

## VISION STATEMENT

*Equip for Life  
Prepare for Eternity  
Whakarawe mā mataora  
Whakareri mā āke tonu atu*



Weeks: **1 - 2**

Term 3 2024:  
22 Hōngongoi (July)

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## A STUNNING SOUTHCITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

In the last week of last term our school sent a large contingent of students to perform at this year's Southcity Inter Christian School Music Festival in Hamilton. There was a huge turnout to this growing event and as we expected there was very stiff competition. We sent our choir, soloists, students who sung as a duet and in a group, and a trombonist in the instrument section.

We competed against similar sized and larger schools that included Hamilton Christian School, Southcity Christian School, Hamilton SDA, Tauranga SDA and Waipa Christian School. There were hundreds in attendance and the place was packed.

What stunning talent God has packed into our Christian schools! And it was really thrilling to see Matamata Christian School placing in the top places in each of the categories.

Congratulations goes to:

- our school choir who placed 2nd amongst the five schools and battled it out closely with eventual winners Hamilton SDA
- Darzy Ugalde who finished 2nd as a soloist
- Hazel Smit and Zahara Thomson who finished 3rd in the groups singing
- and Ethan Jobe who finished 2nd in the instruments section playing the Trombone. This year this category was won by a very enthusiastic drummer from Hamilton Christian School. Ethan will be competing at a national level later in the year and comes from a family who have enjoyed a lot of success in wind instruments.

This event has grown quite quickly and we are expecting it to become even bigger next year as it picks up in notoriety.



## From the Desk of the Tumuaki

A very warm welcome back for Term 3 to everyone. Term 3 is always one of our best in terms of having far fewer interruptions to the normal programming that other terms have, and it is therefore one of our best opportunities to make academic progress for all of our students. We are looking forward to making the most of this and ask you to pray for student progress and good health for everyone through this term.

We have lots of opportunities and some pretty cool experiences for our students which you can read about through this newsletter and particularly on page 7. We have made some changes to our topics this term from what was originally intended and proposed, but we believe these will open up even deeper learning and opportunities for everyone in their learning.

We have new students to welcome in this term too. We welcome Elizabeth Moore as a new entrant, Isabel Rees who joins us in Year 6, and Zanru Hamann at Year 7. Elizabeth is the younger sister of Rebekah, Sophie, Jessica and Isaac, Isabel comes from England with her mother joining the YWAM staff, and Zanru is the older brother of Zinaske who started with us back in Term 1. We welcome each to the school and the Rees family to our school family.

### Growing into the Future

As we start the new term many have been asking me how we are going with our application to extend the school roll and about our other application to include Year 9 and 10 students in the future.

As most know our current roll cap is for 120 students and this includes a non-preference roll of just nine students. We are very close to this at present. At the end of last term we put in an application to immediately grow our roll to 150 over two years (to 135 in 2025 and then 150 after that). This would include extending our non-preference roll to 15 students. This application is in with the Ministry of Education.

At the same time we lodged this application we also lodged an application to integrate Years 9 and 10 into the school too. At this stage, if accepted, that would likely begin in 2027 with Year 9 and include Year 10 the following year. With this we have also asked to further grow the school to 180 students too.

While the applications are in with the Ministry of Education now they have indicated that they lack details about our school property that we had thought was on record. This means we are currently having to have detailed plans of our existing buildings and property drawn up to submit to the Ministry. From there, as part of their assessment, the Ministry reviews what classrooms, withdrawal rooms, office and administration spaces and bathrooms we require to extend our numbers. As you know we are expecting to build two classrooms anyway and we have begun planning for this.

Building capacity is of course not the only consideration for the Ministry. Our recent and trending ERO reviews are considered along with the impact our growth may have on other local schools together with their capacity for growth. We have carried out some initial consultation with other Matamata schools and the Ministry will carry out some too.

Some of the feedback from those schools about what we are doing and propose to do has been very pleasing and even

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## Perseverance Quote

*"Fall seven times and stand up eight."*

**- Japanese proverb**

unexpectedly encouraging. Some issues have been raised and we are seeing what we can do to mitigate any of these.

