

Matamata Intermediate School

March 20, 2019

NEWSLETTER 3

Principal's Message



This week, we are having a specific focus on our CCC culture and the virtue of Kindness. With the tragic events of the last few weeks, fresh in our minds, it is good to remember what is important.

He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

As a community and a Nation, we have seen people come together and support each other with kindness. Our children are the future leaders of our country and their ability to display this virtue will make a difference to the lives of many.

The challenge I put to classes, during Monday's assembly, was to create a photo showing kindness and friendship. I have included some here and others can be found on our Facebook page.

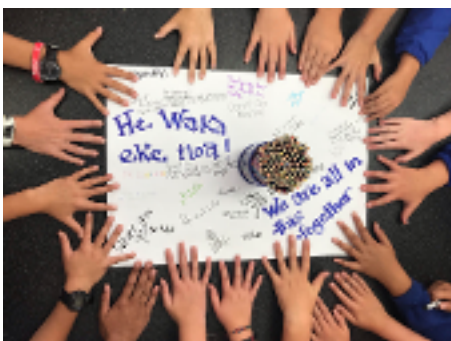
A key aspect of student success is the way in which we work together as a school, families and wider community. Next week we have our learning conferences (see below for details). We look forward to meeting with you, and your child, to discuss their goals and aspirations. These meetings will look at how we can work together to support them inspire and empower your child to achieve.

I would also like to acknowledge all students, teachers and parent supporters, who have represented our school over the last few weeks. There have been a number of Inter-Intermediate competitions, an international exchange, camps and other events outside of the school grounds. We have received positive feedback around our student behaviour and uniform. Thank you for representing our school with pride.

Tale care and have a safe week.

Ngaa mihi

Debbie Currie



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LEARNING CONFERENCES

These teacher, student and parent conferences are being held on:

Tuesday 26th March 12-7.30pm

Wednesday 27th March 3.15pm-7.00pm

To book your conference go to:

<http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home>

and use the code 76pq6

To enable these conferences to happen, we would appreciate students being collected from school, on Tuesday 26th at 12pm. School will be open for instruction, with limited supervision for those students who need to remain. A hard copy notice will come home on Thursday, for parents to give permission for their child to leave school at 12pm.

Here is an article published by RNZ, which might be of interest before these conferences. - link to online article

MARCH 9TH-21ST

'Makuhari Japan -

MARCH 20TH

CANCELLED
NZEI Matamata Teachers Union Meeting. School will

MARCH 27-28TH

Learning Conferences

APRIL 12TH

Last day of term.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open every Wednesday
and Friday 8.30-9am

Parent-teacher interviews: how to make the most of them

Here are some tips to help you maximise this short window of opportunity to find out what is going on for your child at school, and how to approach it, Parents go in to these meeting with their own school 'baggage'. Try to put it aside. Teaching and learning have changed since you were at school.

Have any questions written down, and say at the beginning of the meeting that you have some things you want to talk about.

The things you probably want to find out about are your child's learning, behaviour, and socialisation. Ask the teacher: How well are they participating? What can they do well? How are they relating to other children? What are the next steps for my child? What other support can we use?

Be an acronym-buster – if you don't understand the words you're hearing, ask for them to be explained.

If you don't get through everything, or other issues occur to you later, follow up with the teacher by e-mail and possibly make another appointment.

Teachers are busy. Start by e-malling to set up a suitable time to follow up. If there is a big concern, don't save it up for the parent-teacher meeting. Let the teacher know in advance that you have concerns, and perhaps make a separate time when this can be focused on.



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[Facebook](#)

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daily notices

We have Daily Notices, which are shared with students every morning. You might like to check these to keep in touch with what is happening at school each day.

Click here to see Daily Notices

Community Notices

Saturday, 13th April

Matamata Primary School Hall

**Middle Earth Exotic
Pet Show**

Rabbits

Guinea Pigs & Chinchillas

Rats & Mice

Reptiles & Amphibia

Birds & Fish

Entry fee: \$4 per pet

for Adults & Children

(Sorry NO cats, dogs, farm or wild animals)

Details and entry form on the Middle Earth Rabbit Club Facebook page

Spot Prizes Pets for Sale Rosettes and Trophies to be won. Pet Foods & Toys for sale

Matamata Fire Station Open Day - 6th April - more information to follow. If you would like to design a 'Fire Safety poster' there will be a competition on the day.



We have notices on a number of workshop/sports programmes being held during the next school holidays, which are attachments on this email notification.

Hockey trials to be held at Matamata College on the following dates:

**Thursday 4th April,
4.30-6pm &**

**Tuesday 9th April,
3.30-5pm**

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