

VISION STATEMENT

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Weeks: **7 - 8**

Term 3 2024:
2 Mahuru (September)

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SPORTING PROWESS AT SPORTS CAMP

What a week it was at Sports Camp last week! Weather played a big role in a week of action. This year our team of 35 students played against nine other teams from schools around the central North Island. Our team was comprised of Year 7 and 8 students from MCS and Hamilton SDA with our students making up the bulk of the numbers.

Over the week our team encountered 40 different sports they fought valiantly in. A mixture of team, paired and individual pursuits were played, all nail biting to watch, all intense to be a part of.

Each year different students bring different strengths. In the past our strengths have been mixtures of Rugby, Wallball, the Cross Country, Volleyball, Chess and Indoor Soccer. This year our team made the semi-finals in Wallball, Netball, Boys Indoor Soccer, Girls Basketball, Petanque, Chess, Girls Table Tennis and the Tug of War. They went on to the Wallball and Petanque finals and finally came home with the trophy for Wallball and the Cheerleading. We were the defending champions from last year in both of these areas too.



Reports have it that our team worked very well together, were a joy to work with and did all their families proud. Well done team!



From the Desk of the Tumuaki

It has been a busy few weeks here at school, especially with Sports Camp on. There are a number of events still to come, particularly this week. To make these happen we really need your help please with transport, crucially with the Cross Country as we have nearly 120 children to move for this. If you can help and want to be part of the spectating please let us know by filling in the reply slips within this newsletter. If you are keen to run we usually have a parent race for those who want to have a go too!

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. Today's story comes from one of the most famous people in history:

In June of 1955, Sir Winston Churchill, who was near the end of his life, was asked to give a commencement address at a British university. At this time he was physically infirm; he had to be helped to the podium. He held on to the podium for what seemed an endless amount of time. He stood with his head bowed down but finally looked up. Then the voice that years before had called Britain back from the brink of destruction sounded publicly for the last time in history: "Never, never, never give up." With that, Churchill turned and went back to his seat.

I read somewhere that there was silence, and then, as if one person, the whole audience rose to applaud him. They rose to applaud him because here was a man whose life and words were together. During the darkest days of World War II when country after country was being swallowed by the Nazis, when German planes were bombing English cities into piles of rubble, when the threat of invasion seemed imminent, when even the hardiest of souls was giving up hope, Winston Churchill never lost hope and never gave up. He called his country to their knees in prayer. It was a turning point. Even throughout his political career, Churchill had known setbacks. Three times, his career apparently over, he was sent off to oblivion. Three times he came back to lead his country. Here was a man who never gave up.

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Perseverance Quote

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will."

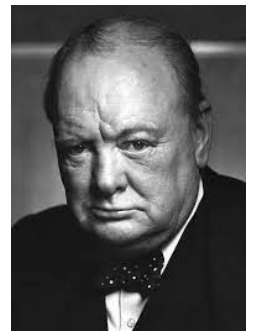
- Vince Lombardi Junior

"Never, never, never give up." Excellent advice for anybody who seeks to serve the Lord and accomplish His work. In the Lord's service, it is always too soon to quit. In the Lord's service, it is never time to slacken our efforts. In the Lord's service, we must never come to the point of giving up. Paul had this in mind when he wrote Galatians 6:9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up".

This has been my own theme verse in the past. Whenever we are tempted to do less than our best, or perhaps to quit completely, we ought to remember this verse and the truths that it contains. Be challenged.

God bless

Alistair Paterson



INTERESTING MCS FACTS

- *Because the school was private and small in it's first seven years parents paid big fees and were rostered on to help clean the bathrooms.*
- *The school's first teacher worked for free for two years to help bring the cost down for parents.*
- *The school was integrated in 1995 and fees were able to be reduced.*



Prayer Requests...

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

- Please pray for the health of our students and families.
- 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 applications with the Ministry of Education for roll growth and to extend to Years 9 and 10.

News - Kawepūrongo

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

This week our choir has an opportunity to perform at the local Friendship Circle for elderly members of our community. Each year at this time of year we are asked to perform and spend time mixing with some of our senior citizens.

It is an honour to be able to do this and this time we are taking our choir members to perform but we need some help with transport please. We are not going far, to All Saints Anglican Church on Hohaia Street in Matamata. We need drivers for 1 1/2 hours from 1PM this **Wednesday the 4th of September**. We will leave school by 1:15PM and return at around 2:30PM. If you can help please fill in the reply slip below.

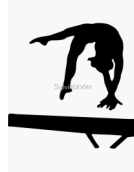
Our choir have been building up an exceptional reputation in the community and we are indebted to our Music teacher Rika van der Linde and Rachel West for their work with them.

