

10th December 2009

NEWSLETTER NO: 38

This is our final newsletter of the year. Please note the following details;

- **Tomorrow Friday FUN DAY** (bring hat, change of clothes and water guns)
- **Monday 14th Dec 11:30 am** Prize Giving – Hall
6:30 pm Year 6 Graduation
- **Tuesday 15th Dec School closes at 2:00 pm**
- **Tuesday 2nd February – School starts for 2010**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week & next to: Oliver Gracewood, Israel Latu Shayne-Marie Taia, Jodie Platts, James Paterson, Azriel Lipsham-Symond, Benjamin Gabriel, Nikau Henare, Keelan Landrey-Howe, Alison Pang, Jack Austin, Joshua Nayler, Te Maringi Marsh, Lee Roy Collins, Samuel Bolton, Maxwell Knapping, Jordan Matthewman, Jaida Williams.

AND A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALSO TO THOSE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS OVER THE HOLIDAYS – Justis Whiu, Tristan Earl, Natasha McGuff, Skyla Smith, Jacey Cleverly, Zain Hewson-Pette, Michale Dennerly, Joshua Burnie, Kobe Kopua, Tadhg Coulthard-Miller, Blake Garrett, Dylan Hall, Xjana Luamanuvae, Macy Lynch-Blosse, Travis Blynch-Blosse, Hannah Priest, Courtney Dawson, Kaylee Smith, Preston Vandy, Alice Pattillo, Eri Reddington, Liam Gilbert, Obadaiah Paea Liam Smith, Katya deSilva, Cecilia Lowe Shen, Tiara Abraham, Cheyenne Brooking, Cheval Te Tai, Ocean Thompson, Lucia Vandy, Rebecca Cronin, Liam Ocego, Cameron McIntosh, Breeanna Lam, Lloyd Morrison, Tevita Paea, Vanessa Gabriel, Ashleigh Foley, Simon Gaszikowski, Jack Lucas & Edie Voon-Clarke.

SCHOOL DONATIONS/STATIONERY 2010 – The School donation remains \$ \$60/child/\$90 per family (unchanged since 1991).

Stationery prices are;

New Entrant/Junior	(Yr 0 - Yr 2)	\$14
Middle School	(Yr 3 & 4)	\$16
Senior School	Yr 5 & 6)	\$16

REMINDER SHARED LUNCH TOMORROW FOR FUN DAY – something to share with your child’s class, thank you.

‘CARELINK’ TRUST our Christmas Tree is now up and non-perishable items of food – cans or packets are requested for food parcels for families who need them. Children to show their items to Jo to gather house points. There are still families in need in our community and I ask everybody to consider sending just one item.

CORRECTION - SCHOOL WEBSITE – apologies the correct website address is www.matipo.school.nz.

HOLIDAY EMERGENCY NUMBERS -

- First Security ph 0800 347787 or 573 4321
- Henderson Police ph 839 0600
- Bill Lynch (Caretaker) ph 021 124 2825
- Walter Payne (Chair – Board of Trustees) 021 130 1815

SCHOOL SURVEY – full survey results are on our website (www.matipo.school.nz). The short version is that when we combine good/average we get the following satisfaction rates;

School communication	99% positive
Appearance & facilities	100% positive
Meeting children’s needs	97% positive
Achievement standards	99% positive
Extra curricula activities	100% positive
Is my child happy	97% happy
Would you recommend this school to others	- 97% yes

The area of greatest comment was homework and this will be reviewed and reported back early next year.

ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS – Children from Year 3-6 special support programmes in Reading improved by 12 months-3 years. Children reading at or above chronological age:

Year 1 -	93%	Year 4 -	86%
Year 2 -	90%	Year 5 -	94%
Year 3 -	94%	Year 6 -	92%

The Spelling target for all class levels is that 80% of children would spell at or above their chronological age. The results are

Year 1 -	100%	Year 4 -	86%
Year 2 -	79%	Year 5 -	97%
Year 3 -	92%	Year 6 -	74%

ANY OUTSTANDING ‘TRAVELLING TED’ BOOKS – return tomorrow **KIP MCRATH EDUCATION CENTRE** - www.kipmcrath.co.nz

Individual tuition by qualified teachers; Mathematics, Spelling, Reading, Comprehension, Dyslexia screening. School Holiday Programme from 19-21 & 26-28 January. Call Shelly for a FREE ASSESSMENT on 836 9061.

DENTAL CLINIC – The closest dental clinic for children over the Christmas Holidays is Edmonton Primary School on Edmonton Road, Te Atatu South, phone 838 2402 for emergency dental appointments.

SKIDS MATIPO - BOOK NOW FOR HOLIDAY CARE

- *Spaces now available for full time & part time sessions
- *Art & Craft Activities
- *Homework support provided
- *Fun indoor & outdoor Activities & Games, Safe Environment, Structured Programme, *Affordable Fee - *WINZ SUBSIDY AVAILABLE
- Venue – Matipo Primary School, 63B Matipo Road, Te Atatu Peninsula
- Call Sapna 09 8185955/0275655251, email henderson@skids.co.nz

CHRISTMAS DRIVE THROUGH – a five minute free live presentation of the Christmas story – including animals. **Open 7:30-9:30pm, Wed 16th – Sat 19th December** @ Massey Presbyterian Church, 510 Don Buck Road (opposite Westgate).

SERVO CUSTOMERS – Please give your receipt back and ask them to credit it to Matipo Primary. For every \$20 spent at Servo, they will donate us \$1. Whether it’s a single coffee or a meal, ask them to credit your receipt to our School. Thank you & thank you Penny & the staff of Servo.

***** CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOL CARPARK – TONIGHT AT 7:00PM *****