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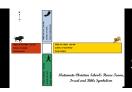
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# **SHAPING OUR BUILDINGS**

Over the last few weeks new building upgrades have continued on several of our classrooms to help modernise and expand the functions of our teaching spaces. Recently Room 1 (Years 4—5), and Room 2 (Years 5—6) have had new double glazed ranch sliders installed on their outer walls. With their new Bowranda rooves that were installed over the decks at the beginning of the term the ranch sliders now allow us to open up the classrooms improving ventilation and allowing the decks to become an extension of the teaching spaces. These are exciting feeling spaces to be in now.

This week is the turn of the Senior class for development. They are getting an internal double glazed ranch slider that will separate but open up the wall between the classroom and a breakout space next door to it. This will allow students to use the breakout space as a quiet space while being in full view of the classroom teacher at all times.

In the next school holidays we are aiming to replace the carpet in the Senior class block and then the main school office in the following holidays.





# **NEW CLASSROOM DEVELOPMENT**

In the last newsletter we announced that the Ministry of Education has approved Step 1 of our growth plan—increasing our school roll to 150 students. This is a pretty exciting step and takes effect from Term 2 if we can have a new classroom onsite and ready for use. Our PCE Proprietor



Board is working earnestly on this and has committed to purchasing an existing classroom block that has recently been removed from another school. We are expecting this building to more than meet expectations. Presently the necessary consents for its relocation and our site are being worked on and we would appreciate your prayers for these consents to be granted.

The new building holds a lot of promise and needs only minor renovations to bring it up to the specifications we are wanting. We are expecting this to cater for our immediate needs and some of our future needs moving into Stage 2.

Please keep praying for the Year 9 and 10 expansion which is Step 2 of our application and before the Ministry of Education at present. This is a very big step and will include further building developments that we will need to do some fundraising for too.

# From the Desk of the Tumuaki

It is hard to believe that during this week we will be halfway through the term already! Having said that a lot has happened and there is still a lot to come over these next weeks. Please keep an eye on these events and consider coming and being a part of them with us.

This week we are thrilled to welcome Noah Webster into our school. Noah joins us in Year 3 and is already proving to be a popular addition to the class. We welcome Noah and his family to our school family.

# **Bible Symbolism**

Recently we selected our new house team leaders for 2025 and we have been talking a lot at school about who our house teams are and what they represent.

As part of this our house teams are represented by a symbol and a team colour. These form part of the teams identity. What you may have noticed is that the four house team symbols are biblical symbols too. They were used by the 12 tribes of Israel and represent the four faces of the



Cherubim in Daniel and, in a little known fact, are also used as the symbols for the four gospels. We have intentionally associated our house teams to link with this.

Symbolism is an important concept used throughout the Bible. God gave instructions which people obeyed that had significance often not revealed until much later.

An example of this can be found in the campsites of the Israelites as they wandered through the desert under Moses. When camps were formed they always revolved around the Tent of Meeting. This would be erected and the Levites would camp around it. From there the remaining tribes would set up camp with strict instructions not to exceed the perimeter of the Tent of Meeting. The tribes were grouped in threes and were allocated their campsites to the north, east, south or west of the Tent. They could spread along as far as they needed but could not exceed the length or width of the Tent. Because their tribes had different numbers in them the lengths would vary:

In the north lay Dan, made up of the tribes of Dan, Asher and Naphtali, 157 100 in total and they had the eagle as their symbol.



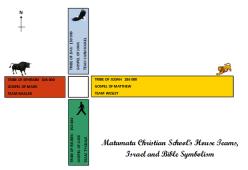
- Opposite them in the south was Reuben, made up of the tribes of Reuben, Simeon and Gad. They were a similar size at 151 450. Their symbol was man.
- To the west was the smallest group Ephraim, made up of Ephraim and Joseph's two sons, Manasseh and Benjamin. They numbered 108 100 and had the ox as their symbol.



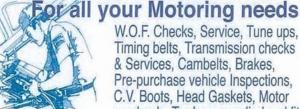
The largest group lay to the east and were Judah, made up of Judah, Issachar and Zebulan. They numbered 186 400 and had the lion as their symbol.



If you were looking down on the camp from surrounding mountains, the most amazing sight was formed. Thousands of vears before crucifixion on the Cross was even created, the Israelites camp was forming the shape of the Cross!



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The four Gospels were also linked to the four symbols and therefore the four Israelite camps too:

- The Gospel of Matthew has the lion as its symbol and is linked to Judah.
- The Gospel of Mark has the ox and is linked to Ephraim
- The Gospel of Luke has man as its symbol and is linked to Reuben.
- The Gospel of John has the eagle and is linked to Dan.

Our house teams are linked with these important biblical reference points which then form part of the heritage of our teams:

Carmichael	Tribes of <b>Dan</b> , Asher and Naphtali	Gospel of John	
Mueller	Tribes of <b>Ephraim</b> , Manasseh and Benjamin	Gospel of Mark	
Tyndale	Tribes of <b>Reuben</b> , Simeon and Gad	Gospel of Luke	大
Wesley	Tribes of <b>Judah</b> , Issachar and Zebulan	Gospel of Matthew	Table 200

# Prayer Requests...

We appreciate your prayers for the school. Here's what's big on our minds at the moment:

- Please pray for two amazing appointments on our staff; the first for a replacement Junior teacher from the end of this term, and the other for a PE teacher. Pray that both will fit into our team and school culture well and will have a massive positive impact on each student and family they work with.
- Please pray for our property development. Particularly pray for the consenting process, that there will be no barriers to the approval of each step.
- Please pray the Ministry of Education will also now look favourably on our request to move into Years 9 and 10.
- And please pray for the growth, development and success of every student academically, physically, spiritually and in their wise emotional development throughout this year.

# News - Kawepūrongo

# **MRS MARX ON LEAVE**

If you have a child in the Senior class (Years 7 or 8) please note that over the next three weeks Mrs Marx is on leave for a special family event. Mrs Fawcett will be doing an extra day per week and Mrs Tomlinson will do the other two days.

The children are already familiar with their teachers and are in very good hands. Please contact Mrs Fawcett if you need to chat over this time.

# **TEACHER ONLY DAYS**

This year the government has made changes to the English and Mathematics Curriculums. Along with this is a change in the way these subjects are taught to 'structured literacy' and 'structured



Mathematics'. Some of this remains the same for us as both BSLA, the Reading programme taught here in Years 1-3, and Writer's Toolbox, our Year 1-8 Writing programme, already fall under the structured literacy banner. In Term 2, as it is introduced and rolled out across the country, BSLA will be introduced at Years 4-8 too.

What is new for us now is the Mathematics programme that we have introduced. This year each school was offered a choice of four programmes which the government has agreed to fund over the next two years. We have chosen the Oxford learning platform which you will see your children using.

Along with the new curriculums are professional learning opportunities for every teacher. Some of this is being done through teacher release days while two of these days will be done through **two teacher only days** where our teachers will combine with three other Christian schools for Ministry of Education training. The first of these teacher only days is coming up this month on **Friday the 21st of March** with the **next on Friday the 9th of May**. We apologise for any inconvenience caused to you and thank you for your support with this.

# MIGHTY SMALL SCHOOL'S SWIMMING SPORTS

Each year, rather than running our own school swimming sports, a number of our local small schools get together to run a combined event. This is happening again next week on Thursday the 13th of March. This is for all Year 4—8 students.



We combine from **11AM—2PM** to compete in events alongside Te Poi, Kuranui and Wairere Schools. This is a great event and parents and whānau are very welcome to come and enjoy the spectacle. Our students will catch the bus to the Matamata Pools and return again at the end of the event.

# YEAR 7/8 NORTHLAND CAMP

This term the school is studying Aotearoa New Zealand history. Included with this the junior school studies Matamata history which is



steeped in Christian foundations. The middle school studies Waikato history, and the senior school looks in depth at early New Zealand history.

As part of their studies each class will be involved in fieldtrips, the details of which will be announced soon.

The senior class, however, have a bi-annual camp up to Northland where some of New Zealand's earliest history took place. This four day trip has been organised for the first week of Term 2, Tuesday the 29th of April—Friday the 2nd of March.

This trip is about exploring the spaces and people we have been studying during Term 1. Our students get to walk in the footsteps of those who shaped the nation in the early times. We stay at Russell, New Zealand's first capital. There our students explore whaling, early trade and rule, Pompallier House, the oldest church in New Zealand with bullet holes in the side from the Land Wars, Hone Heke's flagstaff he had chopped down in defiance to the British, and hear tales of events that make your eyes bulge!

They also spend time at Waitangi exploring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and reinact parts of the Treaty signing, explore people who impacted what New Zealand has become, visit the Stone Store and Kemp House at Kerikeri which is an old mission station and the oldest existing house in the country, and we go out to Marsden Cross where the Christian message was preached for the first time. There the same message is retold.

During our time we also go out sailing on a legendary sailing ship and visit the famous artist Hundertwasser's Museum and sites.

This is an action packed four days designed to be impactful and to help history come alive. Great memories are formed that will last a lifetime.

In the past Hamilton SDA School has joined us for this epic event but now both schools have become too big so we have split. However, Whakatanē SDA School, with their five students, have asked us to take them so they can experience this too. This is a chance for our students to get to know another school from within our block of Christian schools.

We need parents to come and support us too please, especially in providing transport. This is our ninth trip to Northland and across the previous eight trips we have always had a great and supportive turnout. If you have a child (or grandchild) in this class please consider joining us. It is a moving experience. Please could you get in touch with Mrs Marx, Mrs Fawcett or Mr Paterson to indicate that you would like to come. We are restricted in numbers.

Like everywhere you go costs have risen slightly to do this trip. This year's costs will be \$320 per student and \$285 for an adult. This can be paid now or paid off in instalments over the year. Camps are one of the few school activities we charge for over the year.

# News - Kawepūrongo

### HELPING RAISE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY

The wider Matamata community have announced they are raising funds for a new playground for the Matamata community. The current one near the town's Netball courts is up for a major upgrade and \$100 000 is the target amount to make this happen.

Calling themselves Project Play the playground development is aimed at our current generation of children and the ones to follow. Because of this they are asking for all children in our community to be involved.

The plan is to hold a community Colour Fun Run on the afternoon of Friday the 21st of March as a fundraising event. Pre-schoolers through to College students are being asked to participate and help raise money for this. Students run as a school (Matamata Christian School is our team). Our students can run on the day at 11AM.

The event is being run through an organisation called 'Go Raise It' who help raise money for the playground. Students are being asked to set up their own fundraising page through them and to get people to donate through this. This then means your children do not need to collect any money. The link to set this page up can be found at https://projectplaycolourrun.raiseit.co.nz/

Like all the other Matamata schools we are keen to support this. However, there is a catch for us in that this event is being run on the same day as our school's Teacher Only Day. This means to take part families will need to take their children to the event and supervise them. Because of our commitment to teacher development that day no school staff are available.

To be actively involved in the community we want to be part of this event so we are asking you to please get in behind it and support it.





# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each year, as part of our preparations for Easter, we hold a Stations of the Cross event. This year we are aiming



to have this on the evening of Tuesday the 8th of April.

Stations of the Cross is a contemplative event. We will set up stations for you and your family to move around at and engage in some of the events surrounding Jesus time leading up to what He did for us on the Cross.

We want families to be able to come, think and engage with this together. It is meant to be a relatively quiet experience, so to help with this, we will be closing off the school playground and play areas. This is to control the noise which has proven to be a distraction in the past. Please be prepared for this and keep your children with you as you engage.

You are still very welcome to gather, stay and chat with friends around the fire pit. Out of respect for others though can we please ask you not to let your children run off and play or be overly noisy.

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BURGESS FAMILY**

Recently Sophia and Alex Burgess competed at the Taupō Ironkidz Triathlon and had impressive results amongst a huge field.

11 year old Sophie's competition involved a 200m swim, 8km cycle and a 2km run. Sophia finished 3rd!

9 year old Alex had a 100m swim, 4km cycle and 1km run. He finished 5th!

Congratulations to both of our Burgess kids.





# **Aotearoa New Zealand History's Great Northland Roadtrip**

Year 7 and 8's

Visit New Zealand's first capital

**Experience the Waitangi Treaty Grounds** 

Walk in the footsteps of some who first shaped our nation

Enjoy tales of the past and the Land Wars

Take devotions where the Christian message was first preached

Sail on the R Tucker Thompson

This is our nation This is our heritage

TUESDAY THE 29th OF APRIL — FRIDAY THE 2nd OF MAY



# STICKER COLLECTION SHEET



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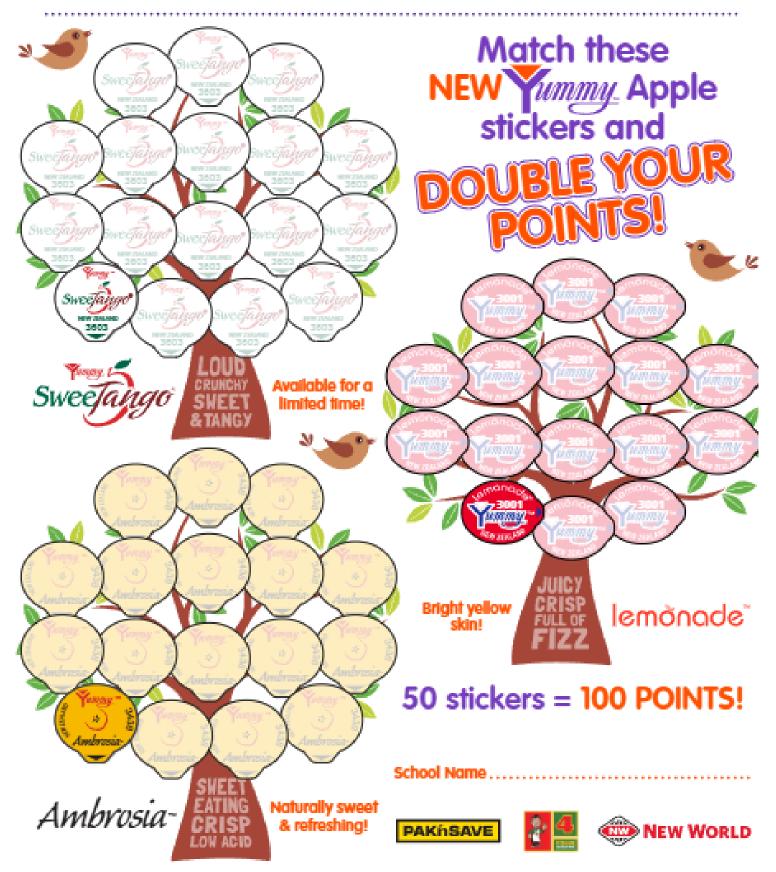






# NEW VARIETY STICKER COLLECTION SHEET







# Sports News - Kawepūrongo

### YUMMY STICKERS

We have started collecting Yummy stickers again at school. If you buy fruit at home with Yummy branded stickers, or Yummy branded bags of fruit, please save the



stickers or the cut out labels and send these through to school. During Term 4 we can cash these in on a share of free sports gear offered to schools. This helps top up the gear we have to play or train with. Last year we earned some pretty cool sports equipment and were very grateful for the contribution.

Included with this newsletter is a Yummy sticker chart that can be filled in and returned to school. Alternatively, send your stickers and labels along to us at school where we are building a master collection! Thanks for your help.

# JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW

Junior Football registrations have opened for the 2025 season. Teams are available for players aged 8—14.

Younger players (aged 4—7) can join the popular Friday night programmes, and the Fantails programme is a popular alternative for younger girls or those who can't join a team.

Visit https://matamataswifts.com/juniors/ for full information and contact dwayne@dbmm.co.nz if you have questions.

Register at https://matamataswifts.com/register/



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HENN AND SMITH FAMILY

Recently at after school Athletics in Te Aroha the Henn and Smith families celebrated a great night. Carter Henn won in the 200m 9 year old boys, Blake Henn came 2nd in his 200m, Luke Smith 3rd in the discus, and Daniel Smith 3rd in the 80m. Very well done boys!













If you are interested in attending as a day school student, please attend our 10.00an – 12.00pm Open Day session.

### All Saints Chapel

Welcome by the Principal at 10.00 am, follo by tours of the day school.

# BOARDING SCHOOL

If you are interested in boarding at Dio, pleas attend our 2.00pm - 4.00pm Open Day sess

All Saints Chapel
Welcome by the Principal and Director of
Boarding at 2.00pm, followed by day school
and boarding tours.

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# Sports News - Kawepūrongo

# **UMS RUGBY REGISTRATION**

UMS Junior Rugby registrations are now open for the 2025 season.

This year all clubs have a new enrolment system. Please follow the instructions below. If you are struggling with this an open day is being held which you can attend and they will help you out. On these days merchandise will be available to purchase too. There are many help videos and information as to how to register available online too.

Please note that Mini Foals is considered a non-contact game while Rippa Rugby is considered contact.



Go here to register: <a href="https://auth.rugbyxplorer.com.au/login?clientId=portal&codeChallenge=&redirectPath=/">https://auth.rugbyxplorer.com.au/login?clientId=portal&codeChallenge=&redirectPath=/</a>

If you have questions please email office@ums.co.nz



Available Fridays



# Te Miro Twister

# XC Mountain Bike Race 30th March 2025

Choose from the below races:
2.5km Suitable for Littlies or Beginners
(2 or 4 Laps will finish after 45 minutes)
7km, 14km, 21km or 42kms (Approximately)
E-Bike Classes Available in 21 and 42kms

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For more information and course maps go to: temiromtbclub.co.nz

Any queries email: temiromtbevents@gmail.com
Registration now open, enter on the following link:
https://my.raceresult.com/325980/



# Even More News - Kawepūrongo

### **SCOLA MUFTI DAY**

Every term we have a school mufti day to raise funds for our school's World Vision sponsored child in Uganda. We have been sponsoring a child as a school for 16 years and Scola is the second child in this time we have supported.



We use our term mufti day as our main way of raising money to cover the \$54 per month needed to support Scola. From time to time we include other activities too.

The sponsorship initiative is run by our student leadership team. They help decide the mufti theme and help promote each event. This term, with us studying Aotearoa New Zealand history, our students have decided to dress in olden day clothes—dressing from past decades. Students don't have to dress in theme but can enjoy doing so if they want to be part of it.

We ask students to please bring a gold coin donation for wearing mufti. We do want to acknowledge those families who often send more as this is also a big help.

This term's mufti day will be next week on **Wednesday the 12th of March**.

# Dates for your Calendar

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3rd	Futsal Years 3—6	
4th	Futsal Years 7—8	
5th	Y3—8 Touch Rugby	
5th	Future Ferns Netball	
6th	Sports Academy	
7th	Final Swimming Session	
7th	Mini <mark>ball Years</mark> 3—6	
7th	Tiny 20 Cricket	
10th	Futsal Years 3—6	
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24th	Interschool Swimming (By Invitation)	

# **Church Community Notices**

This column has been set up to support local church and Christian community events. If your church has an exciting event coming up they can advertise it here for free by sending details or advertising to office@matamata.school.nz



Some of our parents have got together and created a Parents Connect Group which meets twice per term in the school library or playground. This is an opportunity for parents to get together and enjoy a time of community together. The next get together is next week, Friday the 11th of April, straight after school at the end of the term. Come and enjoy afternoon tea, and chat and meet other parents and community members while the kids play. Pre-schoolers are



very welcome.

# DECADES DAY!



FOR THE FIRST MUFTI OF THE YEAR WE ARE GOING FOR A AN OLDEN DAY THEME.





THE THEME ISN'T MANDATORY (
FOR THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO 
DRESS UP OR DON'T HAVE 
ANYTHING IN THEME.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR GOLD COIN DONATION IF YOU ARE COMING IN MUFTI, FOR OUR SCHOOL SPONSOR SCOLA.

Mufti Day poster by Sophia du Plessis from Team Wesley

# Do You Have Something We Need To Talk About?



# Matamata Phristian School

# **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES**

### **COMMUNITY NOTE**

Matamata Christian School values feedback and believes this is an important way for it to improve its performance. It believes complaints are a part of this and wishes to be able to resolve these in order to avoid anything standing in the way of it achieving its goals. Therefore anyone who may have a complaint about any part of the school life is encouraged to bring those complaints forward in a biblical manner. This means:

# To resolve conflict -

"If your brother sins against you, go to him and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back. But if he will not listen to you, take one or two other persons with you, so that 'every accusation may be upheld by the testimony of two or more witnesses', as the scripture says."

- Matthew 18:15-16

# In response to complaints -

"Remember this, my dear friends! Everyone must be quick to listen, but slow to speak and slow to become angry."

— James 1:19

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you."

— Ephesians 4:32

Please remember that complaints can be embarrassing for people. It is important to respect a person's integrity by approaching them in confidence first to resolve this rather than sharing this with others. If a complaint is about wrongdoing between students at school please do not try to resolve this directly between other parents but get the classroom teacher to resolve this between families.

If a complaint is about a School Board issue or matter please use the School Board complaints procedures chart (available from school).

