



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to all our new families that have started with us since the start of the year.

PTA Meeting: The first meeting for 2021 is on Monday 1 March in the school staffroom starting at 7.00pm. They would like to see some new faces. Our PTA does an amazing job around our school. If you would like to be part of this team please come along (even bring a friend).

Turf Roof: The lighting and sound system are being installed this week and we will be fully functional by Week 5.

Thank You: We would like to acknowledge Superior Cabinetry and Interiors for making up and supplying the 'Stop' and 'Giveaway' signs for our scooter track. They look really cool out there. We would also like to thank Matt and Hope Gillingham for donating the awesome rocks and Craig Bigham for transporting them to school for us. Cheers guys, we really appreciate this.

Senior School Camp: This will be held in Term 2 this year from Wednesday 5 May to Friday 7 May at Tui Ridge Park in Rotorua. They have a great website if you would like to check out the complex.

In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact.

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**Ngaa Mihi,
Glenn MacPherson
Principal**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 9 March

MPS Swimming Sports

Friday 12 March

1.45pm Whole School Assembly
Postponement Date for Swimming Sports

Wednesday 17 March

Goal Setting Day
School Closed for Instruction

Thursday 25 March

Interschool Swimming

Friday 2 April - Tuesday 5 April

Easter Break

Friday 16 April

Last day of Term 1

Monday 3 May

First day of Term 2

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

PRIME MATH WORKBOOKS - \$10.00 DUE NOW Y3-Y6 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 **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. 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.



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This week in Review



Senior School Fitness

Two relatively new fitness activities that the Senior Syndicate have introduced into their Physical Education programme are called 'Boofer Tag' and 'Dodgeball'. Both activities are fast moving, Require great peripheral vision, develop



higher levels of fitness, and require the minimum of equipment. Best of all is that the students love playing these games!

Room 3 are busy playing dodgeball, while Room 5 are playing Boofer tag using 'noodles'.

THE EVOLVING SCOOTER TRACK

Our popular scooter track has now had Give Way and Stop signs installed and pedestrian crossings on the circuit as well as painted on the circuit so children learn to give way or stop at intersections. As well as a safety feature, this is teaching children the rules of giveaway and stop signs. These signs were very generously donated by Bevan Coulter from Superior Cabinetry and Interiors and look fantastic!



Patrick Wightman gets a bit of air over the jump after building up speed down the hill and shows off his tricks!



The scooter track is proving a hit with all ages and it is great to see this getting so much use from our school children as well as the wider community.

New School Signage

We have 3 new signs designed to welcome visitors into the school. They help those new to our school, or unfamiliar with The layout, navigate the school site with greater ease. The signs are located at each main entrance - down by the swimming pool, the junior school entrance way, and by the main office.





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Creativity in the Sandpit – These three MPS Learners, Malachi, Dolton And Ohomairangi decided to make a Marae in the sandpit using their creativity in their lunch break. Great teamwork boys!



Our New Drinking Fountain has certainly proven popular with students needing a drink in this hot weather. Installed by our Caretaker, Eddy Baukema, at the start of term, the new fountain is much better than the old fountains we have had for many years, providing a better jet of water and level of hygiene. Divan Strydom grabs a drink of water at the end of another hot lunch break.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW BOARD CHAIRPERSON - ADAM LYNCH



Kia Ora koutou to our whole MPS whanau. I am honoured to have been elected as Chair of the Board of Trustees for 2021. With 2 boys both at the school I have seen first hand the quality of the teaching and resources that are available every day to our children, and I am proud to support such a high performing school leadership team and faculty. As a board we have been working hard in the background over the past two years of our current term, supporting Glenn and his team to grow, develop and thrive. This year I look forward to continuing this journey with the team, connecting and consulting with our community and ensuring that our school can continue to deliver on its mantra of one size fits one, providing opportunities for every child. As a small business owner and having worked in larger businesses around NZ in the past. I understand the challenges of balancing work home and school commitments with our children and I look forward to bringing that experience to my role. 2020 threw many unexpected curve balls and I am in awe of the ability of both our teachers and our learners to adapt and show high levels of resilience. 2021 has already produced a number of challenges but I am confident as a whole school community we are well placed to face them head on. I look forward to engaging with parents, caregivers and our learners and the wider school community as the year progresses. *Ngā Mihi, Adam*

WHAKATAU FOR NEW FAMILIES TO MPS - FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY IN SCHOOL HALL

On Friday 26 February, this week we will have the Term 1 Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new students and their families into our school. We are welcoming tamariki (children) and Kaiako (teacher) who started with us from the latter part of Term 4 2020, up until now. This celebration will take part in our school hall at 10.15am following by morning tea in the Maker Space room. Please RSVP by 25 February.

This term Matamata Primary is reviewing our **Home Learning** policy. If you would like to view this policy please refer to the details at the bottom of this Newsletter under Policies and Procedures with our login details to view all of our School policies.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

UPDATING CHANGE OF DETAILS

It is important that we have the correct contact information for our children in the event of an emergency or if your child is sick.

If your contact details may have changed, ie address, phone numbers, contacts, work numbers could you please advise the office so we can update our Student Management System. ***This is extremely important to have these up to date at all times.***

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN PICKING CHILDREN UP FROM SCHOOL THAT YOU KEEP ALL DRIVEWAYS CLEAR (PARTICULARLY AROUND THE CARETAKERS SHED) AS WE HAVE CHILDREN WALKING IN AND OUT OF THIS AREA AND THIS IS EXTREMELY UNSAFE IF VEHICLES ARE USING THIS. ALSO REMEMBER TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.

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



 **SKOOL LOOP** Simple free download. In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school or go to <http://matamataprimary.schools.co.nz>

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://matamataprimary.schools.co.nz>

Username: matamataprimary

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.***

LUCKY BOOK CLUB ORDERS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY.

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.