



# MATAHUI SCHOOL

## SMALL CLASSES - BIG FUTURES

# NEWSLETTER

Term 4: Week 8: 5 - 9 December 2016

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Room 3 had a special visitor to Room 3, Denley's Grandad. He is a very talented calligraphy artist and came in show us traditional Chinese calligraphy. The children were very excited to have a go using the special bushes and ink to write on the rice paper. They also practiced writing their names in Chinese. What a fantastic experience, thanks Denley's Grandad!!



# MAX'S MESSAGE

..... A SENSE OF PLACE .....

Perhaps the most effective way to articulate the impact and effect a school can have on its students is to listen to what they have to say. The thing about kids is that they can be incredibly honest when sharing a viewpoint. In the past I have had students share perspectives that have given me good cause to stop and reflect so it seems highly appropriate to share a viewpoint from Ruby Robertson she wanted to pass on to our school community since she made her transition to secondary school.

*There's no place like it.*

*When I first started at Matahui School, I knew it was the place I wanted to be, so much so, that when I started that I told my mum to leave.*

*Filled with fun every moment of the day, the place of every child's dreams.*

*It is a place where you learn so much, but "party" all day long.*

*It is the place where I spent the best 7 years of my life.*

*You enjoy every moment of every day so much, that when you're shipped off to college you finally realise that there is no place like it. That it prepared you so well.*

*That every child that goes through that magical system has gained something special that no other school can teach.*

*When I started college, I realised that I have learnt to love learning more than the rest. That I am the one who will succeed in life and always keep the values that Matahui has taught me.*

*I go to the best college ever, but it will never be the same as Matahui.*

*Nothing will.*

*Nothing will even come close.*

*I (and a heap of others), are winning our colleges citizenship awards and top excellence awards. And it is all because of that magical place we call Matahui.*

*The place every child should have the privilege to go to.*

*The place I call my home.*

**Please check our website for classroom's latest blogs!**



# NUTS & BOLTS

## **TERM 4 2016: Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 2 December - Room 3 Assembly - 2.30 pm**

Monday 5 December - Open Morning – 9 am to 12 pm

Thursday 8 December - Friday 9 December - Years 3 and 4 Camp

**Friday 9 December- Room 1 Assembly - 2.30 pm**

Monday 12 December - SLC

Wednesday 14 December - Rocktopia

**Friday 16 December - End of year Assembly - 1 pm -Last day of Term 4**

**Term 1 2017 commences Tuesday 31 January 2017**

## **2017 Matahui School Term Dates**

Term 1	Tuesday 31st January	to	Friday 7 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Monday 01 May	to	Friday 7 July	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 24 July	to	Friday 22 September	9 weeks
Term 4	Monday 16 October	to	Friday 15 December	9 weeks

### **School Production – Wind Dust**

There is a memory stick available in the school office for downloading of the School Production should anyone like to borrow it.



**MATAHUI SCHOOL  
NOTICEBOARD**

- A Discovery Through Nature Program - An Education Adventure for the School Holidays Connecting with the world around us by exploring the natural environments in the Bay of Plenty - January 2017 . A 3 week program focusing on inquiry science and discovery of local animals and plants, all sessions 10am till 12noon, for children 8-12 years old (children younger will need an adult to attend). Cost; \$25 per session (cheaper rates for groups or more than 1 session booked) Booking essential For further information call 021 0379207 or email [discoverythrunature@gmail.com](mailto:discoverythrunature@gmail.com)
- Impact Gymsport Academy School Holiday Program – register at [www.impactgymsport.co.nz](http://www.impactgymsport.co.nz)
- National 4 x 4 Trail to be held at Waihi on 10 December
- Free access to Tauranga’s Community Pools all summer if you book your children in for lessons for Term 1 2017.
- **Wave Warriors After School Surf Club** -The O'Neill Surf Academy have teamed up with Surfing New Zealand to deliver their national junior surfer programme...Wave Warriors. Our Wave Warriors After School Programs run over 8 weeks, 1 session per week and are designed to build surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment. Each surfer receives a Surfing NZ Wave Warrior Log Book jam packed full of skills, tips and performance goals that they work through with their instructor. All surf equipment is provided however we welcome kids to bring along their own gear if they have it. p 09 4343843 m 0277344877 e [simon@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:simon@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz)  
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***More detailed information can be viewed on the school noticeboard***

## Citizenship Award

Week 7, Term 4 -Serene Huey was awarded the Certificate of Citizenship for Optimism. Well done!

Detailed below are the recipients of school awards for Week 6 in Term 4.

From left to right: Rory, Bridget , Elle, Grace, Bradley, James, Zoe and Abygale



..... SUN SMART .....

Parents and Caregivers. Term 4 is heating up and as we are a Sun Smart school the children need hats to wear whenever they are playing outside.

## Years 0 – 3 Junior Athletics Day

On Monday our junior students took part in the junior athletics day after a number of weeks of extensive training and honing their skills. They displayed a high level of enthusiasm, commitment and pride in competing for Matahui School. Congratulations to our Year 3 Girls and Boys Relay team who were placed third. Yahoo!

Please find below a couple of pictures of the day.



## Pet Day II Barnaby and Benjamin's visit to the school





## NZ UNIFORMS IS ON THE MOVE

NZ Uniforms has outgrown its current location and from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we will be trading from our new premises at:

94 Elizabeth Street (the old Dick Smith Store)  
Tauranga

Our new store is **BIGGER, BRIGHTER, BETTER**

**Bigger** – Our new store is 5 times bigger than our current store

**Brighter** – It is fresh, spacious and is our largest store

**Better** – it will be warm in winter and cool in summer, have more changing rooms, modern merchandising and will provide a better overall shopping experience for our customers

**Car Parking** – We have 10 free car parks outside our store making it more convenient for parents and caregivers.

Everything else will remain the same, same phone number, same staff, same great customer service.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new store.

## Years 5 – 8 Camp

After a 10km advanced trek on Monday and a night time glow-worm walk the kids are still bubbling with energy next day on camp. How do they do it?!

We love how this is a camp for years 5-8 - the kids work together to help younger ones that find it tougher to get where they need to go. Great teamwork and kindness being shown - such great kids. 😊

