



Expanding Horizons

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

Max's Message

Schools are organic. They are living, natural, spontaneous communities that evolve and transform over time. Take a moment to reflect on the people who have passed through this school – the students who happily came to school and who wanted to be part of this community – the teachers who developed programmes to enrich the lives of the students they taught – the parents who subscribed to the philosophy and mission of the school and opted to send their children here to Matahui School.

The last member of a family who has been such a positive, dedicated, committed and supportive household is moving on. Julie Hayes has found balancing her role at the school with the demands of the family business such that she has tendered her resignation as from the end of this academic year.

Julie's contribution as a key office administrator cannot be measured. Irrespective of the tasks she has been assigned, which she undertakes with the highest degree of skill and professionalism, she always finds time for people. Julie is one of the “Incredibles” when it comes to task shifting. She moves seamlessly from answering the phone, greeting a parent, managing the school accounts, tending a sick child, dealing with a myriad of emails, supporting the staff, the Parent Committee or the Board of Trustees, undertaking bus duty and answering one of about 20 questions I have asked about an aspect of the school.

Julie has had a unique relationship with this school. As a parent she and David have seen three sons transition through Matahui and no matter what aspect of school life you care to refer to, she has nothing but positive things to say about the experience her sons were given. She was for a time an active member of the Parent Committee – and even now does what she can to assist. As an office administrator she has brought great inter and intrapersonal proficiency to a demanding role. Her institutional knowledge and commitment to the school have been immense and I have been fortunate to be able to work alongside her.

Whilst she is leaving, she will be back from time to time to fill in as appropriate. She feels very connected to the school and will always be an integral part of this community. If I were to talk about Julie's legacy to this school it would be to say that her level of positivity, optimism, resilience and commitment to the school make her a role model for us all.

Let me leave the last words to two Year 8 students who came up with the following three words to describe Julie She is..... LOVING.....CARING and.....PRETTY.

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Max

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

UNIFORM - GENERAL

We rely on parents/caregivers to ensure that the children are wearing the appropriate uniform to school. We appreciate your support in this regard.

TERM 4 FEES

Invoices for Term 4 tuition fees were due for payment 20th October. Interest will be charged on all outstanding fees at November 30th.

Please speak with Julie if you have an account query.

PRODUCTION – DVDS FOR SALE

The school office will be taking orders and payments for DVDs of the school production. This year Philip Magnussen has undertaken the filming.

DVD's are \$15.00 each and are available to purchase now.

TERM 4 - 2014

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES:

Week 5 Friday 21 Nov: Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 hosting – START TIME 2.15 PM

Week 7 Friday 5 Dec: Years 5 & 6 hosting (LEADERSHIP)

Week 9 Friday 19 Dec: FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Years 7 & 8 hosting

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

TERM 4 - 2014 Dates for your Diary

Three days between 11 -14 November

Monday 17 November

Tuesday 18 November

Wednesday 19 November

Thursday 20 November

Monday 24 November

Wednesday 26 November

Monday 1 December

Friday 5 December

Monday 8 December – Friday 12 December

Wednesday 10 December

Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 December

Friday 19 December

Senior Hike

BOT meeting

Room 3 Camp Meeting @3.15pm

Tall Poppies Athletics, Tauranga Domain
(postponement date – 21 November)

5.30 – 7.30 Ross Barker workshop

Year 5-8 Athletics @ Western Ave

Junior Athletics Year 1,2 &3

(back up days Wed 26th & Fri 28th)

WBOP Athletics, Tauranga Domain

Parent/Teacher Conferences (End of
Year benchmark)

Tall Poppies Social Dance, Te Puna
School

Goat Island Camp – Years 5 – Year 8

BOP Athletics, Tauranga Domain

Student-Led Conferences

Final Assembly

Last day of School

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELLA GORDON SCAPENS FOR RECEIVING OUR VALUES AWARD FOR OPTIMISM

OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS WEEK IS PATIENCE.

(Affirmation: I am able to stay calm when there is a need to wait, or in difficult situations.)

SPORT UNIFORM NOTICE

We would be grateful if parents could return any basketball sports uniforms they have in their possession to the school as soon as possible please – many thanks.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 8 of the book club catalogues have been issued to all pupils. If you would like to purchase any books please return your order and payment by Friday 21st November 2014 so that we can process the orders. Thank you.

CLASS CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Congratulations to our certificate recipients from last week:

Back row from left: Jay, Alex, Ella, Heidi and Matilda

Front row from left: Emma-Poppy, Gianni and Bridget



Only a few days left to buy your tickets for our Christmas Heirloom Company's festive demonstration evening!

It's never too early to celebrate Christmas, and what better way to get into the Christmas spirit than to learn how to make a gorgeous Christmas wreath or garland, and the secret way to put lights on your tree.

Enjoy all of this with a complementary glass of wine and Christmas cake, and an opportunity to refresh your Christmas decorations with a spot of in-store shopping!

Speak to Lynda Uttinger or Ange Lund for further information.

Tickets available from the school office

Wednesday 19th November, 7:00pm

\$10.00pp



OLD STOCK /CUT PRICE UNIFORM SALE

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

Limited stock available at school office

SCHOOL RAFFLE



*Raffle will be drawn next Wed 19th Nov
Please return all tickets and money back
to the office no later than Tues 18th Nov.*

\$200+ value of goodies, garden tools, toys & more
(you can view in the staff room)

Tickets \$2 each - available at the office

Raising funds for entry to the Katikati Santa Parade

Katikati Lions Float Parade 6 December 2014 | 3pm

Matahui School is once again entering a float in the Katikati Lions float parade which is being held on Saturday 6th December at 3pm. This year's theme is "A Kiwi Christmas".

