



MATAHUI SCHOOL

SMALL CLASSES - BIG FUTURES

NEWSLETTER

Term 1: Week 2: 6 February - 10 February 2017



Welcome to the newest members of our Matahui School Family – Loui, Louis, Isabel and Lily.



MAX'S MESSAGE

“CHANGE”

Yes, 2017 has begun. Welcome back everybody. A special welcome to the Matahui School community to all our new students and their families who have joined us over the holidays.

Thank you to all the families who came in to undertake a working bee prior to the start of school. Maintaining our gardens requires considerable effort and your labours are greatly appreciated. Particular thanks to Dave for the time he spent, in the heat, water blasting various parts of the school – especially our climbing wall.

Many thought that Donald Trump had little or no chance of becoming the President of the United States but he is there. It is clear that he hopes to bring about significant change and has already begun to send a few ripples across the globe. On our political front John Key's resignation as Prime Minister may also have taken us by surprise, but as far as he was concerned the change in leadership was timely.

In life we constantly face change and children by and large adapt with relative ease. As adults we could take a leaf out of their book. Greeting all the students on the first day it was noticeable how many had physically grown – adolescence looms. They have adjusted to changing Year levels and in some instances, teachers, yet embraced these changes in a positive fashion. They are excited about the prospects this year brings.

So are we.

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Max

Please check our website for classroom's latest blogs!



NUTS & BOLTS

TERM 1 2017: Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 31 January – Start of Term 1

Friday 3 February – 2.30 pm School Assembly

Monday 6 February – Waitangi Day – no school

Wednesday 8 – Friday 10 February - Room 6 – Bowentown Camp

Friday 10 February – 2.30 pm School Assembly

Monday 13 February – HPV Education Session Year 8s

Wednesday 15 – Friday 17 February – Years 4/5/6 Camp – Aongatete Lodge

Friday 17 February – 2.30 pm School Assembly

Monday 20 February – 11 am Vision and Hearing Testing

Thursday 23 February – Room 1 - Art Gallery/Library

Friday 24 February – Room 5/6 - Art Gallery/Library

Friday 24 February – Pohutukawa Assembly (Years 4 – 6)

Wednesday 1 March – Boat Day

Friday 3 March – Room 6 Waimarino

Friday 3 March – Kowhai Assembly (Years 1 – 3)

Friday 10 March – Kauri Assembly (Years 7 – 8)

Tuesday 14 March – Small Schools Swimming

Tuesday 14 March – Friday 17 March – Room 6 Tarawera Camp

Friday 17 March – 2.30 pm School Assembly

Monday 20 March – 3 Way Conferences

Tuesday 21 March – North Cluster Swimming (TBC)

Wednesday 23 March – 3 Way Conferences

Friday 24 March - Pohutukawa Assembly (Years 4 – 6)

Monday 27 March – Thursday 6 April– Tahiti Visitors here

Monday 27 March – HPV First Dose – Year 8s

Friday 31 March– Kowhai Assembly (Years 1 – 3)

Friday 7 April – Catch up Year 8s absent from 1st Dose HPV

Friday 7 April – Kauri Assembly (Years 7 – 8)

Friday 7 April – Last day of Term 1

In holidays – WBOP Swimming – 12 April 2017

Citizenship Award

Week 1, Term 1, 2017 - Grace Rayner was awarded the Certificate of Citizenship for Respect. Well done Grace!

FREE BOOKS

Here is an opportunity to get some free books for the school. For every two New World receipts with two Kellogs products purchased, we can get a free book - max 20 books for school.

SWIMMING

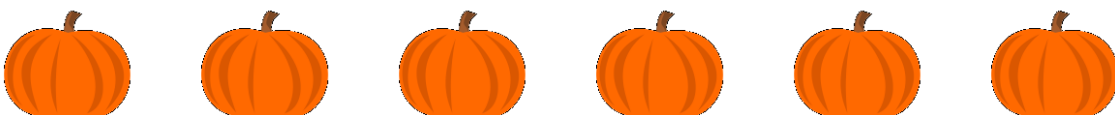
Please note swimming has started! Lessons will be every Monday and Wednesday in Term 1, up to and including Wednesday 15 March 2017



GIANT PUMPKIN GROWING COMPETITION

Those families who took the pumpkin seedlings last term, we hope they are growing at the rate of knots!

We have been asked by the competition organisers to register our pumpkins by Friday 10th February. Can you please advise the school office of number please. Many thanks.





Guitar at Matahui School - Michael Homersham is now taking new tuition enrolments for Guitar, Bass and Ukulele during school hours at Matahui. Contact Michael 027 756 6166 or mkhomersham@hotmail.com for more details.

WHEELBARROW REQUIRED

Our school wheelbarrow has had to retire from the education sector due to a bad back and a total wheel blow out! If anybody has a wheelbarrow surplus to requirements we would love to adopt it – please let the office know.



Scholastic Book Club

Please return your book order by Wednesday 22 February 2017, or place your order through the LOOP system. Please remember if you have any vouchers, you must use them in this order. Many thanks.



**MATAHUI SCHOOL
NOTICEBOARD**

More detailed information can be viewed on the school noticeboard

- The circus is coming to town! Please see notice board for further details. From February 3rd to Sunday 5 March – various dates and locations. Two free tickets available – if you are interested please let Gail know and she will put your name in a pot to be drawn out!



NZ UNIFORMS IS ON THE MOVE

NZ Uniforms has outgrown its current location and from Friday 2nd December we will be trading from our new premises at:

94 Elizabeth Street (the old Dick Smith Store)
Tauranga

Our new store is **BIGGER, BRIGHTER, BETTER**

Bigger – Our new store is 5 times bigger than our current store

Brighter – It is fresh, spacious and is our largest store

Better – it will be warm in winter and cool in summer, have more changing rooms, modern merchandising and will provide a better overall shopping experience for our customers

Car Parking – We have 10 free carparks outside our store making it more convenient for parents and caregivers.

Everything else will remain the same, same phone number, same staff, same great customer service.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new store.

MATAHUI SCHOOL AT THE A & P SHOW

On Sunday 5 February 2017 Matahui School will be hosting a stall at the A and P Show. We are intending to increase the profile of the school by being present and will hand out flyers focusing on the qualities of the school.

Gates open at 9.00 and we are seeking volunteers who could help staff the stall for 30 minutes at some point during the day. If you are available to help we would be grateful.

As they say.....

Many  make  thanks

017 Matahui School Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday 31st January	to	Friday 7 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Monday 01 May	to	Friday 7 July	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 24 July	to	Friday 22 September	9 weeks
Term 4	Monday 16 October	to	Friday 15 December	9 weeks