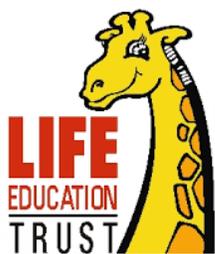




Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Life Education Van

For the past three weeks, Matipo School have been very lucky to host the Life Education Caravan. Each class has had two sessions in the caravan with a specialist teacher and of course, the very special Harold the Giraffe! The children have been learning about relationships, identity and resilience. They have enjoyed developing life skills relating to their health and wellbeing and have come away from these lessons with positive strategies for relating to others. A special thank you to the specialist teacher Michelle Brown, who accompanied Harold during the lessons.



Here are some student responses to our experience with Harold:



'Today we went into the caravan and saw Harold! Inside it was like a classroom. I learned that if someone is feeling angry, you need to leave them alone for a little bit until they calm down. Harold was a bit of a very funny song!' - Lily Lane -

'I learned from Harold that if you have a little problem, you can try to fix it yourself. If you have a big problem, you need to ask for help. I learned to say "I am

special, and there's nobody else like me!"' - Izzy
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funny, he sang
Room 8

think you have a
yourself. But if
to get an adult
cool, I am
Stunzner - Room



'I've been to Harold's campervan twice. On the first time, it was very funny because Harold wanted a kiss so we all blew him a kiss and his cheek banged into the wall! We learned about 'warm fuzzies' and 'cold prickles'. We learned how to give 'warm fuzzies' to our friends, and how not to give 'cold prickles'. To give a 'warm fuzzle' you could say to some "Your work is really good!" It will make them feel happy.' - Mylo Bywater - Room 2

'Today we went into the Life Education caravan. We learnt about BIG problems, little problems, warm fuzzies and cold prickles. My favourite parts were when Harold the Giraffe came out, because he kept doing funny things! We learned about being a good friend, and what makes a good friend. When someone is feeling sad, you could say to them, "Do you want to play with me?" that would make them feel happy because now

they have a friend to play with.'

Eire Shackleton - Room 2

Wardens' Trip to Parakai

On Thursday 5th December, around 80 wardens and librarians went to Parakai Springs Hot Pools. The purpose of the trip was to celebrate and acknowledge the hard work that these students have displayed over the course of the year. The librarians and wardens have dedicated much of their time and energy in keeping our library tidy and accessible, and the wardens have helped to keep our tamariki safe at the crossing on a daily basis. Very important jobs indeed, so a big thank you goes to these Wardens and Librarians of 2018.

Student Led Conferences

Thank you for attending the Student Led Conferences this week.

This was a chance for your child to share their learning from the year with you and for you all to celebrate the achievements and growth that your child has made. Thank you for taking the time to fill the space on the reports for each curriculum area with your feedback. A copy of these filled-in reports will go into your child's portfolio.

Reports

We hope you enjoyed the reports. We have come a long way since December 2017! Everyone has had a good quality A3 report. We will send them out as a PDF when we get a moment, but this might not be until the middle of next week.

Our charter says 'everyone will be treated with kindness and respect'.

We understand that sometimes things don't work as quickly as might be wished., and that people get frustrated; but please remember our office ladies work very hard for our children, so please be patient if you don't get an instant answer.

Helper's Morning Tea

We had a lovely turn out at our inaugural Helper's morning tea on Tuesday. A big thank goes out to these members of our community who consistently donate their skills, energy and time to supporting our school, school trips, camps, enrichment, classroom activities, school environment work, and our highly successful Perceptual Motor Programme could not operate without whanau support.

Prizegiving 2018

We are looking forward to acknowledging and celebrating the successes and contributions that our students have been part of this year. Prize giving is on Thursday 13 December in the hall:

Taonga Syndicate (Years 0-2) at 9:00AM

Mana Y3-4 and Aroha (Years 3-6) at 11:00AM



Parents of children receiving awards have been contacted. If you can, please avoid telling your child that they are receiving an award as we wish it to be a surprise. We are limited by space in the hall so please consider who will be in the audience representing your whanau. Prize giving is a formal school event and we would appreciate a high standard of dress including some footwear.



Matipo Merry Christmas

It was good seeing you and your whanau at school on Friday.

The weather forecast is looking good! Matipo Friends and Whanau have organised a pop-up bar and eftpos is available, as well as sausage sizzle and juicies. The Four Fathers will be back again this year.

Wairua Week

A reminder that next week (Week 9) will be our Wairua week. This will be the last week of the year, and we are looking forward to going out with a bang!



