

## VISION STATEMENT

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

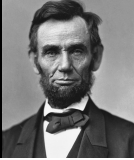


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## DUAL CROSS COUNTRY ACTION

A couple of weeks ago we were doubly blessed to be able to both go out to the Burgess farm and enjoy stunning weather for our school Cross Country, which is part of our Olympiria events this year.

These races, carried out in class groups, were great battles to watch with some thrilling results. A huge thank you goes to all the parents who faithfully helped us move so many children out to the event, and to the Burgess family who had put so much effort into the course layout and preparation.

Last week our Cross Country was followed up by Matamata's Inter School Cross Country held out at the Gore's farm in Hinuera. We selected students to compete at this event based on age performances at the school event the week before. Our students competed against those from Matamata Primary, Firth Primary, Hinuera, Te Poi, Kuranui, Walton, Wairere and St Joseph's.

Our students put in some more great efforts and battles with a much bigger field of competition. Congratulations goes to Skye Flavell who pulled off 3rd in her age group. There were a number of other top 10 finishes too on a quite challenging course with a lot of other competition.

### 2024 School Cross Country Olympiria Results

Room 5 (Y1)	Girls	Boys
Gold	Malea Meisterhans	Isaac Moore
Silver	Joy Lecky	Elia Meisterhans
Bronze	Lyra Walpole	Christopher Fouhy
Room 4 (Y2/3)	Girls	Boys
Gold	Blythe Nicholls	Deacon Morley
Silver	Ava Park	Nathanael Morris
Bronze	Miciah Velk	Kaden Muir
Room 1 (Y4)	Girls	Boys
Gold	Sadie Thorne-George	Mika Mataitoga
Silver	Skye Favell	John Gabriel Magan
Bronze	Esther Velk	Carter Henn
Room 2 (Y5/6)	Girls	Boys
Gold	Zahara Thomson	Zechariah Morris
Silver	Matilda Hildreth	Zander van Deventer
Bronze	Sophie Burgess	Blake Henn
Room 3 (Y7/8)	Girls	Boys
Gold	Arieta Mataitoga	Jonathan Hill
Silver	Rachel Sinclair	Adriel Magan
Bronze	Sophia du Plessis	Alexander Jansen

### Inter School Photos



## From the Desk of the Tumuaki

We are in the final two weeks of term and have a busy few weeks ahead with the completion of our Olympiria events, our annual Open Day, and the terms celebrations including the Olympiria medal ceremony. We hope you can be with us for some of these events and help us promote the Open Day this Wednesday.

This term our core value being developed is perseverance. This is something you can focus on alongside us at home too. Kiwi kids are often not known for their ability to stick at and persevere through something and that's something we're trying to change. When we're learning something new, to struggle a bit is good as that's when your brain is stretching and trying to make new connections. Don't be afraid of this, while it's certainly uncomfortable it tends to be when your biggest gains are made. When things are easy it doesn't take a lot of thinking and you go through more automatic motions. However, seriously having to push and think through something causes great growth. When you see your child struggling support them, encourage them, but unless it is totally beyond them altogether, don't do it for them. Let them learn and grow through it even if you need to provide a bit of support on the side. Some call this GRIT. Please don't rob your child of the opportunities to develop this. It is so very fulfilling when achievement happens.

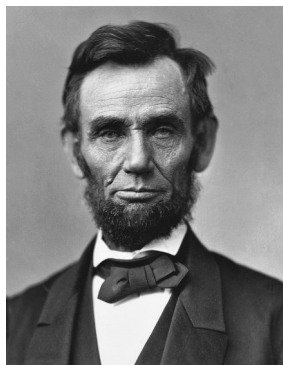
I like telling stories to help inspire people and get my point across so I'm retelling some of my favourite perseverance stories here this term. Here's my last story for the term and, with the American elections coming up next term, this one is about one of America's most famous people who just never gave up:

In 1831 this man failed in a business venture he had tried hard at. In 1832 he stood for the American state legislature but was defeated. In 1833 he failed at yet another business venture. In 1835 his heart was shattered when his fiancé died and this helped lead to his own nervous breakdown in 1836. In 1843 he stood for Congress but was defeated but had another go in 1848 only to be defeated again. In 1855 he stood for Senate but lost and in 1856 stood for the candidacy of Vice President and lost that too. In 1859 he tried again for Senate but to no avail. Yet finally in 1860 Abraham Lincoln became the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States!

