

Matipo School Newsletter  
Term 4, Week 2  
Friday 26th October 2018



Dear parents and caregivers,

It is so nice that the sunshine is back with us and we can hold most of our assemblies outside, especially now we have a decent PA system!

This term different teachers are taking on the job of writing the newsletter. This time the newsletter has been written by Natalie and Paul. (Thanks Nat!)

We are excited to be working on some initial planning for the 2019 year. We will be extending our enrichment programmes, offering more cultural opportunities, a wider range of languages and we are hoping to entice some of our whanau to come along and offer other options, such as construction or photography.

We are also busy planning for the implementation of the Garden to Table programme school wide. You may have seen publicity about this programme in the media recently. Garden to Table is hands-on; children are actively involved in the kitchen and garden. They will learn to grow and care for plants and then harvest them. These harvested products will then be cooked by the students and a meal enjoyed together.

In order to run this programme we will need volunteers to help with the lessons. More information about this will be coming soon.

We are planning our graduation for our Year 6 students before they head off to Intermediate next year. We have set the date of this for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. We will have more information about this soon.

### **Whanau Hui**

Thanks to our whanau who came along to korero with us at our Hui about Maori Enrichment for 2019. We are developing some options for 2019 and will meet again on Monday 12th November to share these and consult further. We originally planned for Monday 5th but there are a few other things happening that night!

**Starting School/Learning through Play Information evening** - Thursday 1st November under the shade sail on the top playground. We will hold our Information evening for new parents and anyone else who might be interested to find out what is happening in the Juniors at Matipo, on Thursday 1st November. We will send a programme/invite out next week. We will ask for return of interest so we can get the sausage order right!

## **6 pm start...**

- Sausage sizzle
- Junior Kapa Haka will start the evening off
- Welcome and Introduction
- Starting school - meet the teachers, preschool visits, which class? which teacher?
- Staying together until the end of Year 2
- The Perceptual Motor programme
- Learning through play - what does it look like? This will be a short information session followed by an invitation to tour our junior classrooms to see Learning through play in action, and talk to all the teachers about the way learning through play works in their classrooms.
- Finish at 7.15!

## **Class Photos**

Class and team photos are coming up. These will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Order forms will come home within the next couple of weeks. Also they have allowed those that missed out on sibling photos and self-portrait back in August to do a catch up so if you are interested in doing this we have spare envelopes here at the office still.

## **Cross Country**

The school cross country will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November with a rain date of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

## **A Merry Matipo Christmas**

We are looking forward to holding A Merry Matipo Christmas again this year. We will have performances from our cultural groups as well as some carols groups and last year's headliners The Fore Fathers.

Put it in your diaries – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm – 7:30pm.

More information to come.

**Happy Birthday this week to** Rylla Rarere, Sophie Wallace, Nathan Kearney, Yul Scott, Evie Redgwell, Theo Meek, Caitlin Smith, Thomas Lowe, Callum Donald, Benjamin McArthur, Marley Wright.

**Haere mai - Welcome to Matipo School** Nathan Kearney, Mariah Nisbett, Kyla Kairau Nisbett, Emma Gilfoyle-Traub and Callum Donald. We hope you enjoy your time at Matipo.

## **Ballots**

The Board allocated 20 out of zone places for the 2019 school year, because they felt it was important to allow families to stay together. The Commissioner confirmed this decision. The school received had 19 applications for the ballot and so all have been accepted.

### **Teachers Strike Action**

We have now heard that the ballot of NZEI Teachers is in favor of further strike action. In Auckland the next one day strike is planned for Monday 12th November. Our first Senior Camp at Motu Moana is planned for the next day, Tuesday 13th November, so the camp will definitely *not* be affected and will go ahead as planned. The decision about whether to close the school falls to the Board, and in our case the Commissioner who has taken over the role of the Board for the time being. I will let parents know about any developments.

### **SKIDS**

Thank you for the \$550 donation! We will use this to ensure *all* our students have a chance to be included in the Camps.

Nga mihi nui

Natalie Kennerley/Paul Wright