

# PĀNUI O TE KURA



## Message from the Tumuaki

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a fantastic fortnight here at Matipo! Our classes have settled well into their learning routines, with teachers focusing on implementing the new Curriculum Refresh and supporting academic success. Alongside this, our specialist programmes in Food Technology, Health and Physical Education, and Te Reo Māori have begun, providing our tamariki with rich and engaging learning experiences across a broad curriculum. While we continue to prioritise these valuable opportunities, we remain committed to ensuring that Reading, Writing, and Mathematics are taught for at least an hour each day.

This week, we also had a positive start to our Board meeting, reflecting on the great mahi happening across our kura and looking ahead to how we can continue strengthening our school community. A huge thank you to everyone who supports our vision for Matipo!

Our Athletics Day was another highlight, with our tamariki demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, determination, and our W.A.K.A values in action—Whanaungatanga, Aroha, Kaitiakitanga, and Ako. It was incredible to see so many of our students giving their best effort, cheering each other on, and making the most of the day. Ngā mihi to our staff and whānau who helped make the event such a success!

Ngā manaakitanga,

Matua Jonnie

## Matipo School 2025 Learning Focus

This year, our learning journey is structured around key themes each term, designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and connection across all learning areas.

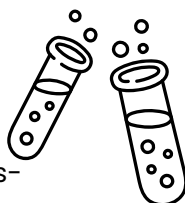
### Term 1 – Building Our Foundation

Weeks 1-5: Becoming One

- Establishing our school values
- Setting up classrooms and learning expectations
- Behaviour and digital citizenship

Weeks 6-10: Igniting Curiosity

- Chemistry in the Classroom – Hands-on science exploration



### Term 3 – Discovering Our Roots

- Art Exhibition: Pasifika Stories
- Social Studies (Minor): Place and Environment – integrated with literacy and art.



### Term 2 – Crafting Our Stories

Weeks 1-4: Readers and Writers Festival

- Plays, book creation, paper making, and author studies

Weeks 5-9: Planet Earth and Beyond

- Exploring space, linking to Matariki



### Term 4 – The Rhythm of Creation

- Music and technology: Exploring how materials make music and cultural expressions of sound
- Oral Language: Pasifika Poetry and Stories
- School-wide Poetry Competition (Week 3) – preparation begins in Term 3





# OUR VALUES FOCUS WEEK 5 AND WEEK 6



Over the next two weeks, our school is focusing on one of our core values—KAITIAKITANGA. Kaitiakitanga is about being a guardian—caring for our environment, looking after our school, and showing respect for the spaces and things we use every day. It’s about making sure we leave things better than we found them, not just for ourselves but for future generations. We encourage you to talk with your tamariki about how they can show kaitiakitanga at home and in their community.

Ask them:

- 🌿 How can you show kaitiakitanga in your home?
- 🌿 What’s one thing you can do this week to care for the environment?
- 🌿 Why is it important to respect and take care of the things around us?

### GET INVOLVED!

To celebrate acts of kaitiakitanga, we invite whānau to send us photos or stories of their tamariki showing care for their surroundings at home. Whether it’s tidying up, recycling, taking care of a pet, or looking after a garden, we’d love to hear about it! You can email us or share it on our school Facebook page.

### W.A.K.A NOMINATIONS

Our kaiako will also be on the lookout for tamariki who embody kaitiakitanga in their daily actions. They can be nominated for a W.A.K.A award—a special recognition for living our school values. If you see your child showing kaitiakitanga in an amazing way, let us know so we can celebrate them! Let’s make the next two weeks a time to take care of our world and show respect for the things around us!

## KAITIAKITANGA

Displaying guardianship and protection for our school and our environment on behalf of those who come after us.

