



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 25 MARCH 2021

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Interschool Swimming: Well done to all of our competitive Inter-school swimmers. We had some fantastic results today. We are very proud of you all.

Student Writing Cabinets: These are changed every two weeks and are an exciting way for us to celebrate writing in our school. Please check them out. The Senior writing cabinet is outside the hall, Middle is on the end of Room 10 and Juniors attached to the Middle Toilet Block. It is a great achievement for our kids to get their work into these cabinets and to showcase their writing.

Hangi: We are having a Hangi on Wednesday 14 April for our Kapa Haka Students and School Leaders. If you have any expertise in this area and are willing to give up some time to support us with this, please contact Mr Henare via email to; shenare@mmps.school.nz. We are starting small this time but looking at growing capacity in the future.

Goal Setting Day: Thank you to all of the families who valued and made the time to support us and your kids at our Goal Setting day. If you did not manage to get into school, please feel free to book a slot with our awesome classroom teachers at any time.

Brag'n Rights 2021: This year our PTA are organising a Community Challenge on **Thursday 15 April**. We will have a 1km running/walking track set up. Teams with the most laps completed will take home the new trophies. We are having 2 events - 5.30-7pm and 5.30-8.30pm - head lamps will be required. Teams of up to 6 competitors. One runner on the course at a time. Cost will be \$40 for the shorter event and \$60 for the longer event. The winning team will get their name and their completed lap total engraved on the trophy. We aim to host this event each year. We will also encourage teams to set up gazebos/tents on the school field to create a great atmosphere. Information will follow on how to enter this.

"Challenging the status quo takes commitment, courage, imagination, and, above all, dedication to learning." - Marshall Ganz

Ngaa Mihi, Glenn MacPherson, Principal

PTA AGM - MONDAY 29TH MARCH AT 7PM

The PTA AGM will be held in the School Staffroom and is a great opportunity to join in to find out what is happening around the school and become part of our School Community. Nibbles provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 26 March

2.15pm - Middle Assembly

Monday 29 March

7pm - PTA AGM - Staffroom

Friday 2 April

Good Friday - school closed

Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 April

Easter Monday/Tuesday - school closed

Friday 9 April

2.15pm - Senior Assembly

Thursday 15 April

Brag'n Rights fundraising event

Friday 16 April

2.15pm - Whole School Assembly
Last day of Term 1

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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Bowler Cup Swimming Champions

Our Matamata Primary School Swimming Sports was held on the 9 March. All age groups were involved in some form of event, with the older age groups in both competition and 'Give it a go' swimming events while the Junior School students were involved in 'Give it a go' activities.

The traditional 'Bowler Cup' 50m Freestyle competition which is an open event for the fastest swimmers in all age Groups was won this year By Faith Hills and Hunter Rae.



New School Scooters

We have had 5 new scooters kindly donated to our school for all students to use. The scooters were kindly donated by Kayley and Tom from Morris Concrete (Rachel Smith's daughter and son in law) and Emma-Jane Nisbet (ex Teacher Aide). These scooters are very good quality and will be a fantastic resource for students to enjoy the benefits of using the scooter track. A very big thank you to Kayley, Tom, and Emma-Jane. We would also like to thank the McCullum, Mowatt and Wood families for donating their much loved scooters to our school for children to use. Any

students wishing to use one of the school owned scooters will need to seek permission from parents and return the form to Mr Mair.



Sphero Robotic Fun

A number of children have been enjoying programming Sphero Robots in the Maker Space room. **Sphero** makes remarkably cool, programmable robots and STEAM-based educational tools that transform the way children learn, create and invent through Coding, Science, Music, and the Arts. The children can control their robots with several exciting drive modes, using their robots as a controller to play games, or they can try out **Block Drive** for an intro to programming with colorful blocks.





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The **EPro8 Challenge** is the Inter-School Science and Engineering competition which over 10,000 students from around 800 schools from all around New Zealand compete in. Teams of four students compete for the title within their region. To prepare for the challenge the school has purchased activity kits and set these up in the School Hall for all students to experiment with and discover for themselves what can be created. We will then select a team of four Senior students to attend the Inter-School competition. Photographed are some of our students working with the EPro8 equipment.



Teacher Aide Professional Development

During our Goal Setting day our wonderful team of Teacher Aides had the opportunity to brush up on their ICT skills under the tutelage of Alex Juma. This will enable our Teacher Aides to support the students throughout the school to utilise school devices effectively. They focused on a number of areas such as:-

- Our SMS System (Student Management System)
- How to access gmail using an app on their phone
- Logging into Google Workplace
- Managing the Google Calendar
- See Saw



MIHI WHAKATAU FOR OUR NEW WAIRERE TOI TEACHERS

Last Friday MPS welcomed new Kaiako (educators) into our school. The team from Wairere Toi were welcomed into our school through our formal Mihi Whakatau. This was an amazing experience for our students and teachers to be involved in, with the Wairere Toi team displaying their many talents for our students. Our Kapa Haka students performed for them in return and then they were able to have the opportunity to chat together over kai at the end of our Mihi Whakatau. MPS students and staff are going to be lucky enough to be able to learn alongside our new Kaiako in classroom sessions, which are fortnightly for half an hour. Wairere Toi will cover Te Reo pronunciation, tikanga, Maori arts and games. If you would like to know more please touch base with your classroom teacher.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE STUDENTS **MONDAY 3 MAY 12 NOON**

Our second ballot for the year for 'Out of Zone' students will be held on Monday 3 May (1st day Term 2). We have spaces available for the following;

NE/Y1 - 25 spaces

Y2 - 5 spaces

Y3 - 5 spaces

No Spaces available for Y4

Y5 - 1 space

Y6 - 1 space

Ballot forms are available from the school office and **MUST** be returned before midday Monday 3 May along with a copy of your child's birth certificate.

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GREAT SAVINGS AND SCHOOL RECEIVES A PORTION OF FUNDS BACK TO THE SCHOOL

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.

CHESS CLUB

An opportunity for your child to learn how to play the classic game of chess. All skill levels from beginner to grand master. There is no cost for this with the option to purchase boards through the club or you can bring your own.

Starting Term 2 at 3.30pm.

This will be held at Matamata Primary School.

If you are interested in registering please contact Stephanie on 022-1651248 or email; srouten@gmail.com

PTA FUNDRAISER - THURSDAY 15 APRIL

Brag'n Rights Fun Run/Walk at MPS. Enter a team and be in to win spot prizes and the opportunity to win a trophy! Flyer with further information coming out with Newsletter.

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 app from list.



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School Policies & Procedures

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

<http://matamataprimarieschool.co.nz>

Username: matamataprimarieschool

Password: 3440

THE GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

Beginning and Advanced classes for all age groups.

TERM 2

Monday 3 May - Monday 28 June

3-4PM - \$125.00 per term.

Book online at www.thegymnasticacademy.com or Phone Marie on 021-2705426



Register with us today for Rugby season
Contact; Tony 0278375185 or email on



tonzgulbransen@gmail.com

Free Shorts with every registration (Junior Muster April 10th)