



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

What a wonderful start to 2018. The staff teacher conference days at the beginning of the year were outstanding. Teachers had sessions with Kylie Ryan on 'The Tough Stuff' and Frances Adlam on 'Boys Literacy' which they found very informative. They look forward to implementing what they have learnt. Teachers are also really excited about the teaching and learning programmes planned for 2018.

The students have had a great start to the new year, they have enjoyed meeting new friends and catching up with old mates out in the fresh air. I somehow don't think the bit of rain we have just experienced will dampen their enthusiasm for play. Staff and students are all very excited to see the Tiger Turf finished, this has been laid on the track around the back field and the bottom court. Gauging by the comments from students, I am absolutely sure that it will be very well used, both during sports lessons/events, and play times.

The starting roll at our school is 348, with 39 new students starting with us this Term. Welcome again to Students and Whanau! We trust that you have settled in well and will have an enjoyable time at our school. Our lovely Parent Teachers Association (PTA) hosts a welcome morning tea that you are warmly invited to attend on the 21st February at 9am. invitations will come home with your children. This is a great way to meet other new parents, get involved in school events and fundraisers, and potentially establish some life-long new friendships.

Parents Interviews and Goal Reviews (the first module in the Reporting to Parents cycle for 2018) will take place on the 21st and 22nd of February. This is an opportunity for teachers to inform parents about what learning goals they will be focussing on, based on the students end-of-year reports. It is also an opportunity for parents to share their views on their child's learning needs with the teachers. Kindly book your time slot at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the code h5cb4. Please read the BOT statement in this newsletter around our school's continued use of National Standards as one of our assessment and reporting tools on student progress and achievement in 2018.

I wish to extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to Scott Bogue from Steel Roofing. When Scott was collecting his daughter from school last week he very kindly pitched in and helped us repair a leaky roof on one of the buildings. If that leak was left unattended it could have caused chaos with all the rain. We are very grateful for your assistance Scott and for providing the necessary materials required for the repair.

The idea of a 'pay it forward' scheme on Kindo was floated to us late last year and we have decided to take this up. This was a parent lead initiative which we thought was a lovely idea. If you can spare a dollar or two, this money will go towards trips and events that some families find very hard to pay for, ensuring where possible no students miss out due to financial hardship. If you would like to donate you can do this via your KINDO account.

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 look forward to welcoming some new sponsors alongside our continued supporters. Your contribution to our school is invaluable and we can't thank you enough. Please do support these local businesses as a show of thanks.

The new carpark is being very well used. If you haven't used it, I would encourage you to do so rather than parking along busy Matakana Road. It is a massive improvement and a great result after many years of cooperative community work.

Ka kite ano,

Darrel Goosen, Principal

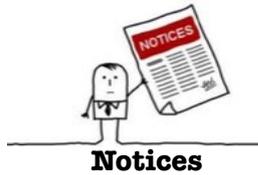
## 2018 Term Dates

Term 1: 30th Jan - 13th April  
 Term 2: 30th April - 6th July  
 Term 3: 23rd July - 28th Sep  
 Term 4: 15th Oct. - 13th Dec.

### TERM 1 EVENT CALENDAR

FEB	Assembly at 1.30pm each Friday
19	Board of Trustees meeting
21	Parent interviews and Goal reviews
21	PTA Welcome morning tea for new parents
22	Parent interviews and Goal reviews
26	Yr 5&6 Swimming sports
27	New Parent School Tour 11am
27	Year 4 Swimming sports
MAR	
5 - 9	Theme Week - "Summer Fun"
7 - 9	Year 5 Camp
12	Year 3 Swimming sports
14	Inter-School Swimming
26	Board of Trustees meeting
28	Y2 & Y3 Inter-School Tabloids
30	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
APR	
2	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>
3	<b>EASTER TUESDAY</b>
5 - 6	Year 4 Camp at school

Book your Parent Interview  
 and Goal Reviews meeting  
 at  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)  
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## Notices

**Contacting the School office/Student Absence** If you email, please use [office@matakana.school.nz](mailto:office@matakana.school.nz) not the office staff's email addresses. Thank you.

**Lost Property** is located in the wind tunnel between room 2 & 4. Please **clearly** label all uniform and non-uniform items, swimming bags and shoes. Every effort is made to return items at the end of the Term. Un-named non-uniform items will be donated to Hospice, un-named uniform items will be donated to the Uniform shop.

### Kapa Haka Blog :

<http://matakanakapahaka.blogspot.co.nz/>

Our **Information Centre** has its own OnlinePublic Access Catalogue, which can be found at <http://aiscloud.nz/MTK01/#!> dashboard. You can use this to see what books we have available, and can also access your child's account to see what books they have out and when they are due back. Every child has a Borrowers ID number from their Library barcode, and the password is currently set to 1234 for everyone. There are still a number of outstanding library books and readers that haven't been returned from last year. If you come across any please return to the school office.

SchoolDocs **Policies and Procedures**, To read our school policies and procedures, please click on the SchoolDocs icon on our school website. Our username is matakana and the password is magic.

The **Mobile Dental Unit** will arrive in Term 2 on 30th April 2018 and will stay until 29th July 2018.

**School Lunches**, Lunches Mata has new owners and will commence lunches from today. The website is up and running as usual for orders. [www.lunchesmata.co.nz](http://www.lunchesmata.co.nz)

## Message from the Board of Trustees

A very warm welcome back to Darrel and his dedicated 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 break over the holidays and that you are ready to embrace the school year ahead of you.

### The end of National Standards

As you may know, with the recent change in Government at the end of last year, National Standards in schools, as an assessment and reporting tool, has been removed with effect from 2018.

The Government of the day instead wants to focus on understanding children's progress and achievement across the whole National Curricula. The new approach will measure the rate of progress which happens in children's learning over time, as well as their achievement.

The Ministry of Education is now beginning their work, alongside representatives from the sector to design tools and supporting materials for a broader approach to assessment for teaching and learning, and reporting to students, parents and whānau.

The Ministry expects this new progress-based system to come online gradually between 2018 and 2019.

In the meantime, Matakana School will continue to use its current range of tools, which include National Standards, for assessment and reporting on student progress and achievement until such time as the Ministry officially releases its new tools and supporting materials for their progress-based system.

For further information, please refer to the Ministry of Education's website at <http://assessment.tki.org.nz/Assessment-guidance>.

## A message from Matakana PTA

Happy new year.

Thanks to all those that supported the PTA selling ice blocks at the Omaha Classic in December. We are looking forward to more fun events in the year ahead, with events for both children and parents in planning.

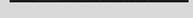
We kick off the year with the PTA welcome morning tea. If you are new to the school please join us for coffee and cake at Plume Cafe on Wednesday the 21st of February at 9am