

Week 6

Thursday 7th June 2018 Newsletter

Big Ups to Taonga Syndicate who have taken on this week's newsletter.



The Mana Team - Hunua Camp



Yesterday we waved our Year 3 and 4 students, parent helpers and Mana teachers goodbye as they set off to Camp Adair in the Hunua Ranges at 10:10 am. They arrived safely and very happy at 11:10 am.

We wish them the best, and look forward to the updates on the Matipo Primary Facebook page. Already at the time of writing there have been reports of a luggage mountain and a flying kiwi!

Wig Wednesday



A 'heads up! (see what we did there?) Next week we will be hosting our annual Wig Wednesday.

Wear a funky wig and bring along a gold coin donation that will be collected after the morning roll.

Kaitiakitanga through Design



Congratulations to Lola Yates from Room 12! She entered a Countdown/More FM competition where she had to design an image for the new countdown bag when they phase out single use plastic bags by the end of this year. The theme was about wildlife awareness and caring for our environment. Here is her wonderful design!

There were many entries in this competition, yet Lola's design was the winner! Her design will go on all the bags across New Zealand. Her prize is \$2000 to take her class on an environmental trip. Well done Lola! It's wonderful to see how you have drawn attention to environmental issues and kaitiakitanga through your amazing artistic skill.

Lost Property

We are currently experiencing a Lost Property mountain! Please take a moment to swing by and see if any of these items belong to your child. You can find the Lost Property outside the staff room and info commons. It's a great idea to label your children's clothing before they are sent to school. The unclaimed clothing will be sent to charity by end of next week (Week 7).

Taonga MOTAT Trip

The Taonga Syndicate had a great time at MOTAT last Thursday. The students enjoyed learning more about inventions and toys of the past. They also enjoyed exploring the other exhibits that MOTAT has to offer. We learnt that an invention is a new idea and an innovation is an improvement on an idea. Thank you to the parent helpers who took time out of their schedules to support our learners. Here is some student writing about their favourite part of the day:



Yesterday, Year One and Two went to MOTAT. We saw an olden day fire truck. It was cool and different too. We even looked at the dummy, it was scary. We had to line up to see the dummy. After that, we saw the olden day's school. Then we went back to school. - Eve Parsons – Room 2

Yesterday Room 2 went to MOTAT. The robots group looked at the jail and we saw the dummy. It was ugly and scary. It had yellow eyes. It had a candle on the table that made light so we could see it and then we moved on to the fire engines and we saw the hoses and the heavy machinery. - Joshua Teope – Room 2



I went to the MOTAT. I loved the bus and I liked the jail and the trip with my class. I had lots of fun. - Kelly Qi – Room 6

I went to MOTAT with my friends and I had lots of fun. Also, I like it when we went in the classroom. - Ava Foster – Room 6

Perceptual Motor Programme for the Taonga Team

Our Taonga syndicate (Years 0-2) is lucky enough to work closely with a voluntary physiotherapist (Merryn Robinson) in order to plan and run a weekly gross motor programme called the **Perceptual Motor Programme** (PMP). This programme has been running since the beginning of 2017. We continue to see a huge improvement in overall confidence, social skills, balance and coordination from our students. A massive thank you to Merryn for her time, energy, enthusiasm and expertise.

Also, thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have already helped to keep this programme alive and hugely successful. This year, we are asking parents from *all* year levels across the school to support this wonderful programme. If you think you are able to support us one Friday from 9.00 to 11.00 please email Kathryn on kathryn@staff.matipo.school.nz to let her know and she can put you on the timetable!



Te Atatu Marae Coalition Matariki event

The event involves an art exhibition showing some of Matipo's Matariki art, this will run from Tues 26th June - 22nd July. There will also be a community celebration on Sunday July 1st. Dawn blessing 6am, community breakfast 7 - 9am, open day 9.30 - 4pm. There will be arts &

crafts, food stalls, children's activities. Our Kapa haka group will perform at 10.30am and our Senior Polynesian at 11am. Please come along and support our groups and buy some yummy baking from our Kapa haka fundraising cake stall. Any baking donations welcome, email janna@staff.matipo.school.nz if you wish to contribute.

A Message from the Principal

Haere ra e Haere mai

At the end of Term 2 we will say **Haere Ra** to Marion Clark. Marion has been a faithful servant of the students and community at Matipo for eleven years. Now she has won a leadership position at Henderson. Congratulations Marion, but... we will miss you very much.

But we also say **Haere Mai** to Sarah Percy. Sarah is an experienced and effective teacher, and a very nice person. Sarah will take over as the permanent class teacher in Room 17. We will arrange for her to come in and meet the students and parents soon.

Unfortunately, Roselle Amoore is still unwell. In the meantime, Neil Thomas has been doing a great job teaching the class. The students really do need more stability, so I have arranged for Neil to remain as the class teacher for Room 19 until the end of this term at least. I promise I will let parents know more information when I am able to.

He pate te ua ki runga, he ngutu wāhine ki raro

Like all schools, we have a moderator for our school Facebook account, and we expect all contributions to be courteous, truthful and respectful. Sadly, we have had to bar one or two contributors recently.

Early Years and Play Based learning

Our information evening will now take place later in Term 3.

This is partly because we are so busy preparing for Student Led Conferences and writing reports to parents and partly because we would like more time to talk about this ourselves.

It was great that so many people were able to attend Nathan Mikaere Wallace's presentation recently. Yesterday evening I was very privileged to go along to hear Pasi Sahlberg talking about the Finnish and New Zealand Education systems. Fantastic. You might want to check him out at <https://pasisahlberg.com/>.

Maybe even read his piece on smartphones in school at <https://pasisahlberg.com/kids-smart-phones-and-what-to-do-with-them/> Pasi's research aligns closely with Nathan's thinking.

Yesterday Marion, Caroline and I spent the day at the NZEO curriculum conference and many of the presentations were about the importance of play, and especially about how the end of National Standards allows us to develop our practice in this area. You might be interested in the revised version of *Te Whāriki* - the early childhood curriculum. The New Zealand Curriculum builds on this important foundation, and is the framework for our practice in the first years of schooling.

Nga mihi nui

Paul

Happy Birthdays this week to: Reuben Lines, Lily Lane, Amelie Pilot-Roswell, Mabel Watson, Joshua Teope, Greta Igusa, Esther Fonua, Mikael Garner, Mae Annan, Orla Hill, Ava Marsters, Chardonne Villanueva

Congratulations to....

All the students who qualified for the Cross Country Zones finals at Taipari Strand on Tuesday 12th June, first race at 10:30. If we get more bad weather the save day will be Thursday 14th June.

Cross Country Finalists for Year 5 girls are;

Ava Marsters Rm16, Lola Yates Rm13, Lucia Dawson Rm19, Ashlee Shepherd Rm17, Sasha Hickman Rm13, ShantiPushpal Ramachandran Rm12, Rhea Doyle Rm19, Megan Richardson Rm13, Sarah Suifua Rm17, Kaelee Coyle Rm19 – Reserves - Sophie Leslie Rm13 & Alexia Stan Rm17.

Cross Country Finalists for Year 5 boys are;

Nathan Bundock Rm17, Matty Rockell Rm16, Daniel Yovich Rm16, Pierre Pua Rm19, Teo Pilot-Roswell Rm13, Cole Jackson Rm19, Andre Duggan Rm16, Elan Van Dollerweerd Rm19, Jordan Breen Rm16, Henry Ramsay Rm13 – Reserves - Oliver Smith Rm13 & Jakub McEntee Rm16.

Cross Country Finalists for Year 6 girls are;

Brooke Hari Rm14, Nixon Smith-Williams Rm17, Madden Smith-Williams Rm16, Imogen Wroe Rm15, Brooke Flavell Rm12, Mathilda Brem Rm17, Emma Ngau Rm16, Casey Robson Rm13, Eve Lambourn-Bennett Rm19, Grace olio Rm12. Reserves - Isobel Lamb Rm12 & Katija Luke Rm12.

Cross Country Finalists for Year 6 boys are;

Ashton Doyle Rm16, Kanye Te Tai Rm16, Jacob Petley Rm12, Dylan Chapman Rm17, Rio Taka Rm13, Rydar James Rm17, Ngakau O'Donnell Rm13, Isaac Igusa Rm12, Brody Flavell Rm19, Noah Smylie Rm13. Reserves – Tama Circuit Rm19 & Kael Brown Rm13.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to those parents that came in and spruced up our Parent's Room through the weekend, looks fabulous and refreshed.

IMPORTANT DATES

13 June - Wig Wednesday
18 - 22 June - Book Fair Week
22 June - MFAW Disco
21 June – CATS (Aroha Syndicate only)
28 June - Mid Year reports
30 June - MFAW Quiz Night
4/5 July - Student Led Conferences
6 July - Term 2 ends