



Monday 5th September 2022

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Just when we thought we had burst into Spring, we have been once again hit with a stint of dreary weather. The illness that seems to have plagued us of late is thankfully subsiding, and we are nearly back to a full roll once again. Seeing the lambs in the paddocks and daffodils out in full bloom definitely gives me hope that we are heading into a fabulous summer season.

Welcome to our new students starting today. We hope that you enjoy your time at Matakana School, and are excited for all the great activities and events that the last few months of the year will bring. It will be busy, that's for sure!

Some of our Year 5 students attended the annual **Writers Festival** in Auckland recently. This festival is a great way to nurture the passion in our young writers. It helps students to learn new techniques, and explore their love of writing whilst meeting some outstanding authors. Thank you to Mel Bentley for escorting them, and for providing such an enriching experience.

As we near the end of Term 3 we have lots to be looking forward to. Our **Annual Auction night event Bayleys "Springfest 22"** is being held in the school hall on Friday night. This is always a fabulous night out for the parents. Tickets are available on KINDO, and include your first drink, nibbles and supper. There are some really great items that will be auctioned live on the night, keep an eye out for the booklet that will be sent out via email later this week. Our **silent auction** is currently underway, and will **finish at 12pm on Sunday**. Jump onto the website and check out the fantastic items that have been generously donated by local businesses. <https://www.32auctions.com/matakanaschool2022> This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and your support in either coming along on the night, or bidding on an item is greatly appreciated.

The MUFTI day held on Friday 26th August for **Daffodil Day** raised \$457 for the Cancer Society. Thank you to everyone that sent in a gold coin. There were some lovely outfits, brightening up the school grounds for the day.

Our school **Jump Jam** teams competed at the weekend in Auckland at the North Auckland competition. All teams received merits in technical execution and performance, and the Year 5/6 superstars won 3rd place in their division. Awesome job! Thank you to teachers Ellen Edwards, Shannon Sweetman, Claire Allen, Jane Wrightwebb and Sophie Kurmann for all their training and for going along to support them on Saturday.

We held **Grandparents Day** last week. What a fantastic day it turned out to be. It was just so lovely to see our students showing their Grandparents around the school, and being able to showcase some of the talent that

we have on stage during the performances. Thank you to all the parents that sent in a plate of food. We had an amazing spread for morning tea. Thank you to Katie Clay, Ellen Edwards and Bridget Casanelia for all your organisation. And a huge thank you to the parents that came along and helped to set up the morning tea.

Also last week was the **Scholastic Book fair**. Our students really enjoy looking at all the books on offer, and having a little fun with their pocket money buying pens and erasers. Thank you to everyone who came along and purchased books. We raised \$8400, of which 30% comes back to the school for the purchase of books for the Info Centre. A fantastic result!

Our school hosted the **Inter School Cross Country** event in Warkworth last week. What an energetic lot of runners we had to represent our school. Our school featured amongst the top runners in almost all the year groups. Best of luck to those that have been chosen to compete in the Hibiscus Coast competition in a couple of weeks. Thank you to Neil Hatfull for organising the day, including last minute changes to accommodate the condition of the course. Thank you to the PTA for running their food stall, and keeping the masses fed on the day, and also to the parents and students that helped on the stall. Richard Turner from Jennian Homes very kindly sponsored the medals. Thanks to Robyn Peach & Darrin Hughes who have provided the quad bike over many years. Their last child completes primary school this year so we will need another kind person to help us out with a quad bike next year. If you can help, please let us know via the school office.

In Week 9 the **Pupil Progress Presentations** will be held. This is a wonderful opportunity to join your child/children in their classrooms to see first hand what they have been learning, to talk to them about their work, and to view the art that they have created for this year's **Calendar Art** promotion. A letter outlining the process to book your slot for Wednesday 21st September will be coming home in school bags next week. The calendars, diaries and cards can be ordered on KINDO after this date. They make great personalised gifts for families at Christmas.

To round off the term we also have **Pizza with the Principal** and the **PTA 'Glow in the Dark' Disco**. Keep an eye out for notices that will be coming home, on the Term calendar that is on our school Facebook page and the APP, to be sure you don't miss out on anything you might need to know. Remember that most of the notices that go home are also available to view on the school APP, under notices.

Keep well, and I look forward to seeing you around the school at the various activities and events.

Ngā mihi



Darrel Goosen - Principal

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

Congratulations to the following students :-

Magic Student of the Week:

Hudson D Rm 7, Tom A Rm10, Macy H Rm3 & Jude L Rm5

Sponsored by The Stables & Smiths

Sports Star of the Week:

Mahe I Rm8, James M Rm11, Woody B Rm17 & Jack H Rm7

Sponsored by Summer Sessions

Plume Playground Award:

Beri B Rm5, Sam L Rm9, Isabella B Rm 10 & Emma H Rm3

Sponsored by Plume Cafe

Creative Kid Award:

Olivia D Rm4, Summer C Rm11, Bella W Rm16 & Poppy B Rm5

Sponsored by Brick Bay