KURA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use equipment for the correct purpose</li> <li>• Demonstrate respect for our school</li> </ul>
CLASSROOM & SHARED SPACES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up after myself</li> <li>• Respect the classroom equipment</li> <li>• Put things away in the correct place</li> </ul>
BREAK TIME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put any rubbish in my bag or the bin</li> <li>• Play with appropriate sports equipment</li> <li>• Be responsible for any property I have or use</li> <li>• Look after the gardens</li> </ul>
WET BREAK TIME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up my area when the bell rings</li> <li>• Use any wet day equipment appropriately</li> </ul>
ASSEMBLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look after the equipment (microphone and speaker)</li> <li>• Keep the chairs neat and tidy</li> <li>• Take any rubbish or lost property out of the hall</li> </ul>
SCHOOL TRIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay seated on the bus</li> <li>• Take my rubbish home</li> <li>• Stay with my group or class</li> </ul>
CLOCK BARS & TOILETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep my belongings together</li> <li>• Only touch items that belong to me</li> <li>• Make sure toilets are clean after I use them</li> </ul>
DEVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the device correctly</li> <li>• Charge the device when it is flat</li> <li>• Look after our devices</li> <li>• Keep my password safe</li> </ul>



## Hungerball

This term, we've been lucky to have Hungerball at our school for the first five weeks! This fast-paced, exciting game has been an absolute hit with our tamariki, giving them the chance to develop their teamwork, coordination, and strategy—all while having heaps of fun!

It's been fantastic to see our students embracing this opportunity, trying something new, and showing great sportsmanship. A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible. Ka mau te wehi, Matipo!



## LifeChanger – Rakau

This term, our senior tamariki will have visitors from LifeChanger. The LifeChanger school programme focuses on prevention by empowering students to take charge of their own mental health and well-being.



## Transition to School Visits

We're excited to welcome our newest tamariki for their Transition to School visits on Tuesday, 4th March, and Wednesday, 5th March. These visits are a great opportunity for our future students to get familiar with their new learning environment, meet their teachers, and connect with their classmates.

We look forward to seeing our new whānau and supporting a smooth and positive start to their school journey!



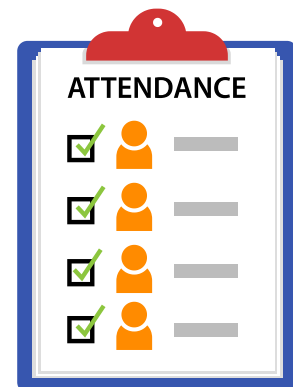
## Welcome to Matipo Principal Presentation

If you are new to Matipo School and you haven't been to a welcome to Matipo Presentation. Please come along to the staffroom on Tuesday 4th March at 9:30am in the Staffroom. Please contact [melissas@matipo.school.nz](mailto:melissas@matipo.school.nz).



## Mahuri Camp

We wish our Māhuri campers an amazing week at Houghtons Bush! Enjoy the adventure, take on new challenges, have heaps of fun, and of course, enjoy all the delicious kai. We can't wait to hear all about it! Thank you to all the parent helpers too! Without you camps are not possible.



## Attendance

Last year, 67% of our students had regular attendance, meaning they attended school more than 90% of the time. This year, our target is to increase that to 70%. Our long-term goal is to reach the Ministry of Education's target of 90% regular attendance by 2027. Ensuring tamariki are at school every day is vital for their learning and success.

## Matipo School 2025 Assessment and Reporting

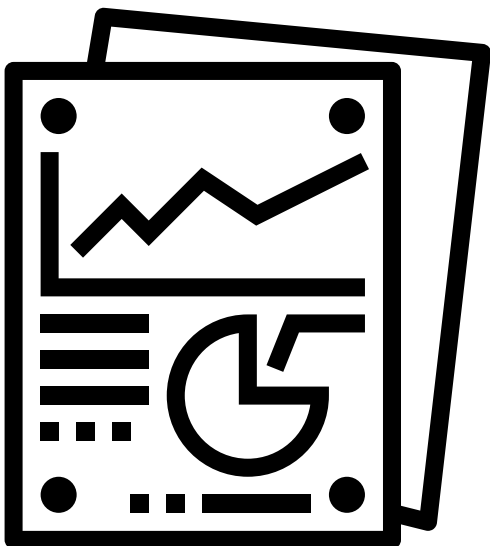
I wanted to provide an update on assessment and reporting at Matipo for 2025.

- e-asTTle Reading & Writing: Used across the school to assess student progress and inform next steps in literacy.
- BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach): Implemented in the Junior School to track foundational literacy development.
- Phonics Assessments: Conducted at 20 weeks and 40 weeks for Junior School students to monitor early literacy progress.
- PAT Assessments: Covering reading comprehension, listening, grammar & punctuation, and mathematics to provide robust data on student achievement and next steps.

