



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 5 August 2021

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back; We are really excited to be back for Term 3. The teachers spent considerable time over the holidays getting ready for the term and have planned a stimulating unit on energy. This will be a Schoolwide unit for I-Explore. It is also great to see our New Zealand athletes competing with pride at the 2021 Olympics.

Parent Teacher Learning Conferences; Our teachers met with many parents at the Learning Conferences yesterday and shared valuable information going over student reports and using our data portfolios to support the interviews. Reports went home with the parents. All other reports will go home on Friday with students. Thank you to all of the parents who made the time to attend these conferences.

Environmental; On Thursday 19 August we are taking a group of staff and student leaders out to KBC to plant some new trees with LJ Hooker. Thank you to Denica Cawker for organising this opportunity.

Carvings; Some of you may have noticed our magnificent new carvings on our Te Waharoa. A massive thank you to Cheyenne Kaukau and his whanau for the considerable hours that went into this project. The love and passion that went into these carvings is to be commended. The carving on the right represents our school values, Kaimai Range and the Waihou river. The carving on the left has three people. The bottom is 'you' the parent (parents are the key to our success forming a strong supportive foundation at home and with our school). The middle person with the cloak and book represents our teachers (this symbolises our teachers having an educational degree and gifting knowledge to help guide our MPS learners). The top person is an MPS Learner (having fun while learning and using all the resources provided to enjoy the education journey).

*"Today I want you to think about all that you are instead of all you are not."
- Unknown*

Nгаа Mihi, Glenn MacPherson

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - LAST DAY TOMORROW ROOM 6

We have had lots of visitors to our Annual Book Fair this week. There is still time to have a look and view and purchase books. This will be open in Room 6 on Thursday 2.30-3.30pm and Friday from 8.30 to 9am. Come along and check out the wonderful books on display. Great for Christmas and birthday presents and this is a fantastic fundraiser for the school.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 5 August

PTA Pizza/Juicie day

Friday 6 August

10am Mihi Whakatau
welcome to New Families
2pm - Junior Assembly

Friday 13 August

2pm Middle Assembly

Tuesday 17 August

7pm BOT Meeting

Wednesday 18 August

Tough Guy/Girl Challenge

Friday 20 August

2pm Senior Assembly

Friday 27 August

2pm Full School Assembly

Wednesday 1 September

MPS School Cross Country

TERM DATES 2021

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

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

On Tuesday this week we held our Annual Book Week dress up day. We had a range of super heroes, fairies, pirates, cat in the hat, dogman, witches, a dalmatian, Cruella de Vil and army soldiers to name a few! The Scene were invited down to take some photos for their newspaper. Mrs Kate Muckle was the judge this year and focused on costumes that were creative and had been made. Each winning student received a book voucher.

Winners: Junior - Carter Kuhn and Ben Crawford **Middle** - Maddy Maber and Tatum Balsom
Senior - Ella Porteous and Uriel Perez De Souza

Congratulations to our winning students (pictured) and well done to all of the children who dressed up with a wide array of costumes on display.



POTENTIAL AND KINETIC ENERGY - Room 5 has been learning about Potential and Kinetic Energy. They have discovered that the main difference between potential and kinetic energy is that one is the energy of what can be and one is the energy of what is. In other words, potential energy is stationery and stored energy is to be released, kinetic energy is energy in motion, actively using energy for movement. *I did a jungle with a giant tree holding up a swing. As the swing got pulled up it gained potential and as it dropped all the potential energy turned into kinetic energy. I used cardboard tubes for the tree trunks and swing and then scrunched up green pieces of paper for the leaves and string* **By Hunter Rae**



SCIENCE IN A VAN

Last week we had the 'Science in a Van' team come to visit our School. Two shows were presented to the students focusing on the Science of Forces and how to think about situations like a Scientist. The Juniors watched a tale about 3 goats and a troll and the Middle and Senior students show was called 'Move it'. The students had a lot of fun with this engaging and entertaining team and learnt some science vocabulary and ideas about experimenting with Forces.



RAVENS AND TIGERS SOCCER TEAM SUCCESS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

During the school holidays the Matamata Ravens Girls under 10 Soccer Team competed in a tournament held by the Papamoa Football Club. The girls played solidly all day and ended up Tournament Champions with over 20 teams in their division. The final against Cambridge ended up in a nail biting penalty shoot out to come away victorious receiving gold medals and the cup for the efforts. Last weekend they competed in a tournament at Waipuna Football Club. Again the skills and teamwork excelled and they came away with gold medals after beating Hibiscus Coast. Thanks so much to the coaches, Bonez and Louise Gorham



The boys under 10 team, Matamata Tigers allso competed in The Waipuna tournament. They played very well and came out In third Place. Well done!



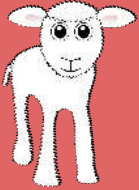


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Important Information/Reminders

AGRICULTURAL DAY - WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER

The date has been set and Matamata Intermediate will be joining us on the day with their own rings. Animal saving dates; Lamb/Kid Goat: - 1 July-20 September, Calves: 1 June-20 September. Entry forms are now available. If you would like an entry form please email ajuma@mmps.school.nz



If you would like a lamb for the day please text Jessica Brosnan on 0276376968. These are available for \$50 and can be returned after Agricultural day is finished. If you would like a kid goat you can text Karen Lind on 021-0358548. Please advise in your text whether you would like a female or male goat, how many and the name/age/school of the child who this is for and when you would like the animal. The cost of these are \$55 which includes teats and a bag of milk powder.

MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL - OPEN DAY - WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST

For Parents of Prospective Students

If you have a Y5 or Y6 students, please take the opportunity to come along and experience;

- Unique environment to develop confidence and independence.
- Strong Academic, cultural and sports focus.
- You will also have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the Principal, Deputy Principal and Board of Trustees members.

Open Day Programme;

9.30am - Coffee and informal discussion

10.00am - Tour around classrooms by students

10.30am - Question time with Principal, DP and BOT

A big thank you to our PTA who have donated funds towards the purchase of a Gazebo for our school. These are a great resource for our school and are often used at community and sporting events. Every fundraiser our PTA holds enables them to help with these extra resources for our school and we are so lucky to have such a supportive School community and PTA.



PTA BULL CALF FUNDRAISER

The PTA are seeking families to rear a bull calf or donate a virtual baby one! Money raised will go towards an upgrade on the School's Hall AV equipment and stage curtains. If you don't have a real calf donate a virtual one. PTA bank a/c 03-0363-0281294-00, Ref: Family surname, Code: Calf. If you are donating a bull calf they need to be 100kg plus by their collection date at the end of October (date TBC). For further information please contact jennacrighton@gmail.com or text 027 301 1546. Thank you for your support!

A new soak hole - Our Caretaker, Mr Baukema, has been busy placing a new soak hole just off the end of the Junior Playground hill to drain water build up away allowing the play area to be utilised for longer periods of time. The soak hole goes into the ground for over a metre, taking a hundred litre drum. The drum was kindly donated by Slattery Contracting so a very big thank you for their support.





MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reminders, Events and Important Information

WINTER IS UPON US AND WE HAVE
UNIFORM ITEMS IN STOCK AT THE OFFICE
AVAILABLE IN ALL SIZES

- School Hoodies - \$60.00
- Trackpants - \$50.00
- School Polo Shirts - \$35.00
- House Shirts - \$32.00
- Black Shorts - \$35.00
- School League Shorts - \$40.00

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

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*Up for review: Reporting to Parents on
Student Progress and Achievement.*

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17525.htm](https://matamataprimarieschool.co.nz/17525.htm)

School Policies & Procedures

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

<http://matamataprimarieschool.co.nz>

Username: matamataprimarieschool

Password: 3440

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Our lunch orders are available on Monday, Tuesday
and Wednesday each week. Orders must be placed in
your child's classroom prior to 9am.

Below are the items available;

- Hot cup Noodles - Beef/Chicken \$2.50
- Ham & Cheese Toastie - \$2.50
- Sausage Rolls - \$2.00
- Mince Pies (170g) - \$2.50
- Macaroni Cheese - \$4.00
- Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$1.30
- Popcorn (Sweet n Salty) - \$1.00
- Calci Yum (Small) Chocolate - \$1.50
- Cool Sip - Berry - \$1.50

(No large notes please. Correct change if possible)

SUBWAY FRIDAY'S

Subway is available to order on Friday's via Subway
Express where you can choose School Lunches and go
to **Matamata Primary** and then select your items.
These are delivered on a Friday to school and placed
into your child's classroom box for lunchtime. Make
sure you put the correct name and classroom on your
order. *These can be ordered during the week for Friday
delivery.*

PTA PIZZA/JUICIE DAY'S - EVERY 2ND THURSDAY

19 August, 2 September, 16 September and
30 September. Orders to be placed in the classroom at
the start of the day. \$2.00 each item.

Don't forget to turn on
notifications on your phone to
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**Matamata Primary School BOT ,
ASB: 12-3438-0004616-00**

**Make sure you clearly add reference details
and name so your payment can be
identified.**