An amazing story of perseverance isn't it? Since his time as president Abraham Lincoln has consistently been voted as one of the three most influential presidents of all time too. I hope this helps inspire you today to persevere at something you believe passionately in and in growing your walk with God.

God bless

Alistair Paterson



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## Perseverance Quote

*"Let no feeling of discouragement prey upon you, and in the end you are sure to succeed."*

**- President Abraham Lincoln**

## INTERESTING MCS FACTS

- The school started in 1988, and is one term older than Bethlehem College.
- There have been six principals. The current one has served for half the school's life.
- Room 4 and half the administration block were the school's first buildings and were transported on site from the school's previous location in Tower



## Prayer Requests...

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

- Please continue to pray for each of our amazing students to grow strong academically, spiritually, physically and to be emotionally connected and well balanced.
- Please pray for our Open Day and that God will fill the last places in the school for next year with the families He wants to be here.
- Please pray for our applications with the Ministry of Education for roll growth and to extend to Years 9 and 10.



# News - Kawepūrongo

## OPEN DAY

On Wednesday this week we have our annual school Open Day. If you know anyone who may be keen to be part of our school in 2025 or beyond please encourage them to come along and check the school out.



Open Day runs all day with the school open until 6PM for parents who can't come until after work. No appointments are necessary just roll up and we'll show people around and chat.

While the school will soon be full for this year some spaces have opened up for next year due to some of our families leaving the area. We only have preference spaces available however (places for Christian families).

Please encourage people to be in quick and to get in touch if they can't make this Open Day. This year our roll spaces were reserved and filled very quickly. It is also interesting to note that nearly every Christian school around the country has filled over the last 12 months with some having waiting lists breaking into the thousands!



Experience our classes    Explore our beautiful grounds    Feel what defines us as a Christian School

Pick up handy hints for preparing for school    Tips for helping with home learning

### Kia ora and Welcome to Matamata Christian School

Matamata Christian School invites parents and students to attend our open day and see what makes our school so special. For 36 years Matamata Christian School has been growing and developing Year 1 - 8 students to rise up and take their place in the world. We strive for academic and sporting success, and to develop students to have a strong knowledge of and relationship with God.

[www.matamata.school.nz](http://www.matamata.school.nz)



## ERO REPORT

With it having been 4 1/2 years since our last ERO review this term ERO have once again been running their evaluation lens across the school checking for compliance, progress and evaluating how well we are doing as a school.



We are well pleased with the outcome of the report which families can now read at <https://ero.govt.nz/institution/1186/matamata-christian-school> or by doing a search on the ERO website.

## ELGREGOE

As a special treat for the end of the term we have Elgregoe coming to do a show for us in what we expect to be his last show here before retirement. Elgregoe has been

coming to us with his amazing illusion shows for well in excess of a decade making us one of only a handful of schools he chooses to perform at in the North Island.



## OPEN DAY

Wednesday 18 September  
9AM - 6PM  
91A Smith Street

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Elgregoe is a Christian himself and goes to lengths to explain to our students that his work is not magic but works on illusions. He also has a clear anti-bullying message he peddles.

The show will be at **1:30PM on Thursday the 26th of September** here at school. The school has paid for this and whānau are welcome to come along and bring pre-schoolers.

Please let us know if you do not want your children visiting the show.

## GETWISE

In the last week of term on **Wednesday the 25th of September**



we are pleased to have the ASB's Getwise financial literacy programme running for our Year 4—8 students. During the day students will explore topics ranging from the importance of how to save money through to understanding how to avoid scams with the older students.

We are very grateful to the ASB for generously providing this programme for us.

### Some of the Special Features of Matamata Christian School:

- Smaller class sizes
- Sports Academy
- Music Specialist Teaching
- School Choir
- Permaculture
- Performing Arts
- Teaching Support
- Wearable Arts
- Year 7/8 Sports Camp
- Year 7/8 Northland New Zealand History Trip



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## More News—Kawepūrongo

### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

A huge thank you goes to all the families who helped transport and look after our choir at the recent Friendship Circle event. The choir was really appreciated by our elderly community who were really thrilled to interact with our students too.



Thank you so much to all those who helped as it is hard to otherwise transport everyone in a timely manner when there is such a large group to move.

### GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Every year Willow Creek Church in Chicago host an amazing leadership summit involving some of the best leaders of the day to spread a message of leadership skills development. The speakers are a mix of Christians and non-religious people but all are very much top of their game. They all present messages on how to grow your leadership and meet the needs of corporate, every day business and social sectors.