These assessments will be used to inform teaching practice, guide targeted support, and ensure we are effectively meeting student learning needs.

### Reporting Changes:

In line with the government's new requirements, our reporting will now occur in Term 2 and Term 4. To make these reports as meaningful and valuable as possible for whānau, I'd appreciate your feedback on what information you find most useful. This will help us streamline the reporting process, removing unnecessary workload for teachers so they can focus on what truly matters—teaching and learning.



Don't forget to remind your tamariki to bring a hat each day.



We encourage all tamariki to have a spare change of clothes in their bags just incase.



# House Points



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## Congratulation *Piwakawaka*



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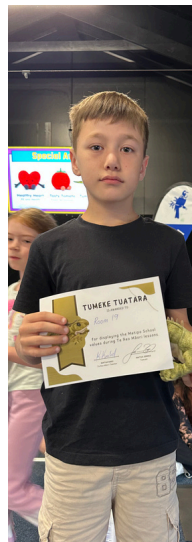


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# Specialist Mascots



Congratulations to Room 3 for winning the Tasty Tomato award in Food Technology, Room 19 for earning the Tumeke Tuatara award in Te Reo Māori, and Room 2 for receiving the Healthy Heart award in Health and Physical Education.

These awards are presented at each assembly by the specialist teachers to the classroom that has best demonstrated our values during their lessons.



# **CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION**

## **CLASSROOM TEACHER**

Classroom teachers are with their class for the entire school year and should be your first point of contact for any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning and wellbeing. They take the roll twice a day and share daily notices with students each morning. They also teach core subjects such as reading, writing, and maths. Each teacher is responsible for their own class in these key learning areas, ensuring consistency and connection in learning. If your child has any concerns, whether academic, social, or emotional, their classroom teacher is the best person to approach first.

## **TEAM LEADER**

Each teaching team has a designated Team Leader who provides leadership in planning, assessment, behaviour management, and communication with whānau. They support teachers in their team and oversee team-wide events, such as EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom), class trips, and other key activities. Team Leaders also provide support for any matters that a classroom teacher may need additional guidance with.

## **LEARNING ASSISTANTS**

Our Learning Assistants provide support for students with diverse learning needs. They work alongside teachers to assist students in their learning, whether supporting small groups, individuals, or whole-class activities. Their role is essential in ensuring that all tamariki have access to high-quality learning experiences tailored to their needs.

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL/SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS COORDINATOR (SENCO)**

Our SENCOs are the Deputy Principals, they ensure that students with additional learning needs receive the necessary support and guidance to thrive at school. This may include developing tailored learning programmes, connecting students with internal or external support services, or assigning a Learning Assistant where appropriate. Our SENCOs works closely with classroom teachers and whānau to create the best learning approach for each child.



## Regular Communication with our Whānau

### School Newsletter

Our school newsletter will be published every even week (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10). This will include important whole-school updates, key events, and celebrations of learning across the kura. The newsletter is a great way to stay informed about what's happening at Matipo School.



### Class HERO Posts

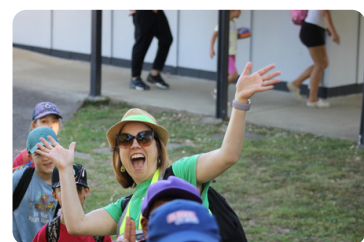
Classroom teachers will post updates every alternate week to the school newsletter, keeping you informed about classroom learning programmes, key highlights, and important reminders. These updates may include:

- Notices about specialist programmes such as Food Technology (including a reminder for tamariki to wear covered shoes).
- Library days and the importance of returning books on time.
- Special class events or excursions.

These updates ensure whānau are connected to their child's learning journey.

### Board Update

The Board of Trustees will provide a community update once per term, outlining key decisions made in alignment with the school's strategic direction. In addition, Board meeting minutes will be available seven days after each meeting and can be accessed via the school website. This transparency ensures that our whānau are well-informed about governance matters and the school's long-term planning.



### Upcoming Post

We are committed to keeping our whānau informed. Each week, we will post upcoming events and important reminders on HERO and our Facebook page. These posts will highlight key dates, school-wide initiatives, and any other relevant information to help you stay up to date with what's happening at Matipo.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school community connected and informed!





