



## Newsletter #1

Kia ora Matipo,

We are excited to share an update on how our fundraising efforts over the years have been used to support our kura and tamariki.

Thanks to your incredible generosity and ongoing support, we have been able to allocate funds towards:

- Food Technology Room & Equipment – Enhancing our students' learning experiences in food technology with a well-equipped space.
- Sports Equipment – Providing our tamariki with more opportunities to be active and engaged in physical activities.
- Library & Literacy Resources – Expanding our collection of books and digital resources to foster a love of reading and learning.
- Classroom Learning Resources – Purchasing art materials to support hands-on learning experiences.

As part of our school's ongoing review of priorities, we also considered purchasing a school van. While we recognise the benefits, we have decided to redirect these funds to areas that will have a greater impact on all students, rather than just those attending field days. We will review this decision in the coming years.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that this year, we will be investing in new classroom furniture for approximately seven classrooms, ensuring our learning spaces continue to support student engagement and success.

Fundraising this year will be put into areas such as Discovery for Junior School and Enrichment for Senior School to enhance the opportunities we offer.

We are incredibly grateful to our community for your contributions and commitment to our kura—your support makes a real difference for our tamariki.

Ngā mihi,  
MFAW Team





## Matipo Friends and Whānau: Classroom Parent Representative Initiative 2025

### Why are we making this change?

The Matipo Friends and Whānau group is evolving! We need more volunteers to support school-wide events and fundraising efforts, all of which directly benefit our tamariki. To strengthen our connection with whānau and ensure effective communication, we are introducing Classroom Parent Representatives.

Each class will have one parent representative who will be part of the Matipo Friends and Whānau Committee. Their role is to bridge communication between families and the school, support school events, and help foster a strong, engaged community.

### What is the role of a Classroom Parent Representative?

Each representative will:

- Attend 1-2 meetings per term (can be in person or online).
- Sign up for at least one school event or fundraiser per term.
- Act as a liaison between the teacher, the Friends and Whānau Committee, and class whānau.
- Help spread the word about school events and fundraisers.
- Help rally volunteers from their class for specific events (e.g., sausage sizzles, disco nights).
- Provide feedback from their class whānau to the committee.



### What events & fundraisers will they be involved in?

Here's a mapped-out plan for 2025, including key events and expected involvement:

#### Term Event/Fundraiser Role of Parent Reps

##### Term 1

Sausage Sizzles Thursday Lunchtime  
Organise and Sell Nice Blocks – Wednesday Lunchtime  
Movie Night Assist with ticket sales, supervision, and logistics.

##### Term 2

Sausage Sizzles Thursday Lunchtime  
Organise and Sell Nice Blocks – Wednesday Lunchtime  
Matariki Celebration Assist with kai distribution, decorations, whānau engagement.  
School Disco Help set up, organize refreshments, encourage parent volunteers.

##### Term 3

Sausage Sizzles Thursday Lunchtime  
Organise and Sell Nice Blocks – Wednesday Lunchtime  
Beats by Bingo Promote ticket sales, coordinate a class team, organise spot prizes and silent auction.

##### Term 4

Sausage Sizzles Thursday Lunchtime  
Organise and Sell Nice Blocks – Wednesday Lunchtime  
Whānau Picnic with stalls, organise roster for volunteers.  
End-of-Year Celebrations Support teachers with organising class events.



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**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Q: How much time is involved in being a Classroom Parent Representative?

A: We understand everyone is busy! The commitment is 1-2 short meetings per term and supporting at least one event per term. Most of the role involves keeping an eye on communications and helping to spread the word to other parents.

Q: What if I can't make a meeting?

A: No problem! We will send out meeting minutes, and you can touch base with another parent rep or committee member to stay updated.

Q: Do I need to be at every event?

A: No, but we do ask that you sign up for at least one event per term. You can choose what works best for you.

Q: Can we have more than one rep per class?

A: Absolutely! If there are multiple keen parents, you can share the role.

Q: Will I be expected to run everything for my class?

A: No! Your main role is to help spread the word and connect whānau with opportunities to get involved. You are not responsible for organizing entire events—just helping to support them.

Q: How will communication work?

A: We'll set up a private Facebook/WhatsApp group or email chain for the parent reps to make sharing information easy. You'll also receive termly updates from the Friends and Whānau Committee.

Q: How do I sign up?

A: If you're interested, please email [mfaw@matipo.school.nz](mailto:mfaw@matipo.school.nz) or talk to Mrs Sarah-Lee Jacobs. We'd love to have you on board!