These messages are professionally recorded and distributed all around the world through their Global Leadership Summit. For years Matamata Christian School has supported this buying tickets to host the showing of this event. Our intent has always been to help build leadership skills into our local business, civic leaders and churches.

We intend to show the Summit locally hosting our event on Friday the 8th of November. This is a whole day event which we provide for free including lunch for those who attend.

We invite people to join us for this. If you would like to be involved please let either Mr Paterson or the school office know. We would love you to join us for an event we feel quite passionately about.



### YEAR 5/6 LEGACY SPORTS CAMPS

Waikato Rugby women are running a number of day sports camps for Year 5/6 students in the coming school holidays to raise money for their upcoming 7s trip to South America.



Families can register for this at <https://forms.gle/9ekknL7Gj4yDC2o16> or contact for more details through the email address listed in the ad below.

### COLOUR CAMBRIDGE FUN RUN / WALK

Kids in Need Waikato is an organisation that supports children in the Waikato (including Matamata) that are in care being raised by anyone other than their parents. They supply care packs for people in need and can be accessed when needed. Next month they are running a fun run / walk as a fundraiser that families can participate in.



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# LEGACY SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Day Camp 9-3pm

**1 Day \$60**  
**2 Days \$120**  
**3 Days \$150**

**Location:** Hamilton Old Boys Rugby Club

**Dates:** Mon/Tues/Wed  
Both weeks

**BOYS & GIRLS**  
**Year 5 & 6**



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## Even More News—Kawepūrongo

### AG, PET AND FLOWER DAY

This year's Ag, Pet and Flower Day is set for **Tuesday the 15th of October** in the first week of next term. This is now getting pretty close.



Ag Day is available for those students who wish to compete with a farm animal — a lamb, calf or goat.

Pet Day is available for any student not participating in Ag Day. If you have a loved pet at home and your child would like to bring them along for the morning they can enter them in the competition. We invite one of our local vets in to come and judge our animals.



They look at how well your pet is looked after, the relationship your child has with them (if appropriate), how involved they are in the pet's care and what they know about their pet. Students need to start filling out a pet diary over a four week period in the lead up to the day. These diaries are available from the school office and need to start **today** at the latest.

This year we bring back Flower Day again. This is now a bi-annual event and is a chance for students to bring out their creative skills. Again, this is for all students not involved in Ag Day. Because the day is the second day back



after the school holidays please look out for flowers and foliage they can bring around the end of the school holidays. More details can be found on the next page.

If not done already can we please ask families to indicate on the return slip below any pets that you would like to bring.

### MUFTI DAY

This **Thursday** the 19th of September is our termly mufti day for our school's World Vision sponsored child, Scola, in the Ugandan Odupi community.



As a school our student leadership team has partnered with World Vision for nearly 15 years to support their projects and sponsor a child as part of our service and compassion core values we instill in our students.

Our student leadership team have decided that dressing up as a movie, TV or book character is the theme this week. If your child has a favourite character they can dress up as them and enjoy the fun. Please do not have witch or other inappropriate characters though. Students don't have to dress in theme and can wear any other mufti they prefer.

To be part please send a gold coin donation to help us pay the child sponsorship costs. Thank you to all those who so often send more than a gold coin. It really does help.

**Movie or Book Character Mufti Day**  
Thursday 19th September

Dress up as your favourite movie or book character.

Gold coin donation  
By Carli Visagie and Rylee Sinclair

### MCS AGRICULTURAL & PET DAY - 15th October

If your child is intending to take part in this year's Ag & Pet Day please fill in this slip and return it to the school office **immediately**. Alternatively, you can complete a permission slip on SkoolLoop. This information is needed to plan the day and organise judges.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Animal: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Compulsory for Ag animals)



## MATAMATA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S FLOWER DAY 2024

Our bi-annual Flower Day event is on this year and runs alongside Ag and Pet Day this coming **Tuesday the 15th of October**. This is a chance for the artistic side of each student to come out and shine. There are a number of categories students can enter into and each should enter into two categories (note those involved with Ag Day will not have time to take part in Flower Day).

**The Rules** (because we have to have these in fairness to all)

- ◆ Students should bring only raw materials to school. Vegetables must not be pre-cut and flower arrangements **cannot** be prepared at home beforehand.
- ◆ Please no practising or preparing at home as this invites too much parent or whānau input. The only exception to this is with the miniature gardens where suggestions can be made at home and students can have a trial run, but parents and whānau cannot help students prepare or practise please.