# Aroha in Action



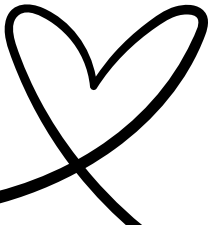
Year 6 boys demonstrating outstanding aroha at Athletics this week.



Ella caring for her dog Murphy.



Chloe making Brownies for her friends.







# Athletics 2025





## Food at School

At Matipo School, we promote healthy eating and encourage whānau to be mindful of the food packed in their child's lunchbox. Tamariki need plenty of 'brain food'—nutritious options that support their learning and energy levels throughout the day. Fresh fruit, vegetable sticks, sandwiches, and crackers are great choices to keep them sustained.

We kindly ask that chocolates and lollies be kept at home. Drink bottles should be filled with water only, and there are drinking fountains available throughout the school for refills.



## Office Hours

Our school office is open from 8:30 am to 3.15 pm on school days. If you need assistance with enrolments, general inquiries, or visiting the school, please get in touch during these hours.

Phone: (09) 834 6909

Email: [office@matipo.school.nz](mailto:office@matipo.school.nz)

We're happy to help!

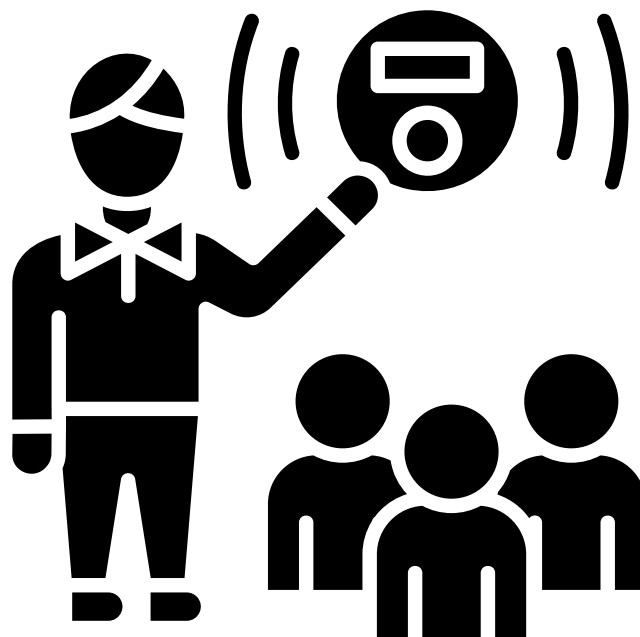
## Emergency Drills at Matipo School

Throughout the year, we will conduct regular fire and lockdown drills to ensure that all students and staff are familiar with our emergency procedures. These drills help us stay prepared and respond effectively in an emergency.

● **Fire Drill:** If the fire alarm sounds (a continuous bell), everyone must evacuate the buildings immediately and assemble on the school field. Staff will guide students to safety and conduct roll calls to ensure everyone is accounted for.

🔒 **Lockdown Procedure:** In the event of a lockdown, an announcement will be made over the school bell system. Students and staff must remain indoors, follow teacher instructions, and ensure that doors and windows are secured until further notice.

By practicing these procedures, we can ensure a calm and safe response in real situations.








## NEED A VENUE FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT?

Matipo School Hall & Food Technology Room Available for Hire!  
Looking for the perfect space to host your next function, event, or community gathering? Matipo School Hall and Food Technology Room are available for bookings!



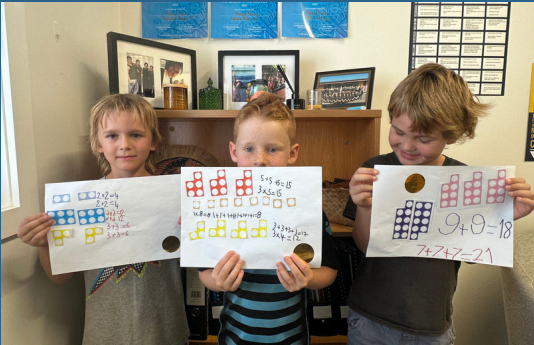
- Spacious hall suitable for events, performances, and meetings
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- Competitive rates with discounts for community and non-profit groups
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**ENQUIRE NOW! A HALL BOOKING FORM WILL BE SENT UPON REQUEST.**

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-  Contact us at: [Insert Contact Email]
-  Call us on: [Insert Contact Number]

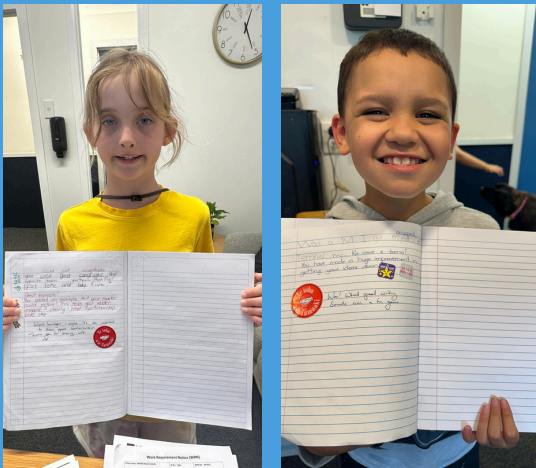
**BOOK NOW AND MAKE YOUR EVENT A SUCCESS!**

# *Te tohu o te Tumuaki*



It was wonderful to see Reilly, Nico, and Ollie come into my office this week, proud to share their learning in mathematics using ten frames. It brings me so much joy when our tamariki take pride in their work and share their achievements with me. Seeing their infectious smiles as they leave, beaming with pride in their mahi, is truly special.

Another incredible example of our value AKO—Imogen shared her writing about sportsmanship and why it's so important to demonstrate this when playing sports. She crafted a wonderful piece of writing, showcasing her understanding and passion for the topic.



Preston arrived in my office, nearly breathless with nerves, as he prepared to share and read his writing to me. But afterwards, his smile said it all—pure pride in what he had just achieved.



I am incredibly proud of all our tamariki who share their learning with me; their courage and enthusiasm are truly inspiring.



# Highlighting Our Supporters



**ORIGIN BUILD**



A huge thank you to Brendon Beattie and the team at Origin Build for their generous \$1,000 contribution! Origin Build, founded in 2012, is known for its high-quality craftsmanship and expertise in architectural new builds, renovations, and reclads. Their dedication to excellence makes them a trusted name in the industry.

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Ngā mihi nui, Brendon and team - we appreciate your support!



A massive thank you to Kate Hursthouse for bringing color, vibrancy, and creativity to our junior area! Her incredible artwork is transforming our spaces into bright, engaging areas for tamariki to enjoy during break times. We truly appreciate her time, talent, and generosity in making our school a more inspiring place.

Check out Kate's amazing work at [www.katehursthouse.com](http://www.katehursthouse.com).

Ngā mihi nui, Kate - we're so grateful for your support!

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Big shout-out to Sebastian Rutherford, one of our dedicated Matipo parents and the owner of Sebastian Rutherford, House Renovation and Maintenance. He's been hard at work cleaning and clearing all the footpaths around our school! If you're looking for quality home renovation or maintenance services, be sure to check out his Facebook page. Thanks, Sebastian, for your support!

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# BUYING OR SELLING A HOME?

## LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

Here's how it works:

- List and Sell with Me! If you, a member of our school community, list and sell your house with me, I will donate \$500 to our school once the house is sold.
- Refer a Family Member or Friend! If you refer a family member or friend who lists and sells their house with me, I will also donate \$500 to our school once the house is sold.

This initiative not only helps you with your real estate transactions but also contributes to the growth and development of our school and students.

Why Choose This Referral Programme?

- Support Our School: Every successful sale results in a generous donation to our school, helping fund important programs and resources.
- Opportunities for the Future: Building strong relationships within our community, opening new opportunities for our students.
- Personalised Service: Receive expert real estate advice and guidance to make informed and stress-free transactions.

How to Get Started:

1. Contact Me: Let's discuss your real estate needs or provide more information about the referral program.
2. List Your Property: Work with me to list and sell your home at the best possible price.
3. Successful Sale: Once the sale is complete, I will donate \$500 to our school.

It's that easy! If you or someone you know is considering selling their home, please consider participating in this program.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or to start the referral process.

Thank you for your support and commitment to our school community.

Contact me today!

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