



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to our Matamata Primary School family. I hope you had a fun and relaxing break over the summer. Last year was a really difficult year for us all at different points, and I certainly felt ready for a break at the end of the year. I trust you are now well and truly ready to send your kids back to school. We are excited to have them back and have some awesome learning opportunities planned. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families. We look forward to working alongside you and your children.

Scooter Track: This fantastic project is now about 90% complete. We would like to say a huge thank you to Swaps and Mark Wilcox for the quality craftsmanship and time they put into this project. Both of these companies truly are outstanding local assets. When using our track please follow all safety guidelines. This project would not have been possible without the support of Sport Waikato and our amazing PTA. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Turf Roof: Our turf roof is due to be completed by the end of this month. There was a hold up getting the roofing membrane into the country. This will be available for community use once we complete this project.

Mr Henare: We would like to wish Mr Henare the best of luck this weekend. He is competing in the Tarawera Ultramarathon. Go hard Mr Henare!!

Goal Setting: This year our goal setting session with parents will be held on Wednesday 17 March. This gives our teachers enough time to gather all their anecdotal data to assist in setting realistic goals for the year. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

Whanau Picnic: This will be on Thursday 18 February from 4.30 - 7.30pm. Parents are welcome to come and go as they please. This is an opportunity to meet your new Teacher, check out the classroom environment and network with some new parents while enjoying your picnic food.

"If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose."

- Unknown

**Ngaa Mihi,
Glenn MacPherson
Principal**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 12 February

Ballot 1 for out of zone students

Monday 15 February

School Lunches commence

Thursday 18 February

Whanau Picnic 4.30-7.30pm

Monday 22 February

Springboard 1 starts 2pm

Tuesday 9 March

MPS Swimming Sports

Friday 12 March

1.45pm Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 17 March

Goal Setting Day - **School Closed for Instruction**

TERM DATES 2021

Term 1 2021

Wed 03/02- Friday 16/04

(Easter: 2/4, 5/4 & 6/4)

(Anzac Day: 26/4)

Term 2 2021

Monday 03/05 - Friday 9/7

Term 3 2021

Monday 26/7 - Friday 1/10

Term 4 2021

Mon 18/10 - Wed 15/12



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This week in Review

MATAMATA PRIMARY SCOOTER TRACK

Our new scooter track is now completed with the exception of some landscaping and beautifying. The track is proving very popular, not only with our school students, but the wider community. We do ask that when using the track, safety is paramount. **Our school rules are as below;**

- You **must** always wear a helmet when riding. Please make sure it is fitted correctly - not loose.
- Wear covered shoes.
- Have your scooter checked to see if this is safe to ride.
- Follow the arrows to go in the same direction as everyone else.
- Watch out for others at the intersections.
- If you are a bit slower please stay to the the left of the track. Faster riders, please go carefully around the right of the slower riders.

Optional safety gear could be worn, ie knee and elbow pads.



HYDROSEEDING THE SCOOTER TRACK

We have also been very fortunate to have Swaps organise Hydroseeding around our school grounds, in particular the new Scooter track. This process involves spraying a mixture of water, seed, fertiliser and mulch onto the ground under high pressure. If you are using the track over the next few weekends please encourage your children to use the pedestrian path to enter the track rather than the grass area.



Road Patrollers Refresher

On Wednesday our Road Patrollers had a refresher course on how to operate the Broadway and Kea crossing in accordance with police safety policies and procedures. Constable Ross came in to take the course during the afternoon and talked about this important role. We have an excellent group of 28 students who volunteered to do this service for the school and we greatly appreciate their commitment to this key job.



AFTER SCHOOL ART & GUITAR CLASSES BEGIN FROM 22 FEBRUARY - REGISTRATION OPEN

ART will be commencing from Monday 22/2. **Our Year 3&4 class is now full** but we still have spaces available for our Year 5 and 6 class with Mrs Piper for Terms 1 and 2. **Cost \$50.00.**

GUITAR is open for Year 4-6 students, held on Tuesday's and Wednesday's with Mr Barton (starting Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24/2. Classes run for the whole year. Cost \$50 for the year.

Registration Forms available from the School Office.