### The Categories

Year Levels	Category
1 - 3	<b>Sand Saucer.</b> You need to bring a saucer with your name marked underneath. You can use sand (available at school) or Vaseline. Have plenty of small flowers and petals of all sizes. You should be trying to cover any sand if it is used.
1 - 8	<b>Arrangement in an Unusual Container.</b> Bring something cool—a container, old teapot, shoe etc. You will need an arrangement of blooms.
1 - 8	<b>Miniature Garden to be made in a roasting dish or similar.</b> Gardens can be practised at home, disassembled and reassembled at school. The pan should be no bigger than 40cm please. Gardens are to be made from natural materials (no artificial flowers please). Cars, plastic animals and Lego props are allowed. Mirrors or foil can also be used for streams or a pond effect.
4 - 8	<b>Vegetable or Fruit Novelty.</b> Try looking up ideas on Google Images.
6 - 8	<b>Restaurant Table Centrepiece.</b> Arrangement in a container and to be no higher than 20cm.





# October 2024 Holiday Programme

8:30-3:00 \$40  
8:00-4:00 \$45  
8:00-5:00 \$50  
8:00-6:00 \$55

Some days will incur additional charges for outings.  
These will be included in the price shown at the time of booking.



## Monday 30 Sep

### NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

Discover some of the incredible nature we have right here in Matamata



## Tuesday 1 Oct

### MAD SCIENTIST

Dr. Nichtgenau returns with more science experiments for us to try.



## Wednesday 2 Oct

### SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN

Let's go visit some of our beautiful native birds and bush!



## Thursday 3 Oct

### NATURAL DISASTERS

Get hands-on with a hurricane and other natural disasters.



## Friday 4 Oct

### SPACE BAKING

Let's make some delicious treats to celebrate World Space Week!



## Monday 7 Oct

### PAPER MACHE PLANETS

Time to get messy! Make a model of an existing planet or invent your own!



## Tuesday 8 Oct

### TOKOROA POOLS

Bring your togs for a fun day out at Tokoroa Pools!



## Wednesday 9 Oct

### STRESS NINJAS

Unleash your inner ninjal! Join us for a fun day crafting stress ball warriors.



## Thursday 10 Oct

### HAMILTON ZOO

Let's go visit some amazing animals from around the world!



## Friday 11 Oct

### WHEELS DAY

Bring your wheels for a day of fun, and something to share for lunch.



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## Still More News—Kawepūrongo

### SPORTS ACADEMY

This year we have had an awesome band of parent volunteers running our very popular Sports Academy programme after school one day per week. We really could do with more help now as we build up to the busy summer season please. While Futsal has been the only sport announced so far (see below), we are expecting more. Our Sports Academy is designed to help build into our students generic sports skills and fitness that can be used across the different sports codes.

We really believe in sports and have seen the difference that our Sports Academy is making amongst our Year 3—8 students. If you can help, even if not each week, please let us know in the school office or get hold of Bridget Hildreth, Emma-Jayne Nicholls or Lindi van Deventer. Sports Academy is presently run each Thursday after school from 3:15—4:30PM and is free to all Year 3—8 students.

### FUTSAL

Futsal (Indoor Soccer) is back starting in Week 2 of Term 4 and we've been invited to put together teams in Years 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. There is no cost to participate as the school will once again pay for anyone wanting to be involved. Students need to be in full PE gear and have shoes that don't mark the stadium floor. All games will be at Headon Stadium and times will be:

Years 3/4: Mondays between 3:30—4PM

Years 5/6: Mondays between 4—5:30PM

Years 7/8: Tuesdays (no times announced yet)

We really need coaches and managers too please. If you can help please let Mrs Bloomfield or the school office know as soon as possible.

Sign up forms have come home and need to be back by the end of next week please. We would really like to encourage everyone to be involved.

### DID YOU SEE THIS FROM THE SCENE?...



### TEACHER ONLY DAY

The government has awarded each school two teacher only days per year for schools to spend time training and preparing staff for the upcoming curriculum changes the government is bringing in. Our last one for 2024 has been set for **Friday the 25th of October**. This is the start of Labour weekend so may give families the opportunity to take an extended long weekend if it can be made to work for your family.

We appreciate that days like this can cause disruption and we apologise for this. There is a lot of change ahead and it is important that we do all we can to be well prepared and ready for these changes. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

### ARE YOU UP FOR THIS?

The Weet-Bix TRYathlon is back and ready. See if you're up for the challenge to swim, bike and run. Search Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon online for more.



