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| 1st | Thursday | Triathlon/Duathlon 1pm at School |
| 2nd | Friday | Good Friday- School Closed |
| 5th | Monday | Easter Monday - School Closed |
| 6th | Tuesday | School Closed |
| 9th | Friday | Special Persons Day 1.35—2.45 |

How wonderful as I write, to be looking forward to the Interschool Swimming today, and to know that we've already had some great events this year, and there are more to come. Last year many of these were cancelled due to Covid. It is always such a special part of school life to hold events that allow our kids to Learn and Grow, and that the community can be a part of, both encouraging and celebrating the efforts of our kids. Thanks all, for your support of the school in so many ways.

Thanks All – Dean.



A warm Hinuera welcome to the following little person who recently joined our school community:

Isabel Hopkins Room 2

Asthma Medication

A group of our staff members have recently attended training around dealing with asthma cases at school. The information was invaluable. We would really encourage any families with asthma sufferers, to go to the following website for all the latest information and contact details.

asthmawaikato.org.nz

We have also sent home brochures to families of our known sufferers. It's great to get the latest information from an organization who is dedicated to a particular health issue, so be sure to take advantage of this.

Triathlon/Duathlon

A notice was sent home on Tuesday 23rd regarding the annual school triathlon/

duathlon. It is to be held on Thursday 1st April starting at 1pm. This is always a chaotic but fun event with wet kids running around frantically while others are trying to negotiate a quick mount and dismount from their bikes. As always parents are welcome to spectate and to cheer the children on. Children will need a towel, drink bottle, track pants and a sweatshirt. See the notice for all the relevant details.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thanks to all the parents who came along to the parent teacher conferences. What a great opportunity to set up goals and aspirations for the year, as well as making those valuable connections between your child and their teacher. Another round of interviews is scheduled for later in the year where you will be able to evaluate progress and discuss any concerns.



Senior Swimming Sports

Senior swimming sports were held on Friday 12 March. There was a great atmosphere throughout the day with children supporting and encouraging one another. Congratulations to all our place-getters on the day. We are so proud of everyone who jumped in the pool and gave it a go even if it wasn't an easy thing to do. Our Hinuera Cup place-getters for the season are:

Stewart Cup

Boys

- 1st Shepherd Richards
- 2nd Marcus Lind
- 3rd Blake McLennan

Girls

- 1st Willow Watkins
- 2nd Keira Walford
- 3rd Manaia Bonnar-Bay

Vowels Cup

Boys

- 1st Shepherd Richards
- 2nd Marcus Lind
- 3rd Roman Watkins

Girls

- 1st Willow Watkins
- 2nd Manaia Bonnar-Bay
- 3rd Emma Lock

Junior Swimming Showcase

It's always a delight to see our little people showing off their water skills on this special occasion. It's amazing how much confidence they gain from just being in the pool with others and trying new skills under the watchful eye of their teacher. In no time they will be in our senior rooms, taking on some real competitive challenges. Well done!

Tuesday 6th April

Please note Tuesday 6th April is a holiday for all NZ schools. It is tagged onto our

Easter break so those families who are able to get away will really enjoy that extra day. For anyone who is required to be at work but is having difficulty finding care for children, please note that Starfish Social Services in Matamata offer a care service on this day. Phone 022 095 7261 for more information.



Special Persons Day

This special opportunity for grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends or neighbours to come in to school and see what our students are learning will be held from 1.35 – 2.45pm on Friday 9th April. Classes will all be open for visitors to head in to see a range of learning, including being shown writing, reading, mathematics and art on the walls. Students may even take them on a tour if they are unfamiliar with the school site. Visitors are free to move between classes, as some are likely to have more than one student to visit. (Please remember to sanitise your hands as you move around the school). Mr Mac and Ms Silva will be welcoming visitors around the school and helping any needing directions to find the classes they are looking for. A wonderful way to encourage and share the great learning our kids are doing. We look forward to seeing you!



STUDENT WORK

Pull Pull Pull

When my group was versing all the other groups my hands were on fire! Not really on fire, just burning. My group came 2nd. We were grunting stomping elephants. All of the groups were tired.

By Ellie Schicker R6



*Everyday I will try my best
I will not quit, I will not rest
Until my brain has grown a bit
And I have learned how to do it.*

*If I fail I will be ok
I will just try a different way.
I will just say "I can't do it yet"
Because I have a growth mindset!
By Annabelle Page R4*



Easter Raffle



Well it's nearly time to do the big Easter raffle draw!

Could you please ensure all tickets are back by **Tuesday 30 March** for our draw on 1st April.

We have had such a lot of lovely chocolate donated that we are now able to do multiple draws. This way we will make several families happy rather than just one, and ... we won't be in danger of making anyone sick from chocolate overload.

This has been a great little fundraiser and we sincerely thank everyone who sold tickets as well as those who donated chocolate. We will be sure to let you know how the money was spent so watch this space.

SAUSAGE ROSTER

The following people have volunteered to do the sausage sizzle for the next 2 weeks. Many thanks.

26 March

Naretta Aspinall & Rhona Fraser

9 April

Kristy Jeynes & Debby Cullen

community notices

HOP RIGHT ON OVER!

Matamata Baptist Easter Egg Hunt!

Hundreds of eggs filled with lollies and \$100 in gold coins. Separate hunts for Pre-schoolers, and Primary aged children.

SATURDAY, 3 APRIL 2021 | 10 A.M.
26 TOWER ROAD, MATAMATA.

We'd love to see you join us for our Easter Service the next morning at 10.30am. All welcome!

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CROSS COUNTRY XC MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

MARCH 28TH

SHORT COURSE - \$5
(13 COURSE FOR LITTLES & BEGINNERS)

LONG COURSE - \$15
(13 DIFFERENT LENGTHS FOR BIGGERS)

Entries open on the website 15th of February

E-Bike category - BBQ and Drinks (cash)

Spot Prizes

For more info and course maps go to:
www.temirotwister.co.nz