



Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whanau,

What a wonderful start to 2017. The staff teacher only days at the beginning of the year, were outstanding. We worked hard on building capacity with our new PRIME Maths Programme and our Inquiry Learning based around our school academic targets. We also enjoyed meeting all the new families and students at our school. The staff are really excited about the teaching and learning programmes planned for 2017. Students have had a marvellous start, settled well into classroom life and are enjoying catching up with friends, and I am sure you have enjoyed the beautiful weather, and long weekends we have had recently.



The starting roll at our school is 351 - we had 29 new students starting with us this Term. Welcome students and whanau! We trust you will have an enjoyable time at our school and warmly invite parents and caregivers to a morning tea with our PTA at 9am on Monday, 20th February at Plume Cafe. An invitation has been sent home to new parents today.

Welcome to our two new teachers, Mrs Janet Goosen (right) in Room 4 and Miss Shannon Sweetman in Room 15. You can find out a little more about our teachers on their profiles on our school website under 'Our People'.



The first phase of the 3 phase renovation of Room 16 and 17 has been completed. The rooms have new cladding, paint and carpeting on the inside. All the old water heating radiators, pipes and fans have been removed and the window frames have been modernised with aluminium. This has made the rooms so much quieter from the busy road. We have opened up the wall between the two rooms to allow for easier access and collaborative learning. The Year 3 students love the new environment. The old hall has become our ArtsHub under the care of Mrs Dianne Morgan. MataKids now operates from the Castle before and after school.

'Parent Interviews and Goal Reviews' (the first module in the Reporting to Parents Cycle for 2017) will take place on the 22nd and 23rd of February. This is an opportunity for teachers to inform parents about what learning goals they will be focusing on, based on the student end-of-year reports. It is also an opportunity for parents to share their views on their child's learning needs with the teachers. Please book your time slot at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using code **hnsbq**.

Our SchoolDocs Policies and Procedures website is now live. To view visit the site at <http://matakana.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no "www") or click on the SchoolDocs icon on our school website. Our username is matakana and the password is magic.

We are proud to confirm our ongoing relationship with Mark Macky and the team from Bayleys in the North as Principal Sponsors of our school. We also welcome a number of new and existing sponsors to our school and look forward to introducing you to them in our next newsletter.

Thanks for the great start to the school year - stationery sorted (please don't forget those PRIME maths books), uniforms sparkling, lots of eager kids ready to learn and of course better and safer parking for parents. I truly believe every child at this school is a champion; every child an amazing learner. Together, let's make this an outstanding year of learning for them.

Ngā mihi,

Darrel Goosen, Principal

HAVE YOUR SAY:  
New Footpath - Matakana Road, Matakana  
[AT.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](http://AT.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)  
View letter on home page of our website

## 2017 Term Dates

Term 1: 31st Jan. - 13th April  
Term 2: 1st May - 7th July  
Term 3: 24th July - 29th Sep.  
Term 4: 16th Oct. - 14th Dec.

## TERM 1 EVENT CALENDAR

FEB	Assembly at 1.30pm each Friday
17	House Assembly - Wear your house t-shirt with school skirt or short (no mufti clothes)
20	PTA new parents/caregivers welcome morning tea Plume Cafe 9am
20	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm at school
22-23	Parent Interviews & Goal Review Meeting (See below)
28	New Parent School Tour 11am
MARCH	
1	Year 4 Swimming Sports
1	Walking School Bus Wacky Wednesday (see flyer gone home today)
1-3	Year 5 Camp at Mangawhai
7	Y5&6 Swimming sports 11am
9	Y3 BBQ evening (at school)
13	Y3 Swimming Sports
20-24	It's Theme Week all week!
21	Inter-School Swimming
22	R15 Parent Education Night 6-7.30
28	Y2 & Y3 Inter-School Tabloids
April	
6-7	Year 4 Camp at school

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Code: hnsbq



## Notices

**Change of details** - please inform the school office as a matter of urgency if your **contact details**, **emergency** contact details, child's **health** or **medical** condition has changed.

**Uniform/Non Uniform Items** Please clearly label all items including shoes. **Lost Property** is based on the deck of the ArtsHub (formerly Old Hall).

**Yummy Stickers** - 'Yummy' fruit are available from New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual stickers, place on the tally sheet (available from the school office or home page of our website) and return completed sheets to the classroom. The more you collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

The **Information Centre** is up and running, and we look forward to presenting a steady stream of new books for your children to enjoy. As you can imagine, books do not mix well with leaky drink bottles, wet togs, or lid-less felts. Please help your child protect their books travelling to and from school by using their book bag. It helps our budget stretch a bit further if we do not have to replace damaged books. We still welcome back any books found over the holidays. You can reassure your children that they will not be in trouble at all for returning these books.

**Scholastic** Last year Matakana School was lucky to earn about \$1500 credit for books from our participation in the Scholastic Lucky Book Club. This allows us to provide a constant supply of fresh and engaging books for your children to enjoy in the Information Centre. Although we currently only send home the Book Club Brochures for 3 of the 8 Scholastic Book Club issues each year, if you are a bookaholic and love buying books for your children or as gifts, we can make sure you receive a brochure for each of the 8 issues. Please email your details to lbindon@matakana.school.nz, and Lisa will make sure that a brochure is sent home with your child each time there is a new issue.

