



# MATAHUI SCHOOL

## SMALL CLASSES - BIG FUTURES

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# NEWSLETTER

Term 1: Week 7: 12 – 16 March 2018



### Art Gallery and Library Trip

Last week, the entire school participated in the Tauranga Art Gallery's 'Future Islands' education programme. We were inspired by the creativity of the architectural designs. At the library we listened to a great story before learning more about building designs.



# MAX'S MESSAGE

## THE NATURAL CURIOSITY OF CHILDREN = SCIENTISTS

Children have the capacity to demonstrate heightened curiosity and genuine interest in the world around them. They naturally show the propensity to explore, investigate and discover; they are in essence, scientists.

The way Matahui students connect to the environment may not necessarily be unique, but it is significant. They enjoy going outside and the school playground becomes a microcosm of scientific opportunities – a living laboratory. So, when I shared Saxon Russell's story (which KVH weaved into the report below) with the students in each class and informed them that the beetle he had discovered at school might be a horticultural “nasty,” they headed out on an intense search.

*Prior to leaving school a six year-old student at Matahui School in Katikati found a stink bug nymph, had his mother take a photo and proudly showed the critter off to his Dad. Being the small world that it is, Dad's work sometimes relates to the kiwifruit industry and he had been contacted in the past by KVH about the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) so knew to make a report.*

*Formal identification by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) found that the bug was a native Australian Green Shield Bug.*

*This is a fantastic example of the great awareness of our environment, and all the living things in it (of which biosecurity is such an important element), being built up from the ground level by teachers and principals day-to-day in, and outside of the classroom. Raising public awareness is what we are all about, and our goal is for the whole country to form a team of 4.7 million biosecurity conscious New Zealanders by 2025. KVH (Kiwifruit Vine Health 2018)*

Saxon the Scientist and his scientific Matahui buddies hardly left a leaf unturned such was the excitement of the challenge to locate and carefully capture the beetle he had seen. Our Matahui scientists recognized the importance of the task ahead and became part of an authentic scientific process, one designed to carefully monitor our environment. They have certainly become biosecurity conscious watchdogs!

Ka kite  
Max





# NUTS & BOLTS

## **TERM 1, 2018: Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 12 March:** BOT – 5.15 pm

**Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 March:** Tarawera Camp – Years 7 & 8

**Wednesday 14 March:** Small School Swim

**Thursday 15 March:** Top School 4 pm to 7 pm

**Sunday 18 March:** Family Fishing Competition

**Thursday 22 March:** North Cluster Swim

**Friday 23 March:** Tall Poppies Swimming

**Monday 26 March :** Kowhai mud flat trip

**Friday 30 March:** No School – Good Friday

**Monday April:** No School – Easter Monday

**Tuesday 3 April:** No School – Holiday

**Tuesday 10 April – 11.30 am 1<sup>st</sup> HPV Vaccination Year 8s**

**Wednesday 11 April:** 9 am to 2 pm WBOP Swimming

**Friday 13 April: Last day of term**

## **ASSEMBLIES – TERM 1 (11 WEEKS). Start time – 2.30 pm**

WK 6 - Friday 9 March: Mr Evans (KAURI) - Values

WK 7 - Friday 16 March: Mrs Garrett (PURIRI) – Class Presentation

WK 8 - Friday 23 March: Mrs Croskery (KOWHAI) – Class Presentation

WK 9 - Thursday 29 March: Mr Muller – Values

WK10 - Friday 6 April: Mrs Chissell(POHUTUKAWA) – Class Presentation

WK 11 - Friday 13 April: Mr Evans (KAURI) – Class Presentation

## Matahui Term Dates 2018

Term 1	Tuesday 30 January	to	Friday 13 April	11 weeks
Term 2	Monday 7 May	to	Friday 6 July	9 weeks
Term 3	Monday 23 July	to	Friday 21 September	9 weeks
Term 4	Monday 15 October	to	Wednesday 19 December	10 weeks



### HEALTH AND SAFETY SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Whilst we have a wonderful school uniform we don't necessarily stipulate what style of shoes the students should wear to school. However, in the interests of health and safety we strongly advocate a closed in shoe as the most appropriate. When students venture into the hut building area or decide to utilize the wood working benches, they need to be wearing a solid shoe. Jandals are not suitable nor safe. The track shoe style of shoe is fine and if your child has not mastered tying laces, go for the Velcro option. Students also need to wear closed in shoes when they are on field trips.

## **CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

Week 5, Term 1, 2018 – Isla Tod was awarded the Certificate of Citizenship for Responsibility . Well done Isla!

Week 6, Term 1, 2018 – Lily Bowden-Murrells was awarded the Certificate for Forgiveness. Well done Lily!

