



Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whanau,

Happy Term 3 everyone. Welcome to all the new students (14 in total!) who have joined our school this Term. This brings our roll to 363 students. We trust you will enjoy your time at our special school.

A warm welcome also to our new teachers this Term - Mrs Leslie Babbott who works with our new entrants in the Junior Hub (Room 3) and Ms Denise Carter who will be working with various groups and students across Years 1 to 4.

I am so relieved that the severe flu bug that was rampant in our school towards the end of last Term has lost its grip on our students and staff. At the peak of this bout of illness we had over 90 students and half the teaching and admin staff laid low. This event really did highlight the importance of keeping your children at home when they are sick. Also, it is extremely important that you notify the school office if your child is not attending school. We have made absence notification as convenient and simple as possible for you. Simply email [office@matakana.school.nz](mailto:office@matakana.school.nz) or send a message on the school App or phone the school absence line. Thank you.

On Thursday after school (around 4pm) someone crashed into one of the staff cars parked in our **staff carpark**, whilst teachers were in a meeting. This left over \$6k worth of damage to the car and no message was left to report the incident. This is the fifth time damage to staff cars has occurred in the staff carpark with **no** notification reported in any of the cases - how sad is that! It is hard to describe how upsetting it is for our staff to find such damage to their cars after a hard day's work. Would any of you be any less upset? Accidents happen, do the right thing and report the incident please. Management is now seriously considering measures to close the staff carpark to any other vehicles.

Please be reminded that students should be wearing the official Winter uniform in Term 3 - no sport shorts or tops, dresses or non uniform jumpers. We appear to have a large number of students arriving in mufti jackets/jumpers. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Inside this newsletter you will find an outline of our Integrated Study Unit, Sports and the Arts focus for this Term. You will find more information and an overview of the Matakana School Curriculum Delivery Plan on the school website under 'Our Curriculum'.

The third stage of our Reporting to Parents cycle, PPPs (Pupil Progress Presentations), will be held on Thursday the 17th of August. A booking notice went out today and a further notice will follow with details about sibling supervision etc.

We are grateful for the support from our Award Sponsors again this Term - Brick Bay, Summer Sessions, Plume Cafe and The Stables Restaurant. Students are really thrilled to receive the awards at assembly. Congratulations to:

Creative Kid Award:	Bella B, Room 11	Sponsored by Brick Bay
Magic Student of the Week:	Ashton S, Room 12	Sponsored by The Stables & Smiths
Sports Star of the Week:	Ruby A, Room 6	Sponsored by Summer Sessions
Plume Playground Award:	Ava C, Room 7	Sponsored by Plume Cafe

As we head into the ever-important school Cross Country this Wednesday at 1pm, please remind students to wear their house t-shirt, have fun and go for gold. I'll see you at the start/finish line! Parents, Caregivers and Whanau - please do come along and cheer your children on. Parking is at a premium so please do come early and do not park in the Wharehine/Tumbleweed driveway area.

Have a wonderful week,

Ngā mihi,  
Darrel Goosen  
Principal

**PUPIL PROGRESS PRESENTATION BOOKINGS**

Online booking instructions:

Go to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

There is also a link on our school website [www.matakana.school.nz](http://www.matakana.school.nz)

Enter the Event Code : **epnm7** and follow the instructions.

**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 3 Event Calendar**

Aug	
9	School Cross Country 1pm at school (Save Day 10th August) Wear house t-shirt
11	Room 1, 2 and 3 Assembly at 1.30pm
14	Board of Trustees Meeting
15	I.C.A.S. Maths Examination
16	Pizza with the Principal Lunch
17	Reporting to Parents: P.P.Ps (Pupil Progress Presentations) 3-6pm
18	Assembly at 1.30pm
22	Inter-School Cross Country New Parent School Tour 11am
23	Mahurangi College Open Day
25	Daffodil Day - Mufti Day. Gold Coin Donation Please for The Cancer Society
25	Room 12 Assembly House Assembly
31	Elite Cross Country
Sep	
1	Room 6 Assembly
8	Room 4 Assembly
11	Theme Week Board of Trustees Meeting
12	Inter-School Hockey
15	PTA Movie Night for Children, at school
18	PTA Annual General Meeting 3pm in staffroom (Childcare in Information Centre)
22	Room 5 & Room 9 Assembly
26	Inter-School Speech Competition
27	Pizza with the Principal Lunch
29	Room 11 Assembly House Assembly (wear house t-shirt with school skort or short)
29	End of Term

## Notices & Reminders

**Enrolment reminder** Please remember to hand in your Expression of Interest for Enrolment form for any siblings you would like to attend Matakana School in the future. This is especially important if you live outside our Enrolment Zone. Applications for out of zone places for Term 4 close on 14th August. If you live inside the Enrolment Zone, we would still appreciate your application forms to enable us to plan appropriately.