The Uttinger & McCormick families are well underway with the planning and construction of the school's float, aptly called "The Kaimai Express" (a take-off of the popular Christmas movie, "A Polar Express" but with a kiwi twist).

This year, a ute and trailer are being used rather than the coolstore truck that was used last year. Unfortunately however, this means that the number of children who are able to be on the float will be reduced.

The fairest method of choosing who goes onto the float, is to seek expressions of interest from those children who would like to participate in this year's float parade, then drawing those names out of a hat.

12 passengers are required for "The Kaimai Express". Each passenger will be required to wear a simple costume consisting of shorts, singlet (or tee shirt), elf hat with zinc on their noses. Clothing worn must be of a red and green colour (eg: red singlet, green shorts or vice versa). Elf hats will be supplied. Children will meet at the float on Earl Drive in their costume by 2.30pm.

So if your child is willing to participate, please complete the permission slip below and return to the school office by **Thursday 20th November**. Names will be drawn out of the hat on Friday 21 November.

I / We give permission for *(name of child/children)* _____
to participate in the float parade on Saturday 6th December.

Signature of parent/caregiver

Name of parent/caregiver

Date: _____

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES:
Monday 1st December 2014

Prior to the Student – led Conferences that we are hosting on the 16th and 17th of December we invite all parents/guardians to attend a parent/teacher/guardian conference in **WEEK 7 on Monday 1 December 2014** from 3.00 until 6.00.

(Please note: Alison Chissell will begin her conferences at an earlier time of 2.00pm). Both Elaine Garrett & Chrissy Deschamps will also be available on Monday afternoon for interviews.

This year we have consistently communicated to parents that each Monday is a potential conference time, and as a consequence some families have taken this opportunity to meet with the teachers to discuss aspects of academic progress.

In line with this approach, we will be scheduling 10 minute conferences with parents/guardians during which the teachers will share with you academic data that will give you a clear indication of how your child has progressed this year.

Please complete & return the form below advising your preferred time.

We respectfully ask that you keep strictly to the times allocated for each meeting.

Should the date we have set be problematic for any family, please communicate with your child's teacher to convene another mutually suitable time.

Please return form to the school office before Wednesday 26th November.

A confirmation slip will be sent out to you once your appointment is confirmed.

PARENT / STUDENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES – MON Dec 1st

Name: _____

I would like a time to meet with my child/ren's teacher.

Teacher/s: _____

Mon 1 December

Preferred time (from 3.00pm-5.50pm):

Signed: _____ Date: _____

SMALL SCHOOLS JUNIOR ATHLETICS, YEAR 1-3

MONDAY 24th November OMOKOROA NO. 1 SCHOOL, PLUMMERS PT

Your children in Years 1 -3 will be taking part in the annual Junior Athletics Day on **Monday 24th November. Please make your own transport arrangements to and from the venue, to be there no later than 9.00am.** In the event of bad weather, please listen to CLASSIC HITS 95 BOP FM for a postponement notice. The back-up days are Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th November. We hope many of you are able to come and watch your children participate. Parking will be signposted.

Your children will need:

- *Navy polo shirt, navy shorts (footwear optional)
- *Sunhat and sunblock
- *Morning tea and lunch
- *Large drink bottle (labeled with your child's name and school please)

Drinks and sausages in bread are available for sale @ \$2 each and will be on sale throughout the morning. There will also be a COFFEE cart selling coffee and food for adults during the morning.

A workshop with Ross Barker

- "Supporting Atypical Children in a Neurotypical World"

When: Thursday 20th November
Time: 5.30 – 7.30 pm
At: Matahui School: This workshop is free of charge to the Matahui parent community.

Please note: this initial workshop is to gauge interest and if required, Ross will work with us for 3 further evenings, also free of charge.

This is a workshop designed to help you support your child in a challenging world. With the knowledge you will gain, there will be an opportunity to carry out a confidential case study on your own child. This will result in personalised practical advice relevant to your own situation.

Ross Barker: Background

Ross has previously worked in mainstream mental health services (CAMHS). In the last 10 years he has moved into private practice to target his clinical practice to the relatively small group of children who are just wired differently to most. These are the atypical children most at risk of being misunderstood.

Over the last 10 years he has provided professional development and case consultation to schools around New Zealand regarding the inclusion of neurodiversity, but is now targeting his work directly to families. The goal of his work is to empower parents with good quality clinical information (crafted to each individual child and situation), so that parents can become their own case managers for their own child.

By formal training Ross is a Child and Family Therapist, but is the first to admit that the mainstream training offers very little for these children. He has had to 'learn on the job' to develop the thinking and strategies that can actually help these children (and their families).

If you plan to attend this workshop – please advise the school office – many thanks

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Boys and girls invited to be part of our end of the year presentation

THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY

To be presented at St Peter's Anglican Church

We need children for these parts

Story Teller

Inn Keeper

Inn Keeper's wife

Shepherd and Shepherdess

Three wise men

Angel

Mary and Joseph

Little animals

This will be a repeat performance of the show we did last Christmas

For more details contact gaye@christinaproductions or ph. 5771753

PGG WRIGHTSONS CASH FOR COMMUNITIES

When you purchase qualifying Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser, you can nominate Matahui School at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz and then start earning \$\$\$ for school. It's that easy!

FOR SALE:

CRF Honda 70, 2004 motorbike for sale.

Mint condition - \$1800

Suzuki DS 80, 2 stroke kids bike.

Has been well used, still works well - \$500

Go-cart, CT 90 Honda motor.

Works well, Needs TLC - \$300

Ring Glenn and Wendy Silson:

549 1777

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