



Expanding Horizons

NEWSLETTER

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*“Inspiring creativity, self-esteem and a love of learning
within a caring family community”*

Max's Message

Nga mihi ki a koe I te Wiki o te Reo Maori

Welcome back everyone. Term 3.....”let the rumpus begin....” Yes, Matahui School will once again be presenting a school-wide production and there may be instances where we draw upon the incredible expertise we have in our parent community to assist as appropriate. Whilst it may seem that we spend considerable time on creating this theatrical adventure it is not undertaken in isolation – it connects to our curriculum and provides the students with a range of learning experiences.

Through the efforts of our Parent Committee we now have heat pumps in the classrooms. The learning spaces for the students and staff have really been enhanced and for that we thank the team for all the effort taken to make this project happen.

Regarding the Committee – they really need more members to help continue with the positive work they undertake for our school community. If we have a bigger group we get more ideas flowing and tasks can be shared. There are no interviews required, the dress code is casual and social banter is encouraged. Talk to Sharon Parker or any of the team if you are keen to join or are able to help out in any way.

During a recent meeting with a parent I was reminded how important and significant the partnership is that we establish with you, the parents and caregivers. At the end of last term we had fewer parents request time with the teachers to discuss reports which can be seen as a very positive response on a number of levels. We do however believe that conferencing with the teachers is an effective way to share perspectives on learning which is why we also instituted the Monday afternoon time for parents to meet with the staff. We do want to keep communication lines open and value meeting with you.

In the near future we will be hosting an after school presentation on Digital Citizenship in Week 4 and would like to see as many of you attend as possible.

Related to things digital here is a youtube link that you might find interesting.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JiTz2i4VHFw&feature=youtu.be>

Ka kite ano
Max

TERM 3 2014 Dates for your Diary

FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

Board of Trustees Meeting
Parent Committee Meeting
ICAS English
ICAS Math
DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP – Parent Presentation
Board Meeting
Years 5 and 6 Cluster Speeches at Matahui
Year 7 Boostrix Vaccinations
Poetry day
North Cluster 7s Day (Years 5 and 6)
Tall Poppies Speeches, Omokoroa #1 School
Tall Poppies Problem Solving, Tauriko School
School FUNDRAISING Ball
NZ AIMS Games Week
BOT Meeting
WBOP Speeches, Omokoroa #1 School
Matinee Production
Production pm
Production pm
Costume Day
Ski Trip

MONDAY 21ST JULY

Monday 21st July @ 5.30pm
Monday 28th July @ 7 pm
Tuesday 29th July
Tuesday 12th August
Tuesday 12 August @ 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm
Monday 18th August
Tuesday 19th August
Friday 22 August
Friday 22 August
Monday 25th August
Tuesday 26th August
Thursday 28th August
Saturday 6th September
Sunday 7th to Friday 12th September
Monday 15th September
Wednesday 17th September
Tuesday 23rd September
Wednesday 24th September
Thursday 25th September
Friday 26th September
Sunday 28th September

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES: No assemblies this term as we are focusing on the school-wide production.

NB: Every Thursday: **VALUES/COMMUNITY SINGING SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** 12.00 – 12.30
Parents/Caregivers welcome

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1 : Tuesday 27 January - Thursday 2 April
Term 2 : Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July
Term 3 : Monday 20 July - Friday 18 September
Term 4 : Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December

PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next parent committee meeting is next Monday 28 July, 7pm in the staff room. All welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BELLA ROBERTSON
FOR RECEIVING OUR VALUES AWARD
FOR HELPFULNESS**

OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS WEEK IS HONESTY.
(Affirmation: I am truthful, fair, and trustworthy.)

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Max and his parents, Angela and Noel. Max joined Room 2's class this week. We hope he will enjoy his time with us.



CLASS CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Congratulations to our certificate recipients from the last week of Term 2:

Back row from left: Abby, Rose and Daniel

Front row from left: Fern, Asha, Bella, Macy, Harrison and Alex



BASKETBALL:

Please ensure all players bring along suitable footwear on practice days.



BASKETBALL DRAW UPDATE:

Monday 28th July - Years 7 and 8 Boys D –Bye this week

Friday 25th July – Years 5 and 6 Mixed D – STM Phoenix v Matahui Sharks at 7.20 pm on Court 5

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 of the book club catalogues have been distributed to all pupils. If you would like to purchase any books please return your order and payment by Wednesday 30th July 2014 so that we can process the orders. Thank you.

COLGATE CARTON RACE

Only two more weeks to collect the cartons. Keep them coming in!!!

SALE UNIFORM ANNOUNCEMENT

Fleece	\$40
T Shirts	\$20
Polo Shirts	\$25
Sweat Shirts	\$30
Vests	\$10

Limited stock available.

KINDLING FUNDRAISER

Our Parent Committee are selling bags of kindling wood here at school. They are \$10 per bag and can be purchased direct from the school office.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR OUR SPECTACULAR BIENNIAL MATAHUI BALL!

Please support this major school fundraiser which is always a lot of fun. Come alone, as a couple, or as a group. Be kind to the organizing group by getting into gear and buying your tickets now!

This year we are serving finger food rather than a sit down dinner and we are hoping that the lower ticket price encourages you to invite friends and family from outside the Matahui community. The more the merrier! - plus the more bidders in the hall the more we're likely to raise on the auctions.

Our French Skool-en Rouge theme is a celebration of French culture, our Matahui School student exchange programme with Tahiti and has a cheeky Moulin Rouge twist. The dress up opportunities are endless! Tickets on sale from the school office. \$45 per ticket.



FEATURING THE TIM ARMSTRONG BAND

SKOOLEN ROUGE

TRUTH BEAUTY FREEDOM LOVE

6TH SEPTEMBER

at

Katikati Memorial Hall

from 6pm

Perhaps you are an artiste like Monet or Gauguin, a Tahitian princess, an escargot, a Renaissance madame, a Tahitian turtle, dance la CanCan, shimmy in Burlesque (ooh la la), escort your seductive French Prime Minister, be a Pink Panther or a French detective, grab a baguette or chew on a grenouille, be a gun toting Revolutionary (Vive la France!), an Intellectual with your sexy smoking jacket, did I say 'Ello ' Ello?, or just a complete mystery. Comme Las Francis....

P CLASS BOAT

We are ready to gift our small boat to any family that would use it. A small donation to school would be appreciated.

Ring Ali or Dave on 552 4003 if interested

COMMUNITY NOTICES

XYLOPHONE WORKSHOP

Would any parent be interested in having your child attend the workshop detailed below?

DIY BUILD AND PLAY A 1½ OCTAVE XYLOPHONE = \$35

Make small wooden xylophones for their homes or local school music programmes.

Possible date: evening Thursday 24th July, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

One possible Saturday afternoon option Minimum 8 – (1 – 4 pm)

Please contact the school office in the first instance.