**School Cross Country** All are welcome to cheer on students on Wednesday, 9th August. Students may wear their house t-shirt to school. Please arrive early as there is limited parking and this event is well attended by parents, caregivers and whanau. Please do not park in the Wharehine/Tumbleweed car park or their front entrance area.

**Absence Communication** Please send absence notifications to the school office via the phone absence system, the App or email. Please direct emails to the school office at [office@matakana.school.nz](mailto:office@matakana.school.nz) and not via class teachers.

**Change of details** Please email the school office if your contact details, child's medication condition or emergency contact details have changed.

**Scholastic Book Orders** Thanks for supporting the school by purchasing from the latest Scholastic Book Club. Your combined purchases earned us an extra \$600 to spend on books for the Information Centre. Our next Scholastic Book Club for the year will be Issue 8 in Term 4.

### Matakana is Cooking

Submit your recipe at  
[www.matakanacookbook.co.nz](http://www.matakanacookbook.co.nz)



## Message from the Board of Trustees

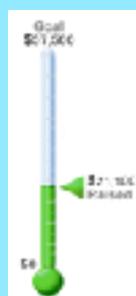
Welcome to term 3. We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday and that term 3 has got off to a good, albeit cold start. Our first Board meeting for Term 3 will be held in the staffroom on Monday, 14 July 2017 at 7pm.

### Auction Night

At the end of last term, we held our annual Auction Night. We raised an incredible \$16,000. We wish to thank all of our sponsors. With so many generous donations, it made the night a huge success. Thank you to all who were involved, big or small. The parent and community support for our school is overwhelming and very much appreciated. A special thank you to Alex Davids and Cate Ashwell for organizing such a fun and successful night.

### School Donations

A big thank you to those families who have made their donation for 2017. Our school donation thermometer has moved up slightly. 37% of all families have now made their donation to the school. This is still a low percentage and it does put added pressure to fundraise during the year. You still have time to make your donation if you have not done so. The friendly staff in reception will help you if you have any questions in this regard. With this help, the school is able to continue offering the wide range of enriching activities and resources that provide so many benefits to our children.



### Parent Support

We are more than halfway through the year and it is timely to acknowledge the parental support shown so far. A huge THANK YOU to those who have helped out in so many different ways – parent help in the classrooms and for organised activities and excursions outside the classroom, camp volunteers, fundraising activities, walking school bus patrol, just to name a few. Your help and time at school is really appreciated.

We also want to thank our wonderful staff who make the job of the Board so much easier. As parents we are lucky to have keen, hard-working staff who strive for excellence in all aspects of their job. This makes a huge difference to the day-to-day lives of our children. Please take a moment to thank your child's teacher and the school's support staff for their hard work.

## Thank you

A Special thank you to Alex Davids and Cate Ashwell for their organisation of a fantastic Auction Night on Friday, 30th June. We are pleased to announce a net figure of \$16,000 was raised for our school. We would like to acknowledge and send thanks to the following businesses and individuals for their donation of goods and services:

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**A message from the PTA** Welcome back after a slightly wet holiday for most people! We have some exciting things planned for Term 3, starting with the ice blocks at the school cross country next Wednesday. The inter-school cross country follows on Tuesday 22nd August at the showgrounds in Warkworth. The PTA run the cafe at this event, and it is always a fantastic fundraiser for the school. This year we will be raising funds for a cool trip to Te Hana Marae and Pa Site for the junior school. We would absolutely love all your amazing home baking and healthy savoury snacks. We would also love some volunteers on the day to help run the stall and cook the sausages. Later in the term we are having a movie night in the hall, with an early session for the junior hub, and late session for the senior school. BYO bean bag and onesie, we provide the pop corn and hot choccy.

As always, we welcome your feedback, email or facebook is a great way to get in touch. Ka Kite, Emily, Kirsty, Rachael and Norm

**Term 3's Integrated Study Unit**

This Term's **Integrated Study Unit** is *Ancient Civilisations - Incas & Aztecs - Where did Popcorn, Chocolate and Chewing Gum come from?* We will be looking at different cultures in the world, their practices and customs and the influences they have had on our own culture.



**Home Learning Challenges**  
We would love to see some of your Home Learning challenges.



Please email your photos and stories to [newsletter@matakana.school.nz](mailto:newsletter@matakana.school.nz). A special Home Learning Challenge assembly will be held in Term 4 where some of the stories/photos may be featured.