**A message from the Board of Trustees** A very warm welcome back to Darrel and his wonderful team of teachers and support staff. We look forward to another happy and successful year at Matakana School. We would also like to welcome back all of our students and their families. We trust that you enjoyed the holidays and that you are ready to embrace the school year ahead of you.

At the end of last year, the Board selected Jonathan Beadsmoore to fill the vacancy left on the Board by Dale Daniels. We welcome Jonathan onto the Board of Trustees and look forward to working with him. For those of you who have not yet met Jonathan, here is a little background information.

*Jonathan Beadsmoore - I have two daughters one presently a student at Matakana School and the other who is at Totara Hill Montessori and will be starting at Matakana School this year. Our family has been living in the Rodney area for nearly 10 years; my wife and I moved here after living in the Franklin District for a couple of years, our first stop when we emigrated from the UK. I serve in the Navy and am currently working at the naval base in Devonport.*

*I joined the Royal Navy from school and after completing a physics degree I have spent the majority of my 30 year career at sea as an officer in the Executive Branch, first in the UK then here in New Zealand. I began navigating ships which led to responsibility in combat roles and then command. Throughout my time in the Navy I have been involved in operations planning, project management and leadership. I have experience in managing teams in high pressure roles and more recently have been involved in the management of a complex project for the Defence Force. Throughout my career my greatest enjoyment has been afforded by the close working relationships that evolve at sea. I am now quite enjoying being a landlubber for a change as it is giving me the chance to get involved in the local community, I am a member of the Aburoa Volunteer Fire Brigade and am keen to play a part in the life of our girls' schools.*

*I relish the opportunity to work with other parents and staff members of the Board to help keep our school a central part of the community. The Navy has given me many experiences working in collaborative environments and I feel I will be able to contribute in the cooperative atmosphere of the Board of Trustees. Our family loves the life that living in the Rodney area makes possible and we enjoy the beaches, bush and ice-cream shops that proliferate - I'm particularly partial to Charlie's liquorice gelato.....*

**A message from Matakana PTA** The PTA hope you all had a lovely holiday with some sun and surf action. We are looking forward to 2017 and have a number of cool activities planned this year, so watch this space. Our first Welcome Morning Tea is planned for Monday 20th February, at Plume Cafe. We look forward to welcoming as many new parents as possible, so come along and have a coffee on us. It is a good way to learn the 'ins' and 'outs' of the school, and ask questions if you need to clarify anything. Remember you can always post a question on our facebook page "Parents & Friends of Matakana School", this is an informal school page where friendly and helpful discussion is welcome. If anyone would like to join the PTA, please let us know by emailing pta@matakana.school.nz, the more the merrier! See you all soon, Kirsty, Rachael, Emily and Norm.

## Matakana School Business & Community Services Directory

**Register your business, service or skill in the Matakana School Community Business and Services Directory and support the ArtsHub room (formerly the Old Hall) at Matakana School!**

Matakana School is proud to be part of the Matakana community. Here at Matakana School we have a dynamic and diverse community of parents, caregivers and school staff with a wide range of businesses, services and skills. As our school and community grows we want to help the Matakana School community support each other. The Matakana School Business & Services Directory not only promotes your business within our school community.... but your small registration fee will also support the ArtsHub at Matakana School. The directory will be distributed to each school family in Term 2 and be made available on the school website and new mobile app. This offer is only available to current school families and our School Sponsors as a part of their sponsorship package.

So, if you have a business, service or skill that you would like to promote, whether it be selling fresh produce, legal services, babysitting, cleaning, designing, dress making, building or mechanical or electrical services, etc... we invite you to join up. If you have more than one business within your family, this will require a separate registration and fee per business.

The cost to register your business, service or skill in the directory is \$20 per annum. Registration is simple - click on the link on the homepage of our school website (<https://goo.gl/forms/TzNmX2whtZg64vB92>), complete the form and pay on Kindo, all by Friday, 3rd March.



**School Curriculum** may be viewed on our school website under 'Our Curriculum'. You will also find other information on Learning Links, Gifted & Talented Programme, Health & Physical Education and PRiME mathematics. Thank you for purchasing the PRiME books (Year 2 to 6 students require both A & B books). Students are enjoying the programme and teachers are actively designing and enhancing the programme to maximise student engagement. The Home Learning Challenge (for more information on this challenge see 'Our School' on our website) will be handed out at the Parent Interviews and Goal Reviews meeting.

**Health & Physical Education** The P.E. focus for this Term is **Swimming** and **Cricket**. We are very lucky to have two Rodney Cricket coaches at our school this term. They will deliver two lessons to each class which will include bowling, fielding and batting. For more information about Cricket in our area, please contact Kevin Forde at [kevin.forde@nff.org.nz](mailto:kevin.forde@nff.org.nz).