If your child is in the choir but you do not want them involved in this event please let your class teacher or Mrs Uerata know as soon as possible.

GYMNASTICS REGIONALS

Recently Sadie Thorne-George and Aria Uerata earned the opportunity to compete at the Waikato Regional Schools Gym Sports Festival after competing in the Morrinsville event earlier in the term.

The girls competed hard and handled the pressure of a very big crowd earning excellent points on the day. Well done girls, it is a very big achievement to earn your selection to compete at this level!



PERMACULTURE—PLANTING FRUIT TREES

Last week we were thrilled to plant 17 new fruit trees that were donated to the school by our Matamata Lions Club. These trees fit in with our vision for developing our Permaculture programme in the school.



With most of our Year 7 and 8 students away at Sports Camp this left the Year 5/6 and remaining Year 7/8 students to plant peach, plum, apricot, nectarine, apple and pear trees while packing compost and fertiliser around them. Space had been made for them around the perimeter of the school and Nic Muir from Total Pro Landscapes blessed us by boring out 17 holes for us to plant the trees in earlier in the day. A team of seven Lions Club members came to be part of the planting team with our students, and this team helped them understand the planting process too.



We're excited to watch these trees grow now and fruit in the future.



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE TRANSPORT

Yes, I can help transport ____ (number of children you can take please) to the All Saints Anglican Church. I have a full seat belt for each child, have a full driver's licence, will have a WOF and registration for the vehicle I am driving, and will obey the road rules.

I can be available to leave school at 1:15PM.

I can / cannot bring children back to school again afterwards too (please circle which).

Signed: _____ Name: _____



Even More News—Kawepūrongo

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual school Cross Country is coming up this **Thursday the 5th of September** and is this year part of our Olympiria events. If required a postponement date of Friday the 6th of September has been scheduled. Like last year this event will be held on the Burgess farm at 200 Papatangi Road (on the left by the duck pond).

We always choose a farm for this event so that we can provide a true cross country experience—a bit of rugged terrain, some hills and some things to avoid.

Our students are building up their fitness at school but would do well to continue this at home too.

All whānau are welcome to attend and with so many students we still need lots of help with transport please. It is too far away for us to make several trips to ferry students there. We do not have a lot of transport so far yet we always have a lot of parents come out to watch, so please can we ask you to consider helping us with transport too?

We will be leaving school for the Burgess farm at **12:30PM on the 5th of September.**

OPEN DAY

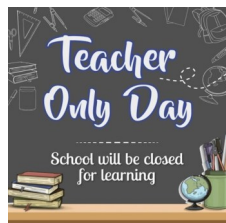
We are having our annual school open day this month on

Wednesday the 18th of September. Presently we are anticipating having a small number of places available for next year for Christian families (preference positions) based on our current roll allowance. If you know people who may be interested please alert them to this and encourage them to come along. This year places filled quickly. See the ad on page 5 for more details on the day.

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.



DAIRY FARMER SURVEY

Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research is conducting a survey for the dairy farmers in the Waihou-Piako catchment, as a part of a research programme. If you are a farmer in this region they are looking for your help please.

The survey contributes to their research into helping dairy farmers gain a greater sense of control over the decisions they make, in implementing voluntary environmentally sustainable farming practices.

Please look at the ad below and consider whether you can help.



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 Manaaki Whenua
Landcare Research

CROSS COUNTRY 2024

Yes, I can help transport ____ (number of children you can take please) to the Burgess farm. I have a full seat belt for each child, have a full driver's licence, will have a WOF and registration for the vehicle I am driving, and I will obey the road rules.

I can be available to leave school at 12:30PM.

If needed I can / cannot bring children back to school again afterwards too (please circle which).

Signed: _____ Name: _____



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 may sound like a long way off but really it isn't.

Ag Day is available for those students who wish to compete and they can do so with a lamb, calf or goat. More details about this can be found below.

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 their pet is looked after, the relationship your child has with them (if appropriate), how involved they are in their care and what they know about



their pet. Students need to fill 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 will need to be started by **Monday the 16th of September** 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 will come home about the categories they can compete in with the next edition of the newsletter.

In the meantime can we please ask families to indicate on the return slip below any pets that you would like to send.



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 by **Monday 16th September**. 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)



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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.

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OPEN DAY

Wednesday 18

September

9AM - 6PM

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Even More News—Kawepūrongo

SOCCERS WELLINGTON PHOENIX EXPERIENCE CAMP

The Wellington Phoenix have announced they will be hosting an Experience Camp in Tauranga on the 7-8th of October at Fergusson Park between 9am-3pm.



Their Experience Camps provide an opportunity for the club to engage with young football enthusiasts across the country. It is used as a platform for local talents to interact with Wellington Phoenix staff, offering them a glimpse into the life of New Zealand's sole professional football academy. Moreover, it marks the initial step in the club's talent identification process. Promising players identified during these camps may be invited to join a Discovery Camp later in the year. Additionally, they'll be conducting coaching and parent workshops aimed at fostering growth within football communities and bridging the gap between grassroots and academy-level football.

These camps are open to all young football enthusiasts born between 2010-2015 eager to enhance their skills and passion for the game.

Registration Link: <https://wellingtonphoenixacademy.com/experience-camps/>

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EXPERIENCE CAMP
9AM - 3PM, 7-8 October 2024 | Fergusson Park, Tauranga
FOR PLAYERS BORN 2010-2015 | \$195pp
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OLYMPIRUA CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony of our 9th ever Olympirua event is scheduled to be the term's final assembly 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 to our students and present our medals to our students.

Brooke Francis, formally Brooke Donaghue, won gold in the Double Sculls with her teammate Lucy Spoors in the recent Paris Olympics. They had competed together at the Tokyo Olympics too winning silver then before both took time off to become mothers.



We are very much looking forward to hosting Brooke (right above), hearing her story and hearing her encourage our aspiring athletes. All whānau are of course very welcome to join us for this assembly **at 9:30AM on Friday the 27th of September.**

New Zealand Olympic Ambassador
Brooke Donaghue

Olympian number: 1419	Sport: Rowing	Event: Double Sculls
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Brooke was born in Hamilton in 1995 and grew up on a farm near Te Kauwhata where she loved being outside and helping her mum and dad look after the cattle. Brooke also loved playing sport right from the start and tennis, swimming, rugby, soccer, and athletics were part of Brooke's life while she was young.

Brooke went to Orini and Waiterimu Primary Schools and then on to Te Kauwhata College where she says her favourite subject was PE. She continued to play rugby, netball, and hockey at secondary school but she also discovered her love for rowing. Brooke rowed in Years 12 and 13 and dreamed of wearing the fern on her chest and representing New Zealand.

Brooke didn't neglect her studies at school though and enrolled at Massey University when school finished. Brooke has now completed a degree in business management and is now working towards a Masters degree, specialising in sustainability.

10 Quick Facts About Brooke

1. Brooke has a cat called Primo.
2. She loves going on holiday anywhere near the ocean.
3. Brooke's childhood heroes are Georgina and Caroline Evers Swindell.
4. Pizza is a favourite food for Brooke.
5. She listens to all types of music.
6. Brooke is 1.79m tall.
7. Brooke has a degree in Business Management.
8. She loves gardening in her spare time.
9. Brooke is vegetarian.
10. What she stands for is what she stand on.

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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Even More News - Kawepūrongo

SITUATIONS VACANT

The Matamata Christian School Board is pleased to offer part-time employment for a secretary who would do minute taking and meeting organisation for the Board and its Board meetings.



The Board has approximately eight—nine evening meetings per year on a Tuesday evening 7—10PM. The Board needs a minute taker for these meetings who can record the details of discussions and decisions, while maintaining confidentiality.

Up to an hour a month may also be necessary prior to or following meetings to prepare and distribute information to Board members.

A fixed hourly rate of \$30 per hour has been set.

Please go to the school website vacancies page to apply—www.matamata.school.nz/vacancies

Dates for your Calendar

September

4th	Friendship Circle (Choir)
4th	Sports Academy
5th	Olympirua—School Cross Country
5th	PCE Meeting
6th	Cross Country Postponement Date
11th	Sports Academy
12th	Inter School Cross Country (by invite)
18th	Open Day
18th	Sports Academy
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

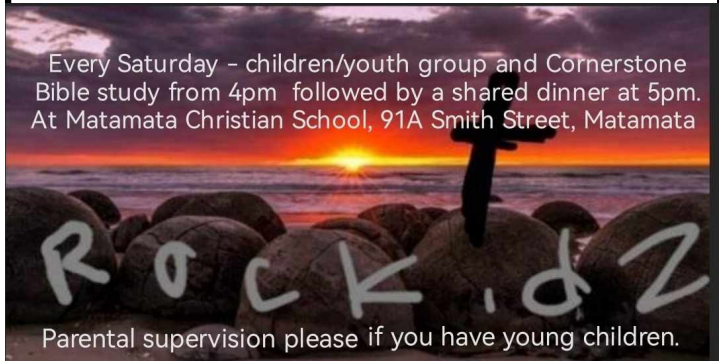
14th	Term 4 Starts
15th	Ag, Pet and Flower Day
16th	Sports Academy
21st	Ag Group Day
22nd	School Board Meeting
23rd	Sports Academy
24th	National Shake Out Day
25th	Teacher Only Day
28th	Labour Day
30th	Kapa Haka Festival



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 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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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).