**A message from Lynn Williams on behalf of our sister school in Kenya - Equity Brilliant School, Rusinga Island, Kenya.**

*“\$410.30! What a fantastic amount raised from your Mufti Day! Thank you very, very much. The money will go towards painting the roof of the original classroom so that rust does not contaminate the water going into the Matakana School provided water tank which is the school's much valued only source of clean drinking water. Later in the year I am hoping that an Equity stall at the school's Gala will help to buy another water tank. Please pass on my thanks, and the thanks of Hellen the teacher, the 100 children of Equity and the local community. They are delighted 'not only with the money which we truly appreciate, but by the warm hearted compassion shown by your students to people they have never met.' Gifts like this boost their whole community. Again, many thanks. [www.equitybrilliant.school.nz](http://www.equitybrilliant.school.nz)”*

**Physical Education Focus**

The Physical Education focus for the Junior team is **PMP (Perceptual Movement Programme)** - programme in which Junior students run, hop, skip, climb, slide, jump, balance, throw, strike, roll, turn and have fun. They do this with a variety of common and especially designed equipment. The PMP programme aims to develop children's motor skills that are the foundation for many activities. PMP develops these skills in a fun, holistic and organised way. This programme aims to develop the child's perceptions and understandings of himself/herself and his/her world through movement experiences. Year 2 and 3 students will be learning the elements of gymnastics.

The Senior team will be focussing on ball skills and engaging in various sporting codes e.g. football, badminton, basketball etc.

The entire school has also been practicing for Cross County which is on this Wednesday.

**Spirit House Points  
Term 2 Update**

White House	Blue House	Green House	Orange House
<i>Weka</i>	<i>Kotare</i>	<i>Kiwi</i>	<i>Tui</i>
<b>232</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>241</b>



*Andrea McDowell from World Vision thanks our school. "Matakana school has done an outstanding effort in the 2017 40 hour famine. Many students gave up a range of things over the famine weekend. From food, furniture, technology and a variety of other crazy things! All activities required the students to step outside of their comfort zone and into the shoes of the individuals across the world who have had their lives turned upside down by the Syrian War. The money raised will be going towards World Visions Children Friendly spaces, which are set up in Jordanian Refugee camps. These child friendly spaces are places where children can make friends, draw, play and get their education back on track. Matakana school has raised \$2575.50 which will fund one whole child friendly space. This is an amazing effort from students and all of their sponsors. On behalf of World Vision, thank you to all who took part.”*

**The Arts**

The Visual Art focus in Term 3 is on print making and clay making which ties in with our School Integrated Study on the Ancient civilisations focussing on the Incas and Aztecs. Classes will also be producing their Calendar Art this Term which will be available to view during Theme Week.

The Arts Hub is going from strength to strength with great participation in the Year 4-6 ukulele class at 9:15am and quite a good number of students from the Year 1-3 year groups coming in their own time at lunch time to sing and play ukulele. These junior students enjoy songs that involve movement around the room, as well as strumming and singing.

Choir is learning songs ready for their assembly in Week 8 and the Year 3 students are learning waiata, action songs and ukulele tunes to play in class and to present at their PPP's in Week 4. Teachers are welcome to use the Arts Hub anytime during the week to be creative or make music in a nice open space. Drama lessons are happening outside of school hours in the Arts Hub. It's an ideal space for acting and dance.



*A photo from the Matariki Poetry Competition run by Mahaurangi East Library where both Isla K and Charlie B won a section for their original poems.*



*“Matakana All Stars” is back at this year's School Gala on 21st October. Matakana All Stars returns with a non-competitive*

*variety performance by our students. Just good 'ole entertainment and fun for all. We'd like a mix of good quality acts which could be anything from dance, poetry, music to puppet shows and drama so get your thinking hats on, let your imagination go wild and start preparing. Get a group together or perform a solo and show us your X factor!! Auditions to be held at school early September. More details to follow.*

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If there is enough interest, we will be running a Middle Years Toolbox Parenting Group at Matakana School later this term. This 6 week course focuses on parenting 6-12 yr olds and covers: Parent Types, Building Character and Self-Esteem, Emotional Resilience, Discipline, Creating Traditions and Memories, and Capitalising on "tween-age Yrs"

Please contact Lisa at [l.bindon@matakana.school.nz](mailto:l.bindon@matakana.school.nz) to register your interest



**October Holiday Surf Camp at Omaha Beach with Summer Sessions**

**What:** 3-day surf camp - 2 hr lesson each day, 7yrs up  
**When:** October 4th, 5th, 6th - 9am to 11am  
**Where:** Omaha Beach  
**Cost:** \$99 all inclusive (Wetsuits available but subject to availability).

"I put 3 boys on the September holiday program. All boys 13 years old. THEY LOVED IT!"

"We enrolled our 8 & 9 kids in the school holiday surf school (10am - midday) and they had an absolute ball! Matt is an awesome and excellent tutor..."



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**MATAKANA SCHOOL GALA**

Saturday, 21st October 10am-2pm

The Gala team is looking for volunteers to take on the role of Stall Co-Ordinator. Check out the first Gala notice (under Information/Newsletters on the school website) to see where you can help. We are keen to have more 'old fashioned' games on the day and a few more yummy food stalls. So, if you're interested in helping and sharing your ideas, pop into the school office and chat to Helena.

Lets make it a real fun day for all!  
[events@matakana.school.nz](mailto:events@matakana.school.nz)

