



MATAKOHE SCHOOL

Grow together, learn together

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Kia Ora Whānau & Friends

A big Matakohe welcome Leyahna and her family.

Thank you to all who supported our pink shirt day by dressing up and/or bringing along a gold coin donation. We raised \$100.00 which will go to support those in the community who need assistance. We will donate \$50 to Grow Paparoa and \$50 to the Food bank at Maungaturoto.

Our cross country fundraiser collected \$440.00 with the sale of sausages, apple pies and baking. Koru will be able to look into pricing the furniture they require for their room. Thank you for attending the day, it is always amazing to see how many families put aside the day to support the events we put on. (We have a black pop up umbrella that was left behind. It is in the office).

The next event was our speech finals - held yesterday in our school hall. 11 finalists showed us their oratory skills. Miss Hartnell was our judge. And the winners were... Koru - 1st Jasmine, 2nd Lachy, 3rd Carlos. Year 5-6 winners... 1st Cohan. 2nd Natalya, 3rd Maddison. Year 7-8 winners... 1st Andrew, 2nd Jacob G, 3rd Zoe. Congratulations to all our speakers and placegetters. We also had a poem recital from 2 5 year olds, congratulations Gracie and Jakob on placing 1st equal. Those going through to represent Matakohe School at the Paparoa Lions Competition on the 16th June are Andrew Robinson-Gooch, Jacob Gilmore, Cohan Tullett and Natalya Pukeke.

We have our end of term assembly (Friday 27th June) where we will be displaying our Matariki themed wearable arts work. Place the day on your calendar and as always we will have sausages, drinks and baking available to buy.

Special Thanks

I would like to acknowledge John Tullet who has helped our school out in so many ways, supporting at sports events, building a compost bin and vege pod with the kids, teacher

aiding and sports mentor. He has begun a project around our bike track clearing and planting of native trees from Kaipara Remediation Project. We are thrilled at this initiative and grateful that John has undertaken this at our school.

Cross country Team

We have some very able and competitive long distance runners at our school and we saw some commendable efforts by competitors at Friday's event. Those who have qualified to go and represent our school were selected from the place getters. Unfortunately the NW competition has an age restriction based on ages as of 1 January 2025, so some competitors will have to wait until 2026 to represent us. Our team this year is: Haydyn Williams, Jasmine Nunn, Kaleb Vendt, Erin Cullinan, Jacob Inger, Melakai Caines-Woods, Maddison Allen, Samantha Ingles, Joel Oliver, Andrew Robinson-Gooch and Zoe Wilson. Well done. The NW inter school competition is being held at Rope Farm on Thursday 5th June.

Kauri Values

Our K.A.U.R.I. Values are recognized throughout the week with tokens being given out to students who display any of the following; Kindness, Accountability, Unity, Respect or Integrity. Those students who we wish to congratulate this week are:

Ponga - Natalya, William, Kyrie, Erin.

Koru - Rahera, Elle

Attendance

The Ministry of Education has a particular focus on all schools having an improvement in attendance with non attendance having a big impact in students not achieving. Their aim is to have 80% of students attending 90% of the time.

At Matakohe School for this year to date we are sitting at 68% which is not great and we could do a whole lot better. On a pleasing note, for this term only (2) we are sitting on 93% which tells us attendance for term 2 is a lot better than term 1 attendance. Keep it up families. Today we note that we are at **100% attendance**, brilliant news.

Stay Connected with Matakohe School Online

Discover what's happening at Matakohe School by visiting our website: matakohe.school.nz. It's your go-to hub for the latest newsletters, information, and insights into our students' learning journeys. Explore our school charter to understand our vision and values, and see how our unique rural setting enriches student experiences. Stay informed and engaged with our vibrant school community, and don't forget to check out the experiences page for photos of our wonderful events!

Citizenship Award

Congratulations to Paislee Rotherham who received our citizenship award last week.

Paislee is our go-to person whenever something needs doing or someone needs a helping hand. She consistently looks for ways to help and follows through with care and commitment. Whether it's supporting younger students or lending a hand to staff, Paislee shows kindness and responsibility beyond her years. Her thoughtful actions have been noticed and appreciated by students and staff alike. What a fantastic caregiver and role model—well done, Paislee!

School docs

This is the framework that the board uses for all its policies. To navigate this go to <http://matakoho.schooldocs.co.nz> username is matakoho and password is kauri.

There are always policies that are under review and you can have your say on these. This is under the current review section.

Board of Trustees Election

Ever thought of being more involved in your school? School board elections are coming up in September. If you have thought about this way of contributing to the school then come along to a board meeting and have a look. We will be posting more information on this later on.

READ EVERY DAY! READ MORE IN MAY!

May is National Family Reading Month, and it's all about what we believe in most: helping kids build a love of reading that lasts a lifetime.

This May, we're encouraging families to take the [31-Day Challenge](#). By reading together for just 10 minutes a day, they'll build powerful reading habits for life.

Internet Safety

All children who use a device are at risk of being exposed to inappropriate material online.

It is important to [talk to your children](#) about online safety to encourage responsible behaviours and to help them develop digital resilience. Research shows that regular conversations at home help minimise the harm if things do go wrong online. When it comes to picking the right Internet Service Provider (ISP) it can be hard to know where to start. Here is a link to a free government site that will help you keep your tamariki safe online.

<https://www.keepitrealconline.govt.nz/parents/controls-and-settings>

This is another place to look for advice: Ellie@mail.parentingplace.nz

Netsafe

Cyberbullying spreads fast and hits hard, especially for rangatahi.

For over 25 years, Netsafe has supported people across New Zealand to have safe and positive online experiences, by providing free support, advice and education to all ages. The awesome team at Netsafe have created a super helpful guide on cyberbullying, and what to do when it happens - [check it out here](#).

Handle with Care

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home we would like to provide additional support at school. We understand that you are not always able to share details about what is going on and that is completely ok. If your child is coming to school after a hard night, morning or weekend, please text us "Handle with care". Nothing else will be asked or said, this will let us know that your child may need extra help, patience, time and love during the day. Office 021 0775003

Lunches in schools

School lunches continue to be served up each day and the guidelines we follow ensure they are suitable healthy meals. Children need to bring their own morning tea to school each day and a drink bottle containing water.

Fundraising Fridays

On Fridays we fundraise for the Yr 7 & 8 trip by selling milkshakes - \$2.00. These need to be ordered before school. We also sell mince and cheese pies and sausage rolls for school fundraising - \$4.00. These need to be ordered before school also, from the office.

Toys/Jewellery at school reminder

Children are not to bring toys or to wear jewellery at school. These cause distractions and there is a risk of them being lost or broken and causing problems. If your child brings toys, or jewellery they will be held in the office for collection at the end of the week. This applies to gribbets on crocs too.

If they are bringing something special for news they can hand it in to their teacher for safe keeping.

Buses

Please be aware that the way you behave on the school bus has an impact not only on the bus driver, but other students on the bus. It is important that you stay seated, talk quietly and sensibly, and a thank you to the driver as you depart would be a kind gesture. If any student is misbehaving on the bus it can put all those aboard in a vulnerable situation. The school has the right to withdraw those students not abiding by the rules.

Dates this term.

Monday 28th April: Start of term 2

Wednesday 28th May : Duffy Production 11 am

Wednesday 28th May : School Speech Competition 1.15 pm

Monday 2nd June : King's Birthday - no school

Thursday 5th June : Northern Wairoa Cross Country

Friday 13th June : Wear Yellow for Harold (gold coin donation)

Monday 16th June : Paparoa Lions Speech Competition

Thursday 19th June : Reports given out

Friday 20th June: Matariki Long Weekend - no school Friday 20th

Tuesday 24th/Wednesday 25th : Parent/Teacher interviews

Friday 27th June: End of term 2 Wearable Arts Assembly

Principal - Robyn Young

Community notices

HIPPY

This is a programme based on the belief that parents are their children's first and most important teachers. It is a home based programme that helps parents get their 2-5 yr olds ready for success in education.

We have a very local coordinator for our area, Kimberley McDonald. You can contact her on 027 2584384 or email kim.mcdonald@greatpotentials.org.nz to find out more about this.

Ruawai JMB Firewood Fundraiser

\$100 a cube, hot mix with free delivery between Paparoa and Ruawai. Phone John Tullett on 021 2868080.

Paparoa Table tennis

Tuesday each week is Table Tennis in Paparoa. Free coaching for kids and teens at 5.30pm at the Sports Pavilion. Bats and balls provided. All levels from age 7 years up welcome. Adults start at 7pm. Pete 021 0567163

Paparoa Community Library

Great little community asset situated behind the Paparoa Medical Centre, open hours Mon/Wed 2pm - 4.30pm, Tues 10am - 1.00pm, Thurs 10am - 4pm, Fri 11am - 1.30pm, Sat 10am - 12.00. This is free to join.