



What's Happening?

November

20th Friday Athletics Day

25th Thursday Interscholar Athletics

December

11th Friday Final School Assembly



Hi Folks

We have so many exciting things happening in the next few weeks – please read all of this newsletter and mark your calendars!

Ngā mihi nui – Dean

Keeping Ourselves Safe

This week we wrap up our studies on keeping ourselves safe. We hope that the lessons learned will instill some helpful knowledge and positive steps in doing exactly what the title suggest ... keeping our young people safe!

Life Education Caravan

There was great excitement on Tuesday afternoon as the Life Education Caravan rolled up into the school grounds. Over the next few days, students will have their turn in the caravan where they will learn some valuable health, fitness and wellness lessons along with finding out how their amazing little bodies tick. No doubt they will come home and share some of their new found knowledge with you.

End of the Day Pickup

With enrolments throughout the year, the school is always full up by this stage. This makes the 3pm pickup time busier than ever. Your help with collecting your children and clearing the car park area as soon as possible is appreciated in helping with this. If you are able to delay your pickup a few minutes, until the main rush is over, this is also a good way to help with congestion. Please remember all our safety messages as well. No children crossing the road without an adult and please park properly somewhere, rather than stopping in the area where vehicles are moving.

Athletics Day

A reminder that Friday 20th is athletics day. Activities kick off at 9.30am and go through until 2pm. Children can have their morning tea at 9.15 and lunch is scheduled to run from 12.00 to 12.30.

Please send your children along with suitable clothing, and adequate food and water to graze on throughout the day. This is a house points event so children are encouraged to wear house colours if they have something suitable. Encourage your children to give of their best and enjoy the day. You are welcome to come along and cheer them on.

Stationery 2021

Stationery lists for 2021 will be issued to your children at the end of the 2020 year. We had such positive feedback last year with our book packs, we have decided to do the same again for the year ahead. This time we have included almost all stationery items so you won't have to pick up extra items from the school office. There are one or two "school specific" bits that may appear on some class lists but very few. The prices we can negotiate at the beginning of the year are exceptionally competitive so we love being able to pass these on to you. For most, it will be a simple one off payment and the kids will be ready to go for the year! We will be opening up the office a few days prior to school starting for those who would like to collect their packs early. We will let you know exact dates closer to the end of term. For our new year 5 and 6 students, there is a camp donation which assists in supporting this annual event. The suggested amount for 2021 is \$100.00 per student. As per usual you will also be able to purchase a school T-shirt or sunhat should you wish to.

PTA Christmas Float

Once again our PTA have been putting their heads together to come up with an awesome float for the Annual Matamata Christmas Parade. If you have any super large sheets of cardboard, such appliance packaging, and you would like to donate this, the PTA would love to take it off your hands in order to construct their masterpiece. Just give the school office a ring and let us know.

Dunn Cup by Casey Harris, Austin Hailwood & Lachlan Morgan.

All the butterflies in our stomachs were going crazy as we watched TePoi perform the Haka. We knew it was all on! As the team got into their positions all they were thinking about was winning for Mr Harris who has coached for many years. Stop the goals, score the goals, have fun. The whistle blows, the contact in the mid-field was brutal. Being distracted by the Gala, we let a goal slip in for TePoi. In fact 3 goals, but in the second half Hinni scored a great goal. Hinni was on the comeback. Oh no! the whistle blew. We lost 3-1 but we were still winners anyway. Time for the Gala.

End of Year Assembly

End of Year Assembly is being held on Friday 11 Dec at Matamata Bible Church, 11 Meura Street, Matamata. All children need to be dropped at the venue by 8.40am (we are happy to receive children from 7.50am for those who need this help, but for most, the closer to 8.40am the better, or there is more waiting around!). Buses will be running in the morning to school, and a teacher will meet all children who arrive at school before they travel together on one bus to the venue. All other students must be dropped directly to the venue please, as there is only limited capacity on the bus into town. If intending to use the bus in the morning, please register this intention at the school office. Please send children with their bags, including morning tea and a drink bottle. All parents and friends of the school are welcomed back to the venue from 10.15am, with the start time for the assembly being

10.30am.

School is finished after this assembly and there are no buses in the afternoon. Parents will need to either take their children home or arrange to have them go home with friends. Please notify the class teacher on or before the day, if your children will be going home with someone other than their parent or caregiver. Please also note that for safety reasons, children will only be allowed out of the assembly venue front door with an adult, and we ask that once you leave, children are not allowed to play outside. That way it is easier for those on door duty to be sure everyone has headed home with the right people. Thanks for your help with this.

Hinuera Christmas Service

This is to be held at the Hinuera Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday 6th Dec at 6.30pm. This short Christmas Carol service and supper is hosted by the little church over the road from school. Children are able to be involved in readings and singing the carols. This is a great chance to take your children to a Christmas service with a real Hinuera flavour, that is short and not too late. Please email Dean at principal@hinuera.school.nz if you would like your child to participate and those organising the service will do their best to involve your children. This will be followed by a finger food supper – contributions appreciated. The church folk do a BBQ as well, so always plenty to eat!



Library Books

As the year comes flying to an end, we are once again looking at doing the annual stock take in the library. We will need all books in by 27 November to start this process. Please, please ensure all books are back by this date. We would ask that you have a good look around home for any that might be sitting in dark forgotten corners. Notices will be sent home for any that are overdue so watch out for these slips of paper as well. Thanks for your help with this. The less books we have to chase, the easier the process.



STUDENT WORK

I can see light bombs ripping across the sky
 I can see smoking blue lights blowing up in the night
 I can hear wowing with amazement
 I can hear fireworks blowing up
 I can smell dark black smoke in my lungs
 I can smell food in bags
 I feel Mum gripping my hand tight
 I feel pushing people trying to look
 By Archie Barron—R5 Matai



I can see beautiful flaming fireworks in the sky.
 I can see bright sparkling flowers in the sky
 I can hear big noises from the bright flames
 I can hear loud bangs in the dark sky
 I can smell black gun powder
 I can smell lollies from the lolly bag
 I feel Mum squeeze by hand.
 I feel excited because it makes pretty things
 By Bella Jeynes—R5 Matai



Room 2 have been writing about how they can be bucket fillers with their kind actions. Some of their responses are just delightful ...

I Can be a Bucket Filler by ...

Inviting my friend to a playdate.
 Ivy Watkins

Saying something nice.
 Sadie Thorne-George

Giving someone a cuddle
 Casey Prangley

Picking flowers for my Mum
 Beauden Revell

SAUSAGE ROSTER

Thanks to the following Sausage Sizzle Volunteers:

13 Nov Jess Lovett & Amber Olesen
 20 Nov Jackie Tiddy & Rebecca Gerring

Hinuera School

We are looking forward to continuing to learn alongside whanau and to "Build a Strong Future" in 2021

Term Dates 2021

Term 1 4 February - 16 April
 Term 2 3 May - 9 July
 Term 3 26 July - 1 October
 Term 4 18 October - 15 December

Community Notices

Slip N Slide Challenge

Sign up for reading challenges plus free:

- activities - story tellers
- rewards - pool party

Join at www.matamatapikolibraries.co.nz or visit the Matamata Library



7th ANNUAL TOY LIBRARY Christmas NIGHT MARKET

SUPPORT LOCAL AND NZ MADE

- PLANTS GIFT BASKETS BOOKS MESSAGES FOOD STALLS
- TOYS BAGS HERBAL HEALTH CUSHIONS CRAFTS
- CHOCOLATES GLASSWARE HOMEWARES HANDMADE CLOTHES
- XMAS GIFTS AND SO MUCH MORE!



FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER 5-8.30PM
 PUTARURU TIMBER MUSEUM. SH11
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