## 2024/2025 series



Scene around...

[www.sceneonline.co.nz](http://www.sceneonline.co.nz)

## A fruitful relationship with Matamata Lions



Two weeks ago, Matamata Christian School received a generous donation of 15 fruit trees from the Matamata Lions. This donation marks a significant step forward in the school's ongoing commitment to permaculture and sustainability.

Lion, Graeme Waterson, who was present during the planting working bee, congratulated the school for its forward-thinking approach. "The school's committed approach to permaculture and sustainability is commendable," Graeme said. "We are very pleased to be able to contribute to such a worthwhile initiative at the school which, I believe, now has more than two dozen fruit trees planted around the grounds."

The addition of these fruit trees not only enhances the school's green spaces but

LEFT: Matamata Lion, Graeme Waterson is pictured with students of Matamata Christian School.

also serves as an educational resource for students. Through this initiative, the students are learning the importance of environmental stewardship and the benefits of sustainable practices.

Graeme further emphasised the impact of the project, noting that it is heartening to see the younger generation so engaged with the project. "It's great to see the next generation so passionate about their environment and, at the same time, literally, feed their school community!" he said.

With over two dozen fruit trees now gracing the school grounds, Matamata Christian School is setting a strong example of how schools can integrate sustainability into their daily routines and teaching.

The fruit produced will be used to support the school community, ensuring that the benefits of this initiative are shared by all.

■ Caron Stewart.



## Even More News—Kawepūrongo

### OLYMPIRUA CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony of our 9th ever Olympirua event is scheduled to be the term's final assembly next week on **Friday the 27th of September**. Assembly will still have our normal term's awards but will also feature the presentation of our famous gold, silver and bronze cardboard medals in our track and field Olympirua events that have been run across the school this term.

We are delighted to have once again sourced a real New Zealand Olympian to come in to talk and present our medals to our students. This has changed from Brooke Francis that we announced in our last newsletter and will now be Brooke Neal, a gold medal recipient at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in Hockey.



Brooke has been with us before and has a fantastic story to tell our students about being an athlete. We are very much looking forward to her return as she comes to present our medals this year. All whānau are welcome to attend.

**Assembly will be on Friday the 27th of September starting at the earlier time of 9AM.**

### LEARNING JOURNAL NIGHT

Next week on **Wednesday the 25th of September** 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.

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 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.



New Zealand Olympic Ambassador

# Brooke Neal

**Olympian number:**  
1325

**Discipline:**  
Hockey

**Position:**  
Defender

Brooke was born in Whangarei in 1992. It was on the grass at Kensington Park in Whangarei that three-year-old Brooke first picked up a hockey stick. Hockey was in the Neal family, older brother Shay played, Brooke's father coached many of her teams and Brooke's mother was either manager or parent help at tournaments Brooke played in.

Brooke made her first representative team aged ten. She attended Whangarei Girls' High School and was part of a team containing future Black Sticks Charlotte and Samantha Harrison, Alana Millington, and Jasmine McQuinn. This team won the Federation Cup, the top secondary school competition in New Zealand.

In 2012 Brooke travelled to India to play for the New Zealand Under 21 team in a four nations tournament where they came second to Germany. 2013 was to be a big year in Brooke's career. In July she played for the Under 21s in the Junior World Cup held in Germany, and then later that year in October, Brooke made her senior Black Sticks debut against Australia.

### Quick facts

**Favourite food:** Wood fire pizza  
**Favourite movie:** Lion King  
**Favourite music:** Ben Howard, Beyonce and Elton John  
**Childhood hero:** My brother  
**Current favourite athlete:** Roger Federer  
**Most rewarding moment in sport:** Winning gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games  
**Talents other than hockey:** Dance, and doing really long hand stands!  
**Biggest injury:** Teeth knocked out by a hockey ball, and Tendinopathy in my knee  
**Biggest sacrifice:** No sacrifices, I choose to do it because I love it!  
**Job outside sport:** Working with young athletes to help them find balance in their lives  
**Other fun facts:** My brother also came to the Rio Olympics, he plays for the Blacksticks mens team

As a member of the Black Sticks, Brooke was one of New Zealand's most effective defenders. A tall, skilful and difficult player for opposition attackers to have to deal with, Brooke's strengths were her agility, speed and her long reach. Brooke also offered a good scoring option from penalty corners.