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Reminders

BALLOT 1 2021 FOR OUT OF ZONE STUDENTS - FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2021

Our first ballot for 2021 will be held on **Friday 12 February at noon**. All students, **regardless of whether they have siblings at our school**, who are out of zone will need to apply through our Ballot for a placement at our school. Forms are available from our website or through the school office. These need to be returned with your child's birth certificate to the office prior to noon on the 12 February. Places available; **Y0/Y1** - 26 places , **Y2** - 7 places , **Y3** - 6 places, **Y4** - 0 places, **Y5** - 5 places, **Y6** - 1 place.
If you have any queries please contact Leigh at the School Office, 8888566.

PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF CHILDREN TO AND FROM SCHOOL

This is just to remind families to make sure your children are not arriving to school before **8.15am** as there is no supervision for them beforehand. Please also ensure that children are picked up by **3pm** in the afternoon as we are finding quite a few children still on the school grounds after 3pm. Once again there is no supervision for these children. **The school office closes at 3.30pm.**

PRIME MATH WORKBOOKS - \$10.00 EACH - YEAR 3 - YEAR 6 STUDENTS

ALL Middle and Senior Syndicate Students require a PRIME MATHS WORKBOOK as part of their Stationery requirement for the year. These have been purchased by the school for each child and will need to be paid for by **FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY**. You can make your payment at the school office or online into our School Bank a/c (see bottom of Newsletter for bank account details) and put your child's name in the Reference details.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME -LUNCH HELPERS REQUIRED

We need some willing volunteers to help out with our Lunch Programme which runs from Monday to Wednesday each week. You will be rostered 2 to 3 times each term and will be required to come in at 9am for around half an hour to process the lunch orders in the school hall. You will need to come back at 12 noon on the same day to distribute these. Training will be given. The more helpers we get the lighter the load for our volunteers. We really want to keep this service going for the children but without helpers this will not be possible. If you are able to spare the time please contact the school office on office@mmps.school.nz or 8888566 and advise which days you will be available.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME COMMENCES MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY.

MATAMATA COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

We are fortunate to have the Matamata Community Lunch volunteers providing lunches for our school for children in need. This is a great service and they have asked if anybody is able to provide baking or snacks for their lunches these can be dropped off at the Baptist Church on Tower Road on Monday mornings before 10am or during the week. Fresh baking can be frozen.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR BUS STUDENTS REGARDING BRINGING SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL

We have been advised by GO BUS that the children are **NOT ALLOWED** to bring their Scooters to school on the Bus.

If your child does want to bring their scooter to school to use on the scooter track, this can be dropped off during the week to their classroom and stored safely inside. We would appreciate these being picked up from school at the end of each week.

GOAL SETTING DAY - WEDNESDAY 17/3

Our Goal setting day has been set for 17 March which is an opportunity for Parents/Caregivers to meet with their child's teacher to set Goals for the 2021 year. Further information will be sent out regarding how to make a booking in the coming weeks. **PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION ON THIS DAY.**

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



Simple free download. In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school app from list.



Download the School Loop APP Today!! Please see the details on how to download the app here.

School Policies & Procedures

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

<http://matamataprimarieschool.co.nz>

Username: matamataprimarieschool

Password: 3440

PURCHASE YOUR ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1555k49>

Download the App and get started

The membership is \$69.99 for a Waikato/BOP book for 12 months or \$119.99 for a Nationwide book. 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. **The school raises \$14.00 for each membership sold for Waikato and \$24.00 on the Nationwide book.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

If you are wanting to purchase uniform items, please note that we have these available in stock at the School Office. All sizes available.

SCHOOL HOODED SWEATSHIRT - \$60.00

SCHOOL POLO SHIRT - \$35.00

HOUSE SHIRT - \$32.00

SCHOOL HAT - \$15.00 (only Mini available)

BLACK SHORTS - \$35.00

PREMIER SHORTS - \$40.00

TRACKPANTS - \$50.00

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE:

**Matamata Primary School BOT ,
ASB: 12-3438-0004616-00** Please make sure your surname and reference are noted for what the payment is, e.g. Senior Camp, Touch Rugby etc

**PLEASE NOTE THE OLD BANK
ACCOUNT HAS NOW BEEN CLOSED.**