### **Music Tuition at Matahui School**

Michael Homersham is now taking new tuition enrolments for Guitar, Bass, Drums and Ukulele. The music tuition is at Matahui School during school hours. Please contact Michael ph. 027 756 6166 or [mkhomersham@hotmail.com](mailto:mkhomersham@hotmail.com) for more details.



### **Mobile Dental Clinic - 021 242 6668**

Due to a staffing change and travel arrangements, we can no longer offer before and after school appointments for the time being. We will endeavor to fit you in when we can, we are just advising at the moment the appointments will be between 9am and 2.30pm.  
Rosemary and Michelle

## COMPULSORY SUNHATS – TERM ONE

Sunhat time again! In line with our Sun Safety policy, your children are required to wear the navy Australian slouch hat if they are outside during the day. If they forget their hats, children must remain inside or under the shade of the verandas or trees, which certainly limits their playtime activities. We recommend your children leave their hats at school overnight to ensure they are not left at home. We ask you to support us in this very important issue of sun safety, and to also remember to wear hats yourselves when you are joining us at school for outdoor activities.

We now have two styles to choose from, a wide brim and also a bucket type hat.

Both styles are available from NZ UNIFORMS.



*More detailed information can be viewed on the school noticeboard*

- Easter Extravaganza – Saturday 31 March – please see details in newsletter
- St Patricks Day Tea Party – Saturday 17 March – please see details in newsletter.
- **Bespoke Cakes and Catering** – if you require a luxurious cake or have catering requirements, please contact Karly Gallagher on 021 519 894 or [karlygallagher@hotmail.com](mailto:karlygallagher@hotmail.com)
- JUNK | Flying Fruit Fly Circus | Auckland Arts Festival - Take a look at this show - <http://www.aucklandfestival.co.nz/events/junk-at-bruce-mason-centre-1/>
- Hey Kids... there's some St Paddy's day fun on offer at Greerton Aquatic and Leisure Centre and Otumoetai and Memorial Pools. Head to the pools on St Patrick's Day - Saturday, March 17 between 2pm and 5pm - for inflatable fun, games and spot prizes. Entry is \$6. It will be fun... to be sure, to be sure, to be sure!

## SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

For safety, parents need to supervise their children in the school playground after school finishes at 3.05 pm, especially when they are on their scooters/skateboards.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

## SOLAR COMPETITION

Below is a link to a solar energy competition that the school has entered. You just have to visit the website and vote for our school. Votes based on roll so a pretty fair competition.

<http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/?dclid=COHgkL71wtkCFRMbKgodoZ8EUQ>

Help us win

**\$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000**

to spend on our school's science or tech equipment.

**Vote now**

- 1 Go to [www.schoolgen.co.nz](http://www.schoolgen.co.nz)
- 2 Click on Competitions/vote for our school
- 3 Search for our school name

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**Energising Young Minds**  
competition\*  
\*TBC's apply



## **BUS DRIVER – CONTACT NUMBER**

For those people who use the school bus and may need to contact the bus driver, Brian's number is 027 4433 711



## **COLGATE RECYCLING DRIVE**

Please don't forget to keep collecting any brand of toothpaste product, and also any accessories relating to oral care such as empty bottles of mouthwash, flossing packaging, etc. Please hand in to the school office. Many thanks.



Matahui School have subscribed to Books & Gifts Direct. They will come on a fortnightly basis, every second Wednesday.



Please pop into the school office if you would like to look at the selection available. Payment envelopes in the office – with cash, cheque or credit card payment options available.



## **BOARD ELECTIONS 2018**

This year, the School Board of Trustees seeks to elect two new parent representatives and would like to invite all of those interested in becoming a parent representative to put their name or nominated person (obviously with their permission) forward for the upcoming election.

Nomination forms have been sent out by email and hard copy on Friday 23 February 2018.

Nominations close at 3.30 pm on Friday 9 March 2018, so all the forms will need to be returned to the school office by then.

Regards

*Martin Parish*

Returning Officer



## **MATAHUI SCHOOL BALL 2018**

Did you know that every 2nd year Matahui School hosts a fabulous ball?

Not only is it a significant fundraising event but it's a fabulous night out! This is an incredible opportunity to get involved with the school and we are on the hunt for some parents/caregivers to volunteer some of their precious time (whatever you can spare) and be a part of the School Ball committee. We have lots of information on previous years' events documented and we are very keen to make this years' ball the best yet!

If you are interested at all, please email Sharlene Reay on [sharreay@gmail.com](mailto:sharreay@gmail.com) or call/text on 021 426 606 as soon as possible. We are looking to start meeting next week to get the 'ball' rolling so don't wait!