Monday 10 th December	Tuesday 11 th December	Wednesday 12 th December	Thursday 13 th December	Friday 14 th December
Super Summer Day Press in your best summery outfit – think giant sunglasses, zinc and swim rings!	Pyjama Day Press in your PJs or onesie	House Pride Day Press in your House colours for a day of House fun	Flash As Thursday Wear something a little bit fancy	Matipo Colours Wear the green and yellow with Matipopride for the last day of the school year!
	Juicie Tuesday	House Top Town Competition	Prizegiving Juniors 9am Seniors 11am	Last day of School

Year 6 Graduation

A reminder that the Year 6 Graduation will be held on Tuesday 11th December.

6pm - Graduation Ceremony

7pm - 8:30 - Dinner and Dance - graduates only

Please ensure your permission slips have been returned.



Alumni Student Success

De'Angeli Pua: Following on from his successful years at Te Atatu Intermediate where he captained the Walter Dickson and Roller Mills rugby rep teams and was awarded the Sportsman of the Year award, De'Angeli continued with his rugby pathway by being selected for the Auckland U14 representative rugby team. His hard work and dedication meant that this year he also played for the Kelston Boys Premier A team - not bad for a Year 9 (as well as being successful academically).

Class Placements and Maori Enrichment

We are still working through the class lists. It is wonderful that we have had such a positive response to Maori Enrichment, but - we may not be able to fit everyone in this year so we are taking great care to do this fairly. We still haven't heard back from everyone we have consulted yet, and we have to sort this before we can confirm the rest of the school. I hope that we can let everyone know soon. It is important that we let everyone know at the same time, so you hear about your child from school and not from other people. . This information will be sent out hopefully Tuesday 10th December. Thanks for your patience.

Haere Ra

Congratulations to Beth Knight who has own a part-time position teaching TESSOL to senior students for 2019. Beth has been a loyal and faithful friend to many students at Matipo. I am especially grateful to her for her professionalism, collegiality and wisdom in the time I have been at Matipo, and for sticking with us through our recent changes until things settled down.

Nga mihi nui

The Taonga Team

Teams

At the moment our staff teams look sorted for 2019...

		<i>Rm</i>		<i>Cover</i>	<i>Leadership:</i>
<i>Ako</i>	<i>Year 0/1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Sian Foley</i>	<i>Holly Moore Kahu Kuchel Ariki Fotheringhame Kelly Ohms Kahu Kuchel Holly Levi Rowena Rooney Neil Thomas Ilona Brooks</i>	<i>Holly Moore</i>
		<i>4</i>	<i>Lindsay Wills</i>		
		<i>3</i>	<i>Cheryl Kearns</i>		
		<i>2</i>	<i>Deirdre Neil</i>		
		<i>20</i>	<i>Michelle Fowlie</i>		
		<i>21</i>	<i>Emma Petersen</i>		
<i>Taonga</i>	<i>Year 2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Jill Bibby</i>		<i>Caroline Chapman</i>
		<i>6</i>	<i>Caroline Chapman</i>		
		<i>7</i>	<i>Delwyn Ivory</i>		
		<i>8</i>	<i>Melissa Urlovic Steph Johnson</i>		
		<i>9</i>	<i>Tori Cotton -Everitt</i>		
<i>Mana</i>	<i>Year 3/4</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Phill Simpson</i>		<i>Grace Smith Sarah-Lee Oto</i>
		<i>23</i>	<i>Jade Lee</i>		
		<i>24</i>	<i>Sarah-Lee Oto Holly Levi</i>		
		<i>25</i>	<i>Rahel Kissun</i>		
		<i>26</i>	<i>Mitch Osborn</i>		
		<i>27</i>	<i>Grace Smith Sarah Mitchell</i>		
<i>Whanau</i>	<i>ME Y3/6</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Vashti Tymkin</i>		<i>Kaiarahi: John Brandon</i>
		<i>13</i>	<i>Ngairi Smith</i>		
<i>Aroha</i>	<i>Year 5/6</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Steph Lin</i>		<i>Natalie Kennerley Steph Lin</i>
		<i>15</i>	<i>Natalie Kennerley Nicola Pallesen</i>		
		<i>16</i>	<i>Mia Wheeler</i>		
		<i>17</i>	<i>Sarah Percy</i>		
		<i>18</i>	<i>Lise Ioane</i>		

Photolife

We have heard back from them at the end of the week. Just doing some tweaks where needed and hoping to get them sorted. Please be patient whilst this process happens. Thank you.

Important dates for your diary

- 10th Dec - 14 Dec - Matipo Wairua Week
- 11th Dec - Juicie Tuesday
- 11th Dec - Year 6 Graduation
- 13th Dec – School Prizegiving
- 14th Dec - Last day of term (normal finish time 3pm)

