

Weekly Newsletter

Term 4, Week 5



Sad news

Everyone at Matipo was very sad and shocked to hear the tragic news about Michelle Simpson, who passed away after being lost in the bush earlier this week. All our hearts and our thoughts are with Phill and his family. We will do our best to offer support and aroha, whilst respecting the family need for privacy. Kia kaha.

Many people have asked how they can help or show their support at his difficult time. The family have suggested people might like to make a donation to the IHC in Michelle's name. You can do this online at ihc.org.nz

Classes for 2019

Earlier this week we sent out a panui to ask for feedback about Maori Enrichment classes and about placements for 2019. Thanks to everyone who has responded. It's not too late – quite.... At this stage we are planning for Maori Enrichment classes in rooms 12 and 13, probably Year 3 & 4 in room 12 and Year 5 & 6 in room 13 – if we have enough interest. We will hold another hui soon. Once we have sorted these classes we will organise the rest of the school.

Summer Sun Safety

With temperatures now in the low 20 degrees, summer is really truly on its way. Thank you for supplying a named hat that can be worn at all times outdoors. If you have yet to get a hat we have lovely bucket hat ones to be able to order. The flyer is at the front desk if you are in need!

Calling All Books!!!

Please send in any Matipo readers or library books that are overdue back to your child's classroom. Any that have been lurking at home, under beds, in cars will be gratefully accepted, no questions asked!

Haere Mai....

We would like to welcome our two new Teacher Aides, Rose Menday and Kelly Page. We are delighted to have them working in class alongside teachers supporting learning at Matipo.

Kia Ora my name is Rose Menday and I am very excited and happy to be part of the Matipo Primary Whanau.

I am a Mama to Mikaele who is 3 and a half years old and can't wait to be 5 so he too can join the Whanau here.

I have always lived in West Auckland so am lucky enough to already know quite a few of the students and staff here and look forward to working and meeting everyone else.

Kia Ora,

My name is Kelly Page, I am excited in starting my new journey as a Teacher Aide at Matipo Primary school, I am a mum of 4 children 3 boys, 1 girl, and I have currently moved from the Waikato where I was working as a reliever in ECE.

I am excited to be sharing this learning journey with your tamariki, helping them to discover the wonders of the world and themselves as unique and special individuals. I am looking forward to be learning alongside your tamariki and their whānau in this new phase of my life.

Next week Steph Lee join our staff and leadership team. She has been around school this week and met lots of our students.

Camps

This week has seen the first of our Aroha syndicate camps. Our Year 5 students carried an air of excitement with them as they prepared to board the buses to take them to Motu Moana Camp in Blockhouse Bay. As I write this, they will doubtless be learning the skills of working alone, working in groups, problem solving, planning, leadership and many other skills which will help them to prepare to be outstanding Year 6 leaders at Matipo School in 2019. Next week it is the turn of the Year 6 students and their experience will give them the opportunity to assimilate the same skill sets in preparation for their transition to Intermediate School.

As well as the on-site staff and helpers, visits from Matipo Staff have reported happy students engaged in pushing their comfort zones in a variety of contexts, fun was the summarizing word with leadership and collegiality developing. Well done to all the helpers not just on this camp, but on all the camps this year, amazing work by everyone that has made them happen.

Awhina

We are looking for some wonderful parents to help us out supervising our Road Patrol wardens for 2019, at the corner of Taikata and Matipo Road, and outside the school, from 8:05am – 8:45am and again from 2:50pm – 3:15 each day. Please let the office know if you can help and Mia Wheeler will get back in touch with you.

Fire Practice

Camps always make us look carefully at risk factors and thank you to the staff who examine potential 'fish hooks' for all of our out of classroom activities. Our new security system is now working and most of the new installation bugs have been resolved. A school PA system will be sorted by next year which will make across school communication much easier.

Last week we kept current with our fire drill and practiced an emergency evacuation, in just a few minutes the buildings were safely evacuated and we were impressed with the responsible manner with which the students conducted themselves and the orderly manner in which things happened. This gives us great confidence if we had to do this for real. As always at Matipo, we are constantly trying to improve so there will be another drill before the end of the year.

Y6 Transition Process including Y6 Camp

Whilst today Year 6 camp will help students develop skill sets that will stay with them through life and help prepare for their next phase of schooling at intermediate, there is nothing quite like a visit to a future school to help orientate student expectations and familiarise them with what is to be their new learning context. Our Year 6 have been to Te Atatu intermediate for some assessments, this will help provide baseline evidence against which progress at their new school can be supported and measured. This follows their first visit at the end of July this year, an exciting time for Year 6 students.

Cross Country



This year's Cross country was a grand success and weren't we lucky with the weather? It was a celebration of how our community can come together to support our students as they learn to strive, to win, to lose, to participate, and to belong. One of the memorable highlights was the support students gave to each other as they cheered on their peers regardless of position, year or house. Thank you to the parents who were able to come along (and who turned up in their house colours!) Next year we must organize a parent's race... Thank you to Mitch Osborn and Lise Ioane, and their team of students and teachers for their preparation and for running a superbly organized event. Congratulations to Whero House: winners of 2018 Matipo School Cross Country!

Cross Country Certificates

We all had an awesome day. We would like to give as many parents and whanau the chance to attend as possible. But... this week our Year 5's have been away on Camp, next week our Year 6s will be away, so we will present the Cross Country Certificates at our Friday assembly on 30th November. Here are the results!

Cross Country Placings 2018

Year 0 boys

1st- Taua Levi

Year 0 girls

1st- Hanna Gruszczykyo

2nd- Zarie Miller

3rd- Alice van Poppel

Year 1 boys

1st- Dylan Keereweer-Taia

2nd- Luke Newland

3rd- Jackson Tombs

2nd- Niko Levi

3rd- Samuel Avery

Year 1 girls

1st- Indiana Clews

2nd- Ella White

3rd- Awa Lofley

Year 2 boys

1st- Nathan Yovich

2nd- Oscar Duirs

3rd- Harrison Avery

Year 2 girls

1st- Hazel Yates
2nd- Evie Colegate
3rd- Phoebe O'Dwyer

Year 3 boys

1st- Reuben Lee Sang
2nd- Riley Jacobs
3rd- Quinn Young

Year 3 girls

1st- Ashlee Hari
2nd- Summer Bundock
3rd- Ruby- Jean Chung

Year 4 boys

1st- Noah Petley
2nd- Noah Mitchell
3rd- Rylan Morpeth

Year 4 girls

1st- Hazel Masters-King

2nd- Peppa Bell

3rd- Ella Page Wood

Year 5 boys

1st- Nathan Bundock
2nd- Symon Gruszczkyo
3rd- Daniel Yovich

Year 5 girls

1st- Ava Masters
2nd- Lola Yates
3rd- Ashley Shepherd

Year 6 boys

1st- Ashton Doyle
2nd- Dylan Chapman
3rd- Tama Circuit

Year 6 girls

1st- Brooke Hari
2nd- Madden Smith
3rd- Imogen Wroe

Kapa Haka Disco

Our Kapahaka roopu held a disco in the school hall last week. This celebrated a year which has seen them grow in stature and quality of performance, as well as raising money for uniforms. It is so good to see them exercise their leadership at assemblies and on occasions such as the cultural day.

This is what Alexavier and Emma, (Room 13), had to say....

Last Thursday night we had a disco for kapahaka students. On the disco night we were raising money for kapahaka uniforms and had lots of fun. There were lots of dance competitions. My crazy mum was dancing her hardest I was a bit embarrassed, it was a good disco.

Having seen the mum in question perform, I get the comment made by the students! Well done to all.