As part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum, we are pleased to inform you that the **Life Education Trust** will be visiting our school with their purpose built mobile classroom from Friday 10 February to Monday 20 February with their mascot Harold the giraffe. All our students will have the opportunity to visit this unit for interactive lessons.

Why is the Life Education programme important?

- It supports students to develop life skills
- It encourages students to make healthy choices
- Students gain knowledge about health and their bodies
- Students develop self esteem and a positive understanding of themselves
- Students develop strategies for relating to others



**ArtsHub** The new ArtsHub, formerly the old hall, is the newly designated area at Matakana School for areas of the Arts Curriculum to be explored. Be it Sound Arts (Music), Drama or Dance, the large open space with great acoustics is a great space for classes to listen to and make music, plan and present dances or develop the elements of drama. Teachers are already using this space for great moments of creativity.

Every Friday music specialist, Mrs Dianne Morgan, takes classes in the ArtsHub for ukulele (Years 4-6), Concert Choir (Years 4-6), Year 3 singing, waiata and ukulele, and takes Recorder Club at Lunchtime (12:35-1:05pm, after eating time). She would love to see more people at this lunchtime club this Friday.

Last week we had a wonderful turnout for ukulele, kapa haka and choir sessions. With such large numbers it is important students bring MAGIC attitudes and behaviour to these classes. Students may try these activities for 3 weeks, before making a commitment to come every week. Choir members will receive a notice to go home this week, which requires parent permission.

**Welcome back to another TravelWise year.** We will be integrating TravelWise with our school wide topic, Ready Steady Go!, and would love your support with making safe TravelWise options, for coming to and from school. Focus will include: correct and safe vehicle constraints, safe bus behaviour, safe walking (as pedestrians both independently and as part of the Walking School Bus) and safety in the Kiss, Drop and Drive zone. The after school Walking Bus is once again up and running, walking every day to the statue, leaving the school at 2.45pm.

If you are able to help out with the afternoon school bus, please email Mrs Macleod at [j.macleod@matakana.school.nz](mailto:j.macleod@matakana.school.nz).

## Introducing our Student Leaders

### School Leaders



Sienna Ziggy Ruby Cormac

### House Leaders



Sasha Bella Wynn Ari



Isabella Matai Christian Samantha



Jonty Mia Sophia Charlie



Alexa Annabella Finlay Van

## Interested in sponsoring Matakana School?

If you are an existing sponsor and would like to continue your sponsorship in 2017, or, if you would like to start sponsoring the school please contact Cate Ashwell on 0275 477 773 or [events@matakana.school.nz](mailto:events@matakana.school.nz). Please go the Sponsors page on our website to find information about our 2017 sponsorship programme, including the levels and benefits we offer.



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**CATCH UP - KEEP UP - MOVE UP**

**Warkworth Football Club**  
Registrations for 2017 Season  
Registration is now open for the 2017 football season and will close midnight on Friday 24th February.  
For more information on how to register visit [www.warkworthfootball.co.nz/](http://www.warkworthfootball.co.nz/)

**Mahurangi Junior Rugby Club**  
Registration days Thursday 9th March 4-7pm & Saturday 11th March 11am-3pm. All welcome, boys & girls, Ripa rugby (non-contact) for ages 4-7 & girls, tackle rugby for ages 8-13. Free drink bottle and rugby ball with each paid registration. Fees \$75. (Rugby balls handed out in Term 2 when season starts). Details on [www.mahurangirugbyclub.co.nz](http://www.mahurangirugbyclub.co.nz)

**Junior Hockey.** Funsticks Year 0-2, 8.30am Saturday - The sessions are a mix of skills and a games. Year 3-6 Games either in a junior or senior division. Games commence 2nd term, at the hockey turf at the AMP showgrounds, on Saturday mornings. Practises will begin at the end of term 1 and continue through the 2nd & 3rd term at 3pm (day to be decided on). A bus will operate from Matakana School to the Hockey turf for practises. For further information/registrations pick up an information sheet and registration form from the school office. Registration deadline 11 March



**MataCarnival Friday 24th March - Sunday 26th March**

For more information: [www.matacarnival.co.nz](http://www.matacarnival.co.nz)

Purchase tickets for General Admission to Sunday's Grand Finale on your Kindo Account! Ticket entitles bearers to enter into the General Admission Area of the Matakana Country Park for the Grand Finale Day on Sunday 26th March.



Guitar & Drum classes will begin again at Matakana School in week 3 with our Musiqhub teacher Stephen. If you are interested in taking lessons please contact Stephen Fulford on 021-164-3609 or email your inquiry [tostephen.fulford@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:tostephen.fulford@musiqhub.co.nz). We will also be holding a trial morning with guitars and drum kit on Tuesday 14th February from 8am before school. Please feel to come along and have a play!

**Life Education Trust**


**Family Fun Day**

**Protea Patch**

25 March 2017 \$20 per family

10am onwards

Taking Students Beyond Expectations!



Over 20 Matakana School students have registered for the Weet-Bix Try Hibiscus Coast Event on Sunday, 26 March 2017. There will be a Weet-Bix TRY presentation at the assembly on 17th February. For more information and to register visit <https://tryathlon.co.nz/>