Through prayer you can have a role to play in these applications. We would ask you to please pray that God will continue to look favourably on His school. Pray that the school plans will get drawn up and submitted quickly, that other than the building of two new classrooms little else will be required in terms of building, that God will generously provide the finances for this development, that we will be able to mitigate in God's way issues that arise that might oppose our development, and that the Ministry will look favourably upon our applications. You are an important part of this journey with us.

These applications are only the start too. If approved there is a lot we need to prepare for and get greater understandings around. But we've done it all before. That is of course how we have got to this point.

God bless

Alistair Paterson



## 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 good ERO review so far, roll growth, fantastic sports performances, talents in Music and results in the Music Festival, and for the great activities coming up.
- Please continue to pray for each of our amazing students to grow strongly academically, spiritually, physically and to be emotionally connected and well balanced.
- Please pray for our applications with the Ministry of Education for roll growth and to extend to Years 9 and 10.
- And pray please for wisdom and God's direction for our school boards to be able to plan and prepare for future growth, and the resources needed for this.



# News - Kawepūrongo



## END OF TERM 2 AWARDS

At the end of last term we celebrated with our students the hard work they had put in over the weeks of Term 2 with our Rockstar and Memory Verse awards. Our Rockstar certificates are earned by earning a minimum number of points over the term gained through regular attendance, punctuality, homework completion and taking pride in wearing their correct school uniform.

We also had our hard to earn core value badges to give away. In Term 2 our core value was initiative. Only two badges are given away to each class making them a real challenge to earn. Last term the initiative badge awards went to:

- Room 5 (Y1/2) - Lyra Walpole and Isaac Moore
- Room 4 (Y2/3) - Ariella Thomson and Blythe Nicholls
- Room 1 (Y4) - Gia Dela Cruz and Sadie Thorne-George
- Room 2 (Y5/6) - Isla Uerata and Zephaniah Goodare
- Room 3 (Y7/8) - Vanshika Chauhan and Alexander Jansen



**Above:** Term 2's Rockstar and Memory Verse recipients from each class.

**Left:** Initiative badge earners from each class.

## MATARIKI

At the end of last term we celebrated Matariki with Reverend Andrew Evans from the Anglican Church. Mr Evans helped us celebrate all God has given us in family, life and ushering in a new season of growth in ourselves and in planting crops.

Permaculture with Mr Evans will continue in Term 3. We will also be sharing with you soon the winning Kumara Soup recipe Mr Evans tweaked and introduced to us.




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## KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE



This term in our Health programme our students will be doing our bi-annual Keeping Ourselves Safe programme.

This is a unit that we want families to have an understanding of what we are covering. Within it students learn how to be good friends, how to develop responsibility, will cover online safety and anti-bullying, and will learn about the different types of abuse. They learn how to keep themselves safe and how to be a good friend to others.

While there is a legal requirement for us to teach this we do have a conservative bent in our approach and we are very pro family desiring always to build family up.

We are having a parent meeting to share what will be taught over the term at each class level. We encourage you to attend this so you can understand what will be covered and how you can help reinforce what we teach at home. Our meeting will be next **Monday the 29th of July at 5:30PM**. This is to allow working parents to attend. We expect the meeting to take up to 45 minutes and Senior Constable Natasha Snowden from the Police will also be in attendance to take parent questions.

All Keeping Ourselves Safe units and information about the programme can be found online for parents to look at on the Police website by doing a quick search for Keeping Ourselves Safe.



## REAL TALK



This term Year 7 and 8 students will begin their Health and Bible unit called Real Talk. We shared about this with you when we did the parent consultation and survey last year over our Health and PE programmes. Real Talk is a holistic unit that helps our senior students explore who they are, what God created them to be and within it leads them through an understanding of pubertal changes across the six month unit. This is the first time we have done this course so we are trialling it to measure its success. Parents of senior students can expect to here more information about this during the unit and in the coming weeks.

## Even More News—Kawepūrongo

### NEW SPORTS ACADEMY DAYS FOR TERM 3

There will be no Sports Academy this week and from next week Sports Academy is shifted to after school on a Wednesday afternoon. Times remain the same running from 3:15—4:30PM.



We apologise that Sports Academy days need to be shifted in different terms but this is to work in with new sports events that crop up and when they are played, and with the availability of our volunteer parents that run Sports Academy for us.

### HOCKEY VICTORIES

The Hockey season is now over and we celebrate a pretty amazing season for our three teams who all had impressive seasons.



We had two teams in the Juniors categories made up of 10 teams. The Falcons (our Year 4 team) won the Junior category outright while the Hawks (our Year 2/3 team) finished 9th in the category.

In the Senior category, made up of 11 teams, the Eagles (our Year 5/6 team) finished 1st equal with Walton's top team!

Special acknowledgement goes to Zander van Deventer who has finished the season as the second highest scorer across all teams throughout the season.

These are incredible results and we are very grateful to our amazing coaches who did a stunning job and helped all of our students develop. Some of these students are becoming incredible athletes as a result and we are blown away by what they and our coaches have achieved. Thus, special thanks go to all our coaches across each team —Lindi van Deventer, Salomien Smit, Pablo Godbey and April Thorne-George.

See some of the pictures of our teams on page 5.

### NETBALL AWARDS

While Netball still has a number of weeks still to run for one of our teams we want to acknowledge the achievement of two of our students; Tima Mataitoga and Isla Uerata, who at the end of last term were highlighted for special awards by the Netball community as being some of Matamata Netball's most valuable players. Well done girls, you really have deserved these awards and acknowledgement!



### ENCOUNTER TEAM

On Tuesday the 6th of August Matamata Christian School will be hosting a group of six students and adults from China for the school day. The Encounter Team visited us once before and were billeted for a number of days a few years before Covid. It was a well received visit.



This year Encounter will bring a much smaller group and will only be with us for the day after spending a week at Kaikohe Christian School. When with us they will experience the Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 classes and in turn will have their students teach ours a little about their culture. This should be an excellent experience for our students.

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND US YOUR STICKERS

Last term we sent home charts that can be used to collect Yummy apple stickers if your family buys these. When collected each of these stickers can be used to cash in on free sports gear for our school. See the promo below and remember to ask grandparents to get involved if they purchase Yummy apples too. Note that while there is a close off date for sticker collection stickers can be collected all year round for the following year too.



### COLLECT YUMMY STICKERS FOR YOUR SCHOOL'S SHARE OF \$200,000 FREE SPORTS GEAR

It's easy to play! Just purchase Yummy apples from your local New World, PAK 'n SAVE or Four Square supermarket, collect the individual Yummy apple stickers and cut-out labels on Yummy apple bags or punnet barcodes. Then take them along to your participating school for your school's share of \$200,000 sports gear!

Time to COLLECT Yummy apple stickers for our schools share of **\$200,000 FREE SPORTS GEAR**  
The more we collect, the more gear we get!  
EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!

Please see page 6 for another sticker chart if you need one.

#### Ag Day Lambs



Newly born lambs available for Ag Day from 20<sup>th</sup> July through until September

- Vaccinated
- Suffolk cross breed (mostly patchy coloured)
- Boys and girls available
- Girls & wethers (fixed boys) available to be returned at the end of the Ag Day season or can also be kept. Unfortunately, rams cannot be returned.
- \$10 each

Please text **Karen Lind 021 035 8548** with your preferred pick-up date/s and if you are wanting a boy or girl lamb.

#### Ag Day Goat Kids

- Newly born kids available for Ag Day from early July and into August
- Milking breed goats
- Boys and girls available



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\$20 each

Please text **Chantelle Fletcher 027 427 8976** with your preferred pick-up date/s, if you are wanting a boy or girl kid goat and if you have a preference for a white or coloured goat.



# MATAMATA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HOCKEY 2024








# Sticker Collection Sheet



									
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School Name .....

## Even More News—Kawepūrongo

### TERM 3 TOPICS

Every year we review and develop our teaching curriculum to meet the needs of our students. We have always been very proud of the curriculum we develop and the topics we teach. 2024 is no different. Each year our needs change along with student's competencies and social needs. We believe over the years we have been developing an excellent curriculum that responds to this.



Important to us in the development of our students is not only academic achievement but developing resilience, empathy for others, and becoming well rounded citizens that can think for themselves, problem solve, participate physically, develop skills and an appreciation for the arts, develop a heart after God's own heart and therefore be active in their church life, and engage in society responsibly with a Christian worldview.

This term is again a busy one and in topic we are integrating our learning within the topics of Science, Social Science and Technology to learn about Science in Sport. With the Paris Olympics on in the first part of the term it creates a segway for us to explore this. Running alongside this will be the return of our bi-annual Olympirua that we run whenever the Olympic or Commonwealth Games are on. This is a series of track and field events and our annual cross country which are all done for our famous gold, silver and bronze cardboard medals. Students compete at class levels for these.



Term 3 is also the term where we do our annual speeches. For Year 5—8 students they are also preparing for the chance to compete at the annual Bethlehem Chapman Speech Competition in Rotorua which is held in early Term 4. Only two from each of the senior classes can be selected to represent our school there. This event also holds a Chess Championship so students from the senior classes will have trials throughout Term 3 to earn selection for this too.

Term 3 also is Sports Camp term for our Year 7 and 8 students. Each year we form a combined team with the Year 7 and 8 students from Hamilton SDA creating a team of 36 that will compete for a week against seven other teams of schools from around the central North Island. At Sports Camp our students compete across 40 different sports codes in some very intense match ups. Trials for Sports Camp happen on Thursday and Friday next week (August 1-2) when students from Hamilton SDA will join us for a training and selection overnighter here at MCS. Only 21 can be selected from our students and 15 from Hamilton SDA for the team.

In the chart on this page you can see what else your children will be learning about this term. As always you are welcome to join in with us for any part too.

Bible	Y1-3: Bible Narratives (stories) Y4: 'The Ology'. Developing detail about God's ways Y5-6: God's Story Y7-8: Real Talk
Core Value	Perseverance
Memory Verses	From Philippians 2:3—11 (Humility and Exaltation) Perseverance: Galatians 6:9
Theme	Science in Sport Also the Paris Olympics
Oral Language	Speeches
Health	Keeping Ourselves Safe Real Talk (Years 7/8)
Māori	Movement and Action
The Great Art Swap	Y1/2: Robotics with Mrs Bloomfield Y2/3: Dance with Mrs Tomlinson Y4: 3D Visual Art with Miss Thomasen Y5/6: 2D Visual Art with Mrs Atkins Y7/8: Tech Arts
P.E.	Olympirua Sports Camp

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## Dates for your Calendar



### July

- 23rd Netball
- 26th Olympiria Opening Ceremony 9AM
- 29th Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting
- 30th Netball
- 30th School Board Meeting
- 31st Sports Academy

### August

- 1st Sports Camp Training and Overnighter
- 1st Olympiria
- 2nd Sports Camp Training
- 6th Encounter Team Visit for Y5—8
- 6th Netball
- 7th Sports Academy
- 8th Parent Connect Group
- 8th Olympiria
- 13th Netball
- 14th Sports Academy
- 15th Olympiria
- 20th Netball
- 20th School Board Meeting
- 21st Sports Academy
- 22nd Gymnastics Regionals
- 22nd Olympiria
- 26th—30th Sports Camp
- 28th Sports Academy
- 29th Parent Connect Group
- 29th Olympiria

### September

- 4th Friendship Circle (Y5/6)
- 4th Sports Academy

## 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](mailto: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

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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 8th Here-turi-kōkā / Thursday 8th of August between 9—10:30AM**. Come and enjoy tea and coffee together and meet other school families. Pre-schoolers are very welcome.



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# 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).