While her hockey career was flourishing, Brooke also knew that it was important to get academic qualifications. She was awarded the Waikato University Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship, which sent her off to Hamilton in 2011 to study for a Bachelor of Communications degree. Upon graduating Brooke initially worked for a marketing company.

It wasn't all plain sailing during her hockey career, with a knee injury in 2013. Recovery was a crucial part in managing her career through this injury. The guideline that Brooke gives is that for every hour of training there was at least 30 minutes of stretching, foam rolling or trigger point massage. Brooke says her injury made her look seriously at her priorities and helped her develop resilience and discipline.

An important figure throughout Brooke's hockey career was her brother Shay, who was also in Rio as part of the New Zealand Men's Hockey team. Brooke credits Shay with having a massive impact on her career. She says she's always looked to him for advice, and they always shared information on the best ways to do things in their sport, and in everyday life as well. On a lighter note, Brooke reckons the reason she became a defender was because when they were little, Shay would dress her up in goalie gear and a helmet and whack tennis balls at her!

At the 2016 Rio Olympics the Women's Black Sticks held high hopes for their first ever medal after beating arch-rivals Australia in the quarterfinals 4-2. Unfortunately, they were beaten by a fired-up Great Britain in the semis and eventually finished fourth. Brooke says the Rio Games were life changing. She found it so inspiring to be amongst the world's best athletes.

Brooke retired from International Hockey in 2020 after playing 176 games for the Black Sticks. Her eight-year international career included competing at the 2016 Olympic Games where her team placed fourth and winning Gold at the Commonwealth Games in 2018, the first time in history this had been achieved.

Brooke is also a mindset and wellbeing coach, launching All About Balance in 2016. She knows that mental health is more important than ever, but 'high performance' and 'wellbeing' continue to be two separate conversations. Brooke's mission is to inspire women in sport and business to put well-being at the centre of everything that they do, and as a result, be able to perform consistently at a high level. She runs workshops, online programmes and yoga sessions as a registered teacher. Brooke was made an Olympic Ambassador after the 2016 Rio Olympics.

### Career highlights

2016 Rio Olympics - Fourth  
2016 Australia series - Gold  
2015 National Hockey League- MVP  
2015 World League Finals - Silver  
2013 New Zealand debut  
2013 Junior World Cup

### Links

Brooke's website:  
[www.brookeneal.co.nz](http://www.brookeneal.co.nz)

Brooke's Instagram accounts:  
[@allaboutbalance](https://www.instagram.com/allaboutbalance/)  
[@brookeneal](https://www.instagram.com/brookeneal/)

Brooke's Facebook:  
[@allaboutbalance](https://www.facebook.com/allaboutbalance/)

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nzolympics [www.olympic.org.nz](http://www.olympic.org.nz)

## Even More News - Kawepūrongo

### SUMMER UNIFORM

From the start of next term it is time to change over to summer uniform. In effect this simply means going from shoes to black school sandals and adding the school sunhat.

Sandals can cause a little bit of angst. In the past we have only accepted Roman sandals but we recognise the quality of these can be quite mixed now and they are not particularly comfortable. We have decided to accept black sandals with wide straps and open toes to help. It is important however not to choose fashion styled ones as this contradicts the purpose of uniforms which is to place everyone in the same presentation bracket.



We recognise that Year 8 students who are leaving for College at the end of the year may need to have different footwear for next year. If you are having to replace their footwear from last summer they may either carry on wearing their winter shoes and socks or families may buy their 2025 summer footwear and wear these. This only applies for Year 8 students and only if their sandals from last season no longer fit please.

Sunhats are part of our health and safety protocol and need to be worn as often as possible outside to help protect your children from the dangers of the New Zealand sun. We also recommend you apply sunscreen to your child at the start of the school day for added protection. Skin cancer rates are very high in New Zealand and older skin cancer sufferers often have this attributed back to habits dating back to their childhood.

Please could all families carefully name all uniform items as summer is when more items tend to get misplaced or accidentally picked up. Likewise could families please regularly check that items brought home belong to your family and not another child in the school.

### Dates for your Calendar

#### September

18th	Open Day
18th	Sports Academy
19th	Mufti Day
19th	Parent Connect Group
24th	School Board Meeting
25th	Getwise Financial Literacy Programme (Y4—8)
25th	Sports Academy
25th	Learning Journal Night
26th	Elgregoe Show
27th	End of Term 3 Assembly / Olympirua Closing Ceremony
27th	End of Term 3

#### October

14th	Term 4 Starts
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## 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

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 19th Mahuru / Thursday 19th of September 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).