# MATAHUI SCHOOL FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2018

**It's time to get your bait on!**

This annual event is a day for our school community, past and present, to get together and enjoy a great day of fishing and fun. **Please support us** to create a fantastic time for our kids and help us reach our much needed fundraising contribution target.

**FISHING:** 6:00am to 3:00pm - If possible please keep fish on ice.  
**BOUNDARIES:** KatiKati Entrance - Mussel Rock due South  
 Tauranga Entrance - Rangiwai Wharf due South  
**TACKLE:** Only Rod & and Handlines permitted  
**WEIGH IN:** 3:00 – 4:00pm at Matahui School



- RULES:**
- Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult **at ALL times with Life Jackets Worn.**
  - Health & Safety consideration and compliance for all participants must be **strictly adhered to.**
  - All fish must be weighed green, not gilled or gutted or mutilated.
  - Only **3 fish per species** may be weighed.
  - All fish must be caught in accordance with **MAF rules and regulations.**
  - In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed in wins.
  - In the event of a dispute the **Judge's decision is final.**
  - The committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone the event.

It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that everyone is wearing a life jacket and that all boats are seaworthy with the necessary safety equipment on board. The skipper of the boat is always responsible for ensuring the area, weather and sea conditions are satisfactory for safe use of the craft they are using. It is highly recommended that all land based anglers and crew also wear life jackets and ensure appropriate safety measures are taken as required.

**Matahui School and the organisers do not accept any claim of responsibility for any actions taken by participants.**

**PRIZE GIVING:** 5:00pm at Matahui School

**21 Categories: Junior Section: Years 0-8**

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> heaviest Snapper  
 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> heaviest Kahawai  
 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> heaviest Trevally



**Seniors: Years 9-99**

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> heaviest Snapper  
 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> heaviest Kahawai  
 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> heaviest Trevally

Biggest Other

Mystery Weight

Average Overall Weight (excluding piper)

**DINNER:** After prize giving join us for a fun filled old fashioned 'fish and chip' dinner!

**TICKETS:** \$10 each - Please email or text Gina with your ticket numbers, entry names and contact number.

**Raffle Tickets:** \$ 2 each or 3 for \$5 – Don't forget your tickets for a chance to win some great mystery prizes.

Costs will be invoiced to your school account – or you may pay cash if preferred.

Email: [riverstone.katikati@gmail.com](mailto:riverstone.katikati@gmail.com)

**Any queries feel free to contact the committee:**

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# We need cards



Hello Parents and Caregivers,  
Grace J and Grace R are needing  
some playing cards for our Sustainable Arts “Trash to  
Fash project,” they don't have to be in a full set and we  
will be very grateful if you can help. If you do have some  
can you bring them into room 6 kauri.

Thank you from GJ and GR :) :) :) :) :)

## DO YOU HAVE AN 800 – 1000litre WATER TANK YOU DON'T NEED?

Our Year 1- 4 students enjoy transporting water to  
the sand pit. They invariably turn on the tap, leave it  
running, fill up and head to the sand. What they don't  
realise is that we pay for each drop used.

To make them more responsible for water usage I

would like to set up a  
water tank filled with rain

water that they can use – whilst it has water in  
it. We want to teach them that water is a  
resource and that we need to manage how we  
use it, hence the request for a water tank.  
Tankyou



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## Katikati Hockey - Primary

### **SATURDAY MORNING HOCKEY**

**2018 Katikati Hockey Muster** for primary school children will be held at the Katikati College Turf, 3:30 - 4:30

**Years 5 & 6: Friday 16 March 3:30 - 4:30**

**Years 3 & 4: Friday 23 March 3:30 - 4:30**

All boys and girls from Katikati, Pahoia and Matahui Primary schools are welcome to attend. If you do not have a stick, some spares will be available on the day.

**Please bring:**  
**Mouth guard**  
**Shin Pads**

**Covered in sneakers (no sprigs)**

We will look to place children in a team according to age and level of playing ability. Games are played in Tauranga on Saturday mornings at a variety of venues over the season.

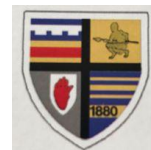
In order to provide teams, we need parent help. You do not need to have played hockey in the past or know anything about the game.

**Fees: \$70 for the season**



Keri Ann van Doorne 022 351 0502  
*Katikati Hockey coordinator - Primary*

Hustle,  
Hit,  
AND NEVER QUIT



## Katikati Junior Rugby Club 2018 Registration

Ages 4-12

***NOW WEIGHT GRADED***

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March

9am-1pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

4pm-6pm

Subs \$40 per child

Discount for Families

Cash & Eftpos available

New Registrations require I.D.