



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 13 May 2021

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Camp Thank You: A huge thank you to all our awesome MPS Parents who offered to help with transport and supervision at Tui Ridge with our Year 5 & 6 students. We had a very successful school camp. I was personally very impressed with the attitude and behaviour of our kids. Well done! I was also impressed with the planning and supervision from our teachers. Way to go team. A lot of hard work, but well worth it seeing our kids take on and conquer a lot of new challenges.

Cotter Cup: This sporting event is coming up on Thursday 20 May. We have 4 football teams, 1 hockey team, 3 netball teams and 5 rugby teams entered. We are still after a few managers to help support us on the day.

Lunchtime Sport: We are looking for a few keen, active parents who would be interested in running lunchtime sport with our kids. If you are interested in running lunchtime sports with our kids. If you are interested please email gmacpherson@mmps.school.nz.

Kiwanis: A huge thank you to the Kiwanis for donating the new drinking fountain that we are installing down at our school scooter track. We really appreciate their support.

Road Patrol: We are on the lookout for some motivated parent/grandparent helpers who would be able to commit some time every day to help supervise our Road Patrol crossings. If you have some spare time and would like to assist in helping our kids safely cross the road, please email jwigg@mmps.school.nz

“Sometimes you will never know the VALUE of a moment, until it becomes a MEMORY” - Dr. Seuss

Ngaa Mihi, Glenn MacPherson

UPCOMING TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Please be advised that we will have two teacher only days coming up in June. The first will be **Friday 18 June** in which all local schools will be closed on this day for our Kaahui Ako Professional Development. We will also be closed on the **Monday 21 June** for our Matamata Primary School Professional Development. **School will be closed for instruction on these days.** We have strategically set these days to enable families to visit the fieldays on the Friday or take the opportunity to have an extra long weekend away.

We have spoken with Starfish Social Services who will be offering child care for these two days while school is closed. If you wish to book your child in for this please contact Dwayne Paul, programme co-ordinator on 022-0957261 or email on afterschool@starfishservices.org.nz

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 14 May

2.15pm Junior Assembly

Thursday 20 May

Cotter Cup

Tuesday 25 May

6pm BOT Meeting

Friday 28 May

2.15pm Senior Assembly

Monday 31 May

7pm PTA Meeting - Staffroom

Friday 4 June

2.15pm Whole School Assembly

Monday 7 June

Queens Birthday Holiday

Tues 8 - Thurs 10 June

7pm School Production

TERM DATES 2021

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

PTA BRAG'N RIGHTS FUNDRAISER A FUN EVENING

At the end of last term our PTA held their very first "Brag n Rights" fundraiser. We were thrilled to have 33 teams enter. We raised approximately \$2000 on the night which was a great effort. There were some amazing team costumes and it was great to see such an array of costume ideas. The winners of the 1.5hour race were the UMS 12th Grade team doing 22 laps. The winners of the 3 hour race were the MTM Swim team doing a huge 39 laps. We would like to thank the following sponsors for the event who provided prizes and supported the school. We hope to make this an Annual Event.

Plumb.Co / Svetlana Kath - Massage Therapist / O-del-Emz Cafe / Inghams Enterprises (NZ) Pty Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC) / Fez Kebab / Redoubt Bar and Eatery / ASB Bank Subway / Robert Harris Matamata McDonalds, Matamata / Sportsworld, Matamata Noel Leeming, Matamata, Paradise Coffee Co. Owen Henderson / Kowhai Creamery Matamata Toyworld/Paper Plus Matamata



ANZAC Day Service - Sunday 25 April

During the holidays four school leaders - Zeana, Faith, Georgie, and Zoe, laid a wreath on behalf of Matamata Primary at the ANZAC Day service on 25 April. They began by joining in with the march down to the cenotaph where they placed the wreath with a number of others. They carried out this with real dignity and respect.

Last week the school held our traditional ANZAC assembly which was run by a number of School Leaders and they made a wonderful job educating our school pupils around the meaning and significance of ANZAC day.

A big thank you to both groups of students.





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Tui Ridge Senior Camp

Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the Senior students attended Tui Ridge Camp in the Mamaku Ranges on the way to Rotorua where they had an awesome experience. Tui Ridge is about developing students of all ages and stages, helping them to grow in leading self and leading others while embracing diversity and offering equal opportunities for all. Some of the activities students were involved in were

- Abseiling
- High Ropes
- Archery
- Flying Fox
- Giant Swing
- Confidence Course
- Paintball
- Orienteering



Many of the students were put into the 'Learning Pit' particularly when faced with the *Giant Swing*, *High Ropes*, and *Flying Fox*. A special thanks to both the teachers and parents who helped at this camp.



MPS HANGI FOR KAPA HAKA WHANAU

Last term we held a hangi for our Kapa Haka group and their Whanau. A lot of preparation work was done for this with the hole being dug and stones being supplied. A lot of learning happened for both children and the adults involved. The children supplied vegetables to go towards the shared kai. This was very successful and the kai was enjoyed by all.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

Singing Lessons with Ashley - Term 2

Private Lessons (groups of 5) are weekly on a Thursday for 30 minutes. Cost \$10 per child each week. These are held during school hours. If you wish to register please contact Ashley Tipping on 0279489449 or email on tipping.coops@hotmail.com.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY WILL BE WEDNESDAY 28 JULY WITH CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS BEING TAKEN ON THE SAME DAY. FURTHER INFO WILL FOLLOW WITH HOW AND WHEN TO ORDER.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

**GREAT SAVINGS ON FOOD AND ACTIVITIES. SCHOOL RECEIVES 20% OF ALL SALES. Order your digital book today: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1555k49>
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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

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY

A special thank you to **Shenaye Green from Small Steps, Matamata** for your kind donation towards purchasing some traffic lights for our Scooter Track. These are great for the children to learn to stop for the red light, slow down for the amber and go for the green light. Shenaye also donated money towards our Senior Camp to enable all children to participate in this learning experience. The school also received anonymous donations from other families wanting to help children attend camp who otherwise would not have been able to. A number of families have also donated their pre-loved scooters to the school for our children to enjoy.

We are very fortunate to have such a caring community and support for our school and the children.

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Please note that orders close for the Lucky Book Club edition 3 next **Friday 21 May**. If you wish to order any books from this catalogue please make sure your orders are back by next Friday (cash only please) or you can order online.

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.