



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 23 September 2021

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From The Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Covid - Delta: We have had a few challenging weeks under Covid Level 2, 3 and 4 conditions, but on the bright side, our MPS kids have been brilliant! They have followed all safety procedures and are

constantly demonstrating our school values. We have been very proud of our kids. This time round we have had less than adequate correspondence from the Ministry of Education and much of what we have been given to follow has come too late, so we do apologise if at times, we needed to rush to get devices/hard packs etc out to families. We are doing the best we can and in this current climate we need to be prepared and ready to move through the levels at any stage.

The staff would like to thank all of our parents and community for the kind wishes and for respecting our requests not to go into classrooms and to wear masks on site. We are doing everything we can to protect our kids and staff. If you do have any constructive criticism or aspects of our health and safety plan that we could improve, please flick me an email so your suggestions can be considered.

Please remember that during Level 2 you are still required to send your children with drink bottles each day as we do not currently have our drink fountains open.

School Cross Country: Thank you to Mrs Bateman for safely organising our School Cross Country under Level 2 conditions. We would also like to acknowledge our MPS parents for following our policies and procedures. We do understand it was challenging Not being able to come onsite to cheer on your children.

Welcome to Mrs Kate Muckle - We would like to officially welcome Mrs Muckle (Kate) to our Junior teaching team. Mrs Muckle will be teaching in Room 12 and started on Monday 23 August (during Lockdown). We are lucky to have such an organised, passionate Teacher joining our team at this time of the year.

School Assemblies: All full school and Syndicate assemblies are cancelled until Term 4 or return of Level 1 conditions.

"To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care". Mandy Hale.

Ngaa Mihi,
Glenn MacPherson, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 30 September

Gymnastics Display

Friday 1 October

Last day Term 3

Monday 18 October

First day Term 4

Wednesday 20 October

MPS Agricultural Day

Monday 25 October

Labour Day - Public Holiday

Tuesday 9 November

School Athletics Day

Thursday 11 November

Athletics Finals

Thursday 18 November

Gala Day (providing Level 1)

TERM DATES 2021/2022

Term 3 2021

Monday 26/7 - Friday 1/10

Term 4 2021

Mon 18/10 - Wed 15/12

Term 1 2022

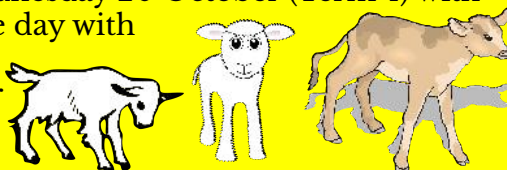
Thursday 3/2 - Thurs 14/4

AGRICULTURAL DAY - WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER

Our Agricultural Day will be held on Wednesday 20 October (Term 4) with Matamata Intermediate joining us on the day with their own rings. Animal saving dates;

Lamb/Kid Goat: - 1 July-20 September

Calves: 1 June-20 September





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This week in Review

Miya and Hazel's Olympic project

Miya Henderson and Hazel Lang built this awesome olympic sports stadium. This is another creation developed in the Maker Space room.

Inspired by the recent Olympic games, Hazel and Miya thought it would be an excellent project to collaborate on. The sports included are;

- Track events
- Seven's
- Canoeing
- Weight lifting
- Soccer
- The medal ceremony medal podium

They even included a new sport that they would like to have at the next Olympics, netball! *What a fantastic project!*



A Visit from Author, Pauline McLeod

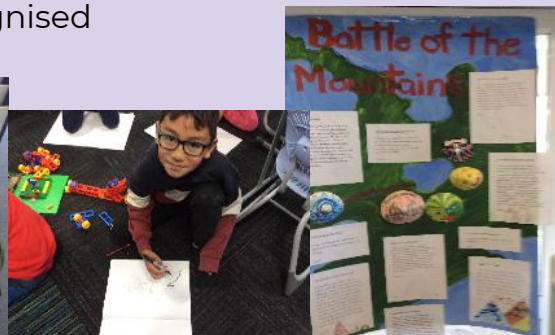
We were very fortunate to have Pauline McLeod visit each class talking about and sharing her book 'Sir Port'. 'Sir Port' is about growing strength around mental health. The book has been sponsored through the Rural Support Trust' and has an emphasis on supporting our rural communities, however the message can be applied to anyone. There was discussion around how we react when faced with problems, how we control our emotions. Looking at being positive when faced with adversity became a strong message. *What gives us a jolt of joy? What makes you happy?* A suggestion for the students was to create a 'Joy Jar' where they can put

all the things that bring them happiness and joy. Their own personal jar to go to that will pick themselves up.



ROOM 19 TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Room 19 did the 'Battle of the Mountains' - Peter Gossage for Te wiki o Te Reo Māori and made their favourite maunga. They also re-wrote the story in their own words. All of the school students had the opportunity to work on activities that recognised and promoted Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.





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MPS CROSS COUNTRY DAY

We were very lucky on Monday to have perfect weather for our annual Cross Country competition. Our five year olds right through to our 11 year olds participated in the run which is quite demanding with the older children running approximately 2 kilometres.

Results as below;

5 Year Old Girls: 1st Olivia Passey, 2nd Rylei-Ann Rhind, 3rd Isabella Morley

5 Year Old Boys: 1st Corbyn Armstrong, 2nd Carter Hemi, 3rd Perry Foy

6 Year Old Girls: 1st Annabel Puklowski, 2nd Aoife Franklin, 3rd Alannah Franklin

6 Year Old Boys: 1st Mac Moore, 2nd Toby Rae, 3rd Max Davison

7 Year Old Girls: 1st Payton Ensor, 2nd Andee Telfar, 3rd Tamsyn Laurent

7 Year Old Boys: 1st Blake Amodeo, 2nd Luke Hills, 3rd Flynn Atkinson-Farley

8 Year Old Girls: 1st Maeve Franklin, 2nd Tahlia Goldsmith, 3rd Lara Wellington

8 Year Old Boys: 1st Sky Gouk, 2nd Blake Puklowski, 3rd Jackson Botting

9 Year Old Girls: 1st Frankie-Jean McGrath, 2nd Mila Moore, 3rd Nika Nekhaieva

9 Year Old Boys: 1st TK Shailer, 2nd Angus Grice, 3rd Fletcher Rae

10 Year Old Girls: 1st Hazel Lang, 2nd Faith Hills, 3rd Summer Olding

10 Year Old Boys: 1st Max Bennett, 2nd Blair Thomas, 3rd Lucas Wuest

11 Year Old Girls: 1st Scarlett Smellie, 2nd Paige Perston, 3rd Charlotte Smith

11 Year Old Boys: 1st Hunter Rae, 2nd Ashton Knowlton, 3rd Cooper Bayliss

Well done to all of the children who placed in the top three. What a great achievement!

A special thanks to Mrs Bateman for coordinating the event as well as the Sports School Leaders for setting up the course.



GYMNASTICS FOR THE JUNIORS

The Junior students have enjoyed developing their balance, rotation, flight and landing skills using the Gymnastics equipment during their PE sessions.

Participation in Gymnastics from a young age is important as it targets all muscle groups for total body strength and flexibility.



Zaylan's Robot Dog - Zaylan made a Robot Dog in the Maker Space room. He used a cardboard box from the book fair, some bits from a circuit board, popsicle sticks as legs and some goggle eyes. Zaylan painted a mouth and tongue and an orange collar. His robot dog flies around helping the police look for bad guys. It took Zaylan three days to make the dog. He is super happy with his Robot Dog!





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Important Information/Reminders

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH UPDATE

We have been advised from Masterpiece Photography that there was a delay in getting the photos back to school due to the Printers being based in Auckland but the good news is that these should now be delivered by next Wednesday so you should receive these before the end of this Term.

SPARE CLOTHING NEEDED

We have a cupboard of spare clothing for children who require this during the day but have a shortage of spares for our Juniors. If anyone has spare clothes in a clean and tidy order they wish to donate to the school these would be very much appreciated. Clothing can be dropped to the school office.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES TO SCHOOL

A reminder to parents that children must not be arriving to school too early in the morning. The children should not be arriving to school until 8.15am. If the children arrive before this we cannot guarantee there will be supervision for them and this is for their own safety., At the other end of the day we would appreciate children being picked up from school by 3pm as once again we are having children still at school at 3.20pm when once again they are not supervised. During Level 2 conditions we are discouraging parents from coming into the school grounds but if you do need to come in please ensure you sign in and sanitise.

SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- Hoodies - \$60.00
- Trackpants - \$50.00
- Polo Shirts - \$35.00
- House Shirts - \$32.00
- Black Shorts - \$35.00
- League Shorts - \$40.00
- Wide Brim Hat - \$20.00



**Please note that wide brim hats must be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. These do not have to be school branded hats but as long as they are wide brim offering good sun protection.*

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.

- Hot cup Noodles - Beef/Chicken \$2.50
- Sausage Rolls - \$2.00
- Macaroni Cheese - \$4.00
- Popcorn (Sweet n Salty) - \$1.00
- Cool Sip - Berry - \$1.50

- Ham & Cheese Toastie - \$3.00
- Mince Pies (170g) - \$2.50
- Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$1.30
- Calci Yum (Small) Chocolate - \$1.50

(No large notes please. Correct change if possible)

PTA PIZZA/JUICIE DAY - THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER Orders to be placed in the classroom at the start of the day. \$2.00 each item. We will advise dates for next term but normally every second Thursday.

SUBWAY FRIDAY'S - 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. Please ensure the correct classroom is put on your order. These can be ordered during the week for Friday delivery.





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Reminders, Events and Important Information

THE GYMNASTICS ACADEMY – TERM 4

Held in the Matamata Primary Hall
Monday 18 October – Monday 13 December

7.45 – 8.45am

\$125.00 a Term (with graded Certificate)

Book online at;

www.thegymnasticsacademy.com or Phone
Marie on 0211705426.

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School Policies & Procedures

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

<http://matamataprimery.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username: matamataprimery

Password: 3440

*Up for review: **Behaviour Management and
Concerns and Complaints..** Please click on link;*

[https://matamataprimery.schooldocs.co.nz/
17525.htm](https://matamataprimery.schooldocs.co.nz/17525.htm)

PTA INFORMATION

Calendar Art forms have been sent out this
week for all families. Orders must be received
back to school by Thursday 30 September.

Art Work can be viewed on See Saw.

Calendars – \$13.00, Cards \$13.00, Diaries \$15.00,
Mouse Mats \$14.00, Sketch Pads \$12.00

Please note that payment must be cash only,
no Eftpos.

Pizza/Juicie Lunch Day – Thursday 30
September (next week). Order in your child's
classroom on the day – cash only.

Gala Day has been set for 18 November
(depending on Alert Covid Levels). More
information will come out closer to the time
next Term.

SPRINGBOARD DATES - TERM 4 2021

Monday 1 November - Monday 22 November
(Last session Parents only)

TERM 1 2022

Monday 21 February - Monday 14 March
(Last session Parents only)

Registration Forms available from the office.

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.**



LISTINGS FOR LEARNING

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in a fundraising opportunity. If you, family or friends choose to
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mention our school they will donate \$750.00 on the
successful sale of your property. Contact Stuart Brizzle
021 220 4090 or Joanne Morgan on 027 4756609