

VISION STATEMENT

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OUR 20 HOUR CHALLENGE

What a great week and weekend we have had! Over 40 students took part in the sleepover we held last Friday night to celebrate our 20 Hour Challenge, part of World Vision's 40 Hour Challenge.

This year the aim has been to raise money in support of Timor-Leste, the former war torn East Timor, who have been caught up in the impacts of climate change. Extreme storms, droughts and rising seas have been destructive with the loss of 90% of their original forests as a result of destructive weather forces and deforestation. World Vision are trying to help Timor-Leste regenerate their forests fast under their Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration programme. This will help protect and rebuild their country.

A large number of our Year 4—8 students have been raising money in support of World Vision and on Friday participated in a 20 games across 20 hours challenge. This was huge, fun and amazingly fruitful.

Not to be left out our Year 1—3 students also supported the challenge by holding a bake sale to raise funds last Wednesday. This coincided with our termly mufti day we hold for our Ugandan World Vision sponsor child, Scola. You can see photos from mufti day on page 3. We had a huge number of cakes and biscuits baked and donated by our generous families which made for a very exciting day for our students who bought at both morning tea and lunch. This raised a stunning \$350. Wow! This money has also gone off to World Vision for Timor-Leste.

We want to really thank you all for getting in behind this. An event like this helps all our students reinforce two of our eight core values we deliberately teach—compassion and service. We love being able to support other Christian organisations such as World Vision and to teach our students how to reach out to support the poor and afflicted.

Below left: A sampling of the huge amount of baking our families generously donated to support our bake sale last week.

Below right: Fun times for the 20 Hour Challenge sleepover!



From the Desk of the Tumuaki

We have made it to the end of another term. This one has been quite full on for everyone but it has been a wonderful time of growth for all our students. We are proud of all of them for the work they have put in, both in the classroom and on the sports field. Thank you for working hard with us and for all your involvement from school camp at the beginning of the term to our recent Friends and Founders Day, and for being such a great support with the choir and on the sports field.

This week we are excited to welcome Emily Dearn, the younger sister to Keanu and Ezra, into the school. Emily joins our New Entrants class and we are very pleased to have her with us.

Initiative

This term the core value we have been developing in our students is initiative. This is a great value to develop as we try to shape a generation of students who think for themselves, act when they should, develop into all they can be and are proactive in doing so. To finish off the term I want to share a challenge from Dr Richard J. Krejcir whose message I've shortened and adapted here. He asks if the character of initiative is working for you?

Is the character of initiative working for you? Here is how you can find out. Take a careful look at the character and fruit of initiative from God's Word by examining the passages below and ask yourself:

How do I exhibit initiative in my daily life?

What can I do to develop a better attitude of taking the lead in initiative?

What blocks initiative from working and being exhibited in me?

Initiative (Proverbs 22:29; Ephesians 5:8-14; Philippians 3:14; 4:13-15; Hebrews 10:24-25) will take the front position to recognise and do what needs to be done before being asked to do it. It helps power us through set backs, failures, adversities, persecution, oppositions, injustice, ingratitude, and the old excuse, "we have never done it this way before." It is not about being a leader as much as it is motivating yourself to grasp what Christ has for you. It is the moving of yourself, using your resources and ingenuity to serve. We cannot stand for Him, or move for Him, if we do not arise, and get off the couch. We must make the move and get on with the life that Christ gave us. Christ said for us to rise out of our sleep!

Drudgery, resistance to change, refusing to put forth effort, and laziness are the opposites. This is another form of apathy! You will not see the goodness you can have, rather only the work and effort that is required, so you will not consider it worth your endeavour. But, if it is good and noble, you must be motivated to go after it or you will miss out on what Christ has for you. You will also cause others to follow your lead into laziness and excuse making!

Here are positive examples from Scripture (Genesis 1-2, 1 Kings 9:10-28; Nehemiah 2; Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 2:1-5)

Here are negative examples from Scripture (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 16:1-9; John 19:1-16; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13)

Ask yourself:

- How do you define initiative? Do you need someone else to motivate you, or help you set goals?
- What stops you acting with initiative?
- What happens to our relationships with God and others when we refuse to put forth effort or resources?
- What issue is in your life that would improve with more initiative?
- How can you use initiative to counteract obstacles and failures?

Not all initiative is good, as it sometimes leads us well off the path God has for us. We have to be discerning that our motivations are centred with the values of the Bible and are working side by side

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Initiative Quote

"Those who take the initiative at work, do so not because they are stupid but because they understand the concept of responsibility."

- Harmon Okinyo

with the Fruits of the Spirit and the rest of the character traits. If not, you might motivate yourself in the wrong direction, and rationalise all kinds of excuses for it. Excuses become the horse that pulls the plow of apathy and laziness.

We can all come up with a great set of reasons why we shouldn't do something. Even though discernment and common sense need to come into play, if your excuses are keeping you from being your best for His glory, you have set your path into a jungle of darkness and despair. Ephesians 5:8-14 tells us to see the light, and not darkness, before we can get up.

We have to be willing to see what needs to be done for the kingdom and then do it. You have to motivate yourself without needing a leader to grab you and pull you. God's voice and call is usually gentle; we have to quiet the noise of our will to hear Him (Psalm 46:10). He will rarely get you up; you have to get yourself up. God did motivate Elijah out of his depression directly via an Angel, and He also told the man with a withered hand to stretch it out, for him to take the first step (1 Kings 9:5; Matthew 12:13). He gives us the call; it is up to us to respond to it. If you need help— and we all do— ask for it.

Partner with others, seek His light, and He will empower you to accomplish the task. We have to arise and eat/ awake/ get going/ shine (Isaiah 60:1; Matthew 26: 46; John 14:31) to receive His blessings and to bless others. We need to take the responsibility for our spiritual growth and for the exercise of our gifts and call. Do not sleep away your life with excuses and apathy, or let past failures get in your way!

From birth on, our Lord was a man on the path of distress, who experienced the greatest suffering on our behalf. He was, and is, the ultimate model for character!

Have a great holiday

God bless



Alistair Paterson

Adapted from R. J. Krejcir at Into Thy Word Ministries <http://www.intothyword.com/>

News - Kawepūrongo



SOUTHCITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Next week is the mighty Christian School's Music Festival and we're ready for it! It's back after having a year off and is in a new venue. Started up by Waipa Christian School, this year it has a new host, Southcity Christian School in Hamilton.

While hosted by Southcity it will actually be held at Hamilton South Baptist Church in Melville and will run for the day next **Wednesday the 3rd of July.**

The Music Festival is for students with talents in playing a musical instrument or singing. We are taking our choir and a group of students who will be singing solo, as a duet, in a group or playing an instrument. They have been selected after performing brilliantly at our recent MCS's Got Talent Show in front of the school and parents.



The Music Festival is a premium competition that is open to every year group from age 6 up. Our students can expect to have outstanding competition from other Christian schools such as Hamilton, Southcity, Paeroa and Waipa Christian Schools, and Hamilton SDA and Bethlehem Chapman College. Traditionally we have done very well and taken many trophies away over the years.

Parents and family members are very welcome to come and support. A note has come home asking for help with transport. If you have a child going please consider if you can help us with transport and support.

MCS's GOT TALENT!

What a talent show! We had lots of students put on and display their talents ranging from singing and playing instruments through to ballet and gymnastics. We had original songs written, dances created and a boy band invented. We really applaud the courage our children showed to get out there and have a go and how much support they got from their peers.



See picture highlights on page 5.

MATARIKI

We have arrived in Matariki week which means this Friday is a public holiday. Similar to last year we will have an assembly during Permaculture taken by Andrew Evans from the Anglican Church. Andrew will talk about new life and how this is an ideal time to plant. While we don't have trees to plant yet (they're coming) we will be eating the fantastic Kumara soup students made from Permaculture last week. What a winning recipe Mr Evans found for us!



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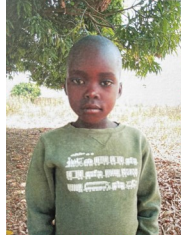
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SCOLA MUFTI DAY

Last week we held our termly mufti day raising funds to support Scola, our World Vision sponsor child from Uganda.



Our mufti theme was to show our heritage. We were blown away by the effort students and families went to in order to support their heritage. Well done!

Thank you for everyone's support. We raised \$167 which helps cover our costs for sponsorship.



News - Kawepūrongo



FRIENDS AND FOUNDERS DAY

Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us at Friends and Founders Day. Once again we had a huge turnout and a brilliant evening.

We celebrated God's faithfulness in the school which is now 36 years old. We had a great dinner of Eric Hill burgers and, while our children enjoyed a movie and some treats, our parents had a quick AGM and heard about what had been achieved in the school over the previous 12 months, we had a chat about the future of the school in terms of hoping to get a roll extension from the Ministry of Education, developing new classrooms and applying to move into Years 9 and 10, and we finished with an excellent guest speaker, Jonathan Arthur. Jonathan spoke to our parents about the importance of internet safety and protecting our families through either safety providers, or even using the built in features our browsers and applications have. This was a crucial message for our times.

It is always great to have such an awesome turnout to this celebration. It is a great time to share and to come together as a community. Very special thanks goes to Eric Hill for cheffing throughout the day, organising all the food and running the kitchen, and to Werner du Plessis for helping run the day. These two men were truly invaluable.



EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT



Thank you to everyone that prayed over our recent ERO review. We had a fantastic half day with them and the comment was that our review was one of the easiest to get through. ERO spent time on compliance with senior staff and the School Board's Presiding Member and carried out observations over a number of classrooms.

Analysis of evidence happens now before their evaluation report that we are expecting sometime next term.

Sunday Evenings

Tuesday Term 2

10-11:30 am

St. Andrews Church Hall
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COMING UP IN TERM 3

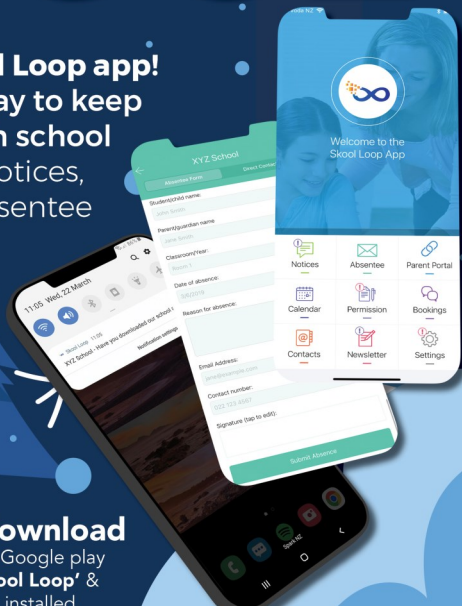
Just a couple of the things coming up in Term 3 include:

- *Discovering about water. We rely on water for everything in life. But what is it? How is it made up? Why does the human body need it and what's it used for? How do we look after it? And what happens if we don't?*
- *The 9th ever MCS Olympirua.*
- *Speeches.*
- *Keeping Ourselves Safe.*
- *Real Talk (for Years 7 and 8).*
- *Core value: Service.*






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MATAMATA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S GOT TALENT 2024

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SCHOOL REPORTS

School Reports

On Monday the 1st of July Year 4 - 8 students will be receiving their interim school reports. Interim reports are **progress** reports to help you understand how your children are progressing against the curriculum expectations and to identify whether they are on track to meet these expectations by the end of the year. At the end of the year you will receive an end of year report that will report on achievement against the curriculum expectations in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, and will report on all other areas of the curriculum too.

Our reporting procedures are designed to help you know how your child is performing at school and compares their progress with indicators aligned with where we want them to be according to their age. While most people are saying they can easily understand the range of reporting we do for you, please always feel free to seek clarification if you are unsure.

Each term we try to give you good information to help. Here's a summary of what you can expect each year:

- Term 1: O' Night (early term)
 - Learning Journal Night (end of term)
 - Attitudes Report (in Learning Journals)
- Term 2: Interim Reports
 - Learning Journal Night
- Term 3: Learning Journal Night
- Term 4: End of Year Report

Please note that Year 1 – 3 students have a different reporting timeframe. These students receive the same reporting but the timing of these reports is within the term of their six month and 12 month anniversary of when they first started school. Thus a student who first starts school in August will get their interim report in Term 1 and their full end of year report in Term 3. This then gives Year 1 - 3 students a complete year of learning for their reports to be based on. If you don't understand this, or if you have further questions, please see your child's teacher or Mr Paterson. We would love to talk this through with you.

UNDERSTANDING THE ARROW ON THE INTERIM SCHOOL REPORTS

We want to make sure that you are in the best position to easily understand your child's interim school report when you receive it.

Using the example of a Maths page in the diagram below you will see that the wide coloured arrows show you where a child should be at the **end** of each year level (not at mid-year

but where they are working to be at when at the end of a complete year). In the Numeracy example here the arrows in the middle of the graphic are showing what stage a child is meant to be at by the end of the year, for example; a Year 4 student should be at the end of Stage 5 by the end of the year while a Year 5 student should be mid-way through Stage 6 at the end of the year. The long thin black arrow at the bottom **shows where your child sits** presently based on testing, observations and interactions the teacher has had with your child. If then you have a Year 3 child who is above the Year 2 arrow but not yet at the Year 3 arrow, this would show they are on track to meet expectations by the end of the school year (where they are meant to be). The teachers comments on the same page will add more clarification about their progress.

Also on the same page will be some practical ideas you can use to help your child if you are able to. Please see your child's teacher for more ideas if you need them. We have developed for every level parent guides that you can use to help your child at home in Mathematics. These are practical ideas on what you can do with your child that will help them to progress to the next level. Please talk with your child's teacher or Mr Paterson for one of these guides that are at your child's current level. Remember, as much as possible we want to partner with you in the education of your children.



END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

Our end of term assembly celebrating student achievement is on as per normal on the last day of term, **Friday the 5th of July**. All parents and family members are welcome.

What won't be normal though is that Mr Paterson will be away on conference. Thus, there will be no message, just worship and prize giving. Mrs Uerata will lead our end of term assembly.

AG DAY

We have begun our planning for Ag Day this year. Recently a notice came home on Skool Loop asking parents to respond if you have a child who may be keen to be part of Ag Day this year with a calf, lamb or kid goat. Please can you let Sarah in the school office know if you are interested in having a child involved and what type of animal they would have. You can either respond to the Skool Loop notice or let her know directly in the school office.



NEW ZEALAND CURRICULUM STANDARDS FOR NUMERACY STRATEGY:										
	Emergent	Level 1				Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
Numeracy Strategy stages	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
New Zealand Curriculum Standards	Starting school 									
Your child is working here:										

Even More News—Kawepūrongo

LEARNING JOURNAL NIGHT

Next Monday, in the final week of term, family members are invited to your children's Learning Journal night. At the end of each of Terms 1 - 3 students bring parents and family in to share about their learning and work from the preceding term. This is a student led interview where your child does most of the talking. Research shows that when students can understand and talk about their learning they will engage in and take more responsibility for their own development. Once this happens learning becomes deeper and more powerful. We really want to encourage you to take the time to be involved in this as your involvement is a key factor in your child's learning success helping demonstrate to them what importance you place on their learning.

This night will be held next week on **Monday the 1st of July**. Classrooms are open between 3:15PM and 7PM. You do not need to make an appointment, just come along anytime between these times. This is not a parent - teacher interview but teachers will be there to help with explanations as necessary.

As part of these sessions we will be giving you our parent-student goal setting sheet. We know that learning at school is only a part of the overall learning a child is involved in. At home it is likely you are helping them work on non-school related things too. These can be fun or important and personal. It might be about them learning to tie their laces, wanting to master doing a cart wheel, or a discipline such as learning an instrument, or something to do with benefitting their health. Whatever it is this is part of their holistic learning and we want to give you the opportunity to include it in their goal setting.

As always, if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's learning further, please make a time with the teacher. This applies all year round as we want parents to feel able to come in any time of the year and as often as is necessary.



ON A ROLL AT THE GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

On Friday 21st of June, Mrs Bloomfield took 11 children to compete at the Gym Sport Festival in Morrinsville against many other regional schools. All the children entered into the Flyers gymnastics where they had to show off a range of skills on the beam, floor, and spring vault.

All the children did very well, tried their best and were a wonderful representation of our school. Addison Park won her division against 18 other participants while Sadie Thorne-George finished 3rd, and Aria Uerata 5th in their category against 21 other participants. What awesome results! Well done to everyone involved!



RECENT SCHOOL SPORTS ACTION

Photos courtesy of Bridgit Hildreth



Even More News - Kawepūrongo

NEW ZEALAND TRAVELLER DECLARATION

New Zealand Customs has asked us to publish the following information to our communities:

The New Zealand Traveller Declaration is an online system that travellers can use to complete a declaration before they travel into New Zealand. The new digital system was launched in August 2023 and not many people know they can now do it online – replacing the paper card you used to fill out on the plane.

Customs is keen to promote this for the upcoming school holidays, in particular for families who might be travelling overseas. You will need to complete a declaration when you return.



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Dates for your Calendar

June

25th	Netball
25th	School Board Meeting
26th	Permaculture Assembly and Soup
26th	Hockey Training
27th	Parent Connect Group
27th	Sports Academy
28th	Matariki Public Holiday
29th	Hockey

July

1st	Reports Come Home
1st	Learning Journals
2nd	Netball
3rd	Southcity Music Festival
3rd	Hockey Training
4th	Sports Academy
4th	Hockey
5th	End of Term Assembly
5th	End of Term 2
6th	Hockey
22nd	Term 3 Starts
25th	Sports Academy
30th	School Board Meeting

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

Every Saturday – children/youth group and Cornerstone Bible study from 4pm followed by a shared dinner at 5pm. At Matamata Christian School, 91A Smith Street, Matamata

Parental supervision please if you have young children.

Some of our parents have got together and created a parents connect group which this year intends to meet every third week in the school library. This is an



opportunity for parents to get together and enjoy a time of community together. The next get together is at the new day of **Rāpare 27th Pipiri / Thursday 27th of June between 9—10:30AM**. Come and enjoy tea and coffee together and meet other school families. Pre-schoolers are very welcome.

Prayer Requests...

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

- Praise God for a number of things; a great Friends and Founders Day, ERO review so far, roll growth, fantastic sports and sports performances, talents in Music and through our talent show, and for all the people who have been investing in these journeys.
- Please pray for safety through the school holidays and for each student to return well rested and ready for a great term.
- Please continue to pray for each of our amazing students to grow strongly academically, spiritually, physically and to be emotionally connected and well balanced.
- And please pray for wisdom for our school boards to be able to plan for future growth, to be granted favour

Do You Have Something We Need To Talk About?



Matamata Christian 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 their complaints procedures chart (available from school).

