet their 2020 teachers on Friday 13 December from 11.00am-12.30pm. The classroom teachers will share their personal Digital Korowai. This is a way for students to learn about their new teacher, develop their relationship with them and begin on a positive note.

School ends this year on Thursday 19 December 2019 (2.55pm). Our Final

Prize Giving will be held on Tuesday the 17 December 2019 at the Matamata Bible Church (11 Meura Street) starting at 9.15am. Just a reminder that all Year 6 students' families are invited back to MPS for a special morning tea which will be held in our school hall.

A reminder that our first day back in 2020 is on Monday 3 February. We

have a Whanau Picnic on Wednesday 12 February 2020. We will be running an Amazing Race (details to follow in 2020) for our families to take part in before the classrooms are opened for visits. Mark down Thursday 12 March 2020 in your diaries. This will be our Goal Setting day with parents. This is in Week 6 of the school year. By this stage, teachers will have a solid understanding of where your child sits academically, to share with you and then set appropriate goals.

"Every act of conscious learning requires the willingness to suffer an injury to one's self-esteem. That is why young children before they are aware of their own self-importance, learn so easily." - Thomas Szasz

Ngaa Mihi
Glenn MacPherson
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 5 December

Year 6 School Leaders Camp

Monday 9 December

7pm - PTA Meeting

Wednesday 11 December

1.45pm - Junior Rainbow Ball

Friday 13 December

9.30am - Whole School Final Assembly

11am-12.30pm - Students visit new classrooms to meet Teacher for 2020

Year 4 Overnight Camp

Tuesday 17 December

9.15am - Y6 Prize Giving - Bible Chapel

TERM DATES 2019

Term 4 - Monday 14/10 - Thurs 19/12
(Labour Day 28/10)

TERM DATES 2020

Term 1 - Monday 3/2 - Thursday 9/4
(Waitangi Day 6/2)
Term 2 - Tuesday 28/4 - Friday 3/7
(Anzac Day Monday 27/4)
(Queens Birthday Mon 1/6)
Term 3 - Monday 20/7 - Friday 25/9
Term 4 - Monday 12/10 - Tue 15/12

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW. WE WILL BE HAVING OUR FINAL WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER AT 9.30AM. At this Assembly we will be presenting the Sports Cups, Road Patrol Certificates, Touch Certificates, Final term Certificates and having the Gold Card Award. All Parent/Caregivers welcome to attend.





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INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

On Thursday 28 November the Interschool Sports day was held with many local schools attending, and for the first time this was on the domain behind Matamata Primary School. We had a number of children participate from our school from 7-11 year olds with fantastic results. Certificates for this will be presented at our Assembly on Friday 13 December.



Fundraising Group Success

As a passion project, a group of highly motivated students formed a Fundraising Group. Their first fundraising event was a bake sale which raised \$700.00. The money from this successful event went straight back into classroom games for the students. The second activity held was a Spelling Bee and Sausage Sizzle which made \$290.00. The money raised from this event will go towards 'Maker Space' resources and equipment. Five teams entered the spelling bee competition and the eventual winner was a team called the 'Asian Wasps'. Congratulations to all the children who gave this spelling bee event a go! The sausage sizzle was the main fundraising event on the day and we are very grateful to Sheryn and Frank Nagel for supplying all the very tasty sausages and Troy Smith from Repco for supplying the barbeque and to New World for the bread.



GRANDPARENT/WHANAU DAY A SUCCESS

This year our Grandparent/Whanau day was held on 25 November. Once again this was a hugely successful day with a large number of family/whanau attending. It was great to see the children spending time showing their special guests their classrooms and the work they have been doing. Our student leaders showed our guests around and we had some extremely positive feedback about the day with numerous emails and phone calls to say how impressed they were with the children on the day. A huge thank you also to the families who purchased books at our Scholastic Book Fair which we ran on the day. This was a huge success with over \$4500 books sold. As a result Matamata Primary is able to purchase \$1800 worth of books for our school.





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SURVIVAL LETTER

By *Georgie Skinner, Maya Mccullum, Sasha Goldsmith.*

We have been learning about survival. We had to think about things we needed if we were left to our own devices out in the wild. The key thing we decided was a shelter with a few essentials. This is our mini survival shelter. It has all the things you need to survive. You would need:-

- Food
- Weapons
- Sleeping bags & beds
- Animals
- Leafs & sticks
- Drain
- Roof
- Cabbage leaf
- Campfire



We are so lucky that we to got to do this with our grandparents. Thanks to them we finished.

COUNTRY LODGE VISIT

By *Tayla Constable-Tappin assisted by Madison Goldsmith.*

On 3 December the Senior Band and two Middle School recorder groups went to Country Lodge to entertain. The students played a few songs with instruments then sang some Christmas Carols including Silent Night, Santa Claus is coming to town, I saw Mummy kissing Santa Claus and Feliz Navidad. After the performance, the children got to show the elderly some work they took down. They were then given a delicious glass of juice, said their goodbyes and headed back to school. What a fun time it was!!



GALA DAY A SUCCESS

A big thank you to everyone that volunteered their time, energy and money towards the School Gala day held on the 21 November. There was a lot asked for - groceries, baking, donations, silent auctions items etc so we are truly grateful to our school families for their generosity. Total figures are not in yet but it looks like over \$14,000 has been raised by the PTA and a further \$3,000 raised by the syndicates from their various activities. Thanks again to you all for making this so successful. Without you this would not have been possible. What a wonderful school community!!



JUNIOR BALL WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

Our annual Junior Ball will be held next Friday 13 December at 1.45pm. This is in front of the Junior Rooms on Broadway side under the trees. Come along and watch the children perform and join in for a dance with your children.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

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.

Don't forget to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.



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NEW LAUNCH OF 12 MONTH ENTERTAINMENT DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP

We have been notified that the Entertainment Membership will now be for a **12 month period** so this means if you purchase a membership at any time, this will be valid for 12 months from purchase date. Previously these were June-June. The membership is \$65.00 and these are only available in a digital version for your phone. There are amazing food and entertainment deals in these saving hundreds of dollars. There are lots of activities such as cheap movie tickets, Leap, Mini Golf, Zoo etc. You can go online to <https://www.entbook.co.nz/15555k49> to purchase. **The school raises \$13.00 for each membership 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 etc

SUMMER UNIFORMS ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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

Hoodie - \$60.00

Black Short / Skort - \$35.00

Premier Shorts - \$40.00

Poloshirt - \$35.00

Trackpants - \$50.00

Sunhat - \$15.00 (please note WIDE BRIM Sun hats are compulsory for Term 4 and Term 1)

Please ensure children come to school with sunhats every day and also have sunblock applied or have sunblock in their school bags to put on at break times.

Stationery 2020 Orders

Information will be sent out regarding ordering for next year. This will come out in the last week of school via email with the details for ordering online.

ZOGGS SWIMMING GOGGLES FOR SALE

3 pack of goggles (2 children/1 adult) for only **\$20.00** available from school office. Cash only. Great value, good quality goggles.

Please ensure all children's clothing is named as we have an increasing amount of lost property with no names on these.

BUSES WILL FINISH RUNNING ON 13 DECEMBER FOR THE YEAR. YOU WILL NEED TO ORGANISE TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILDREN FOR THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

School Policies & Procedures

Matamata Primary School Policies and Procedures are available to be viewed online at <http://matamataprimarieschool.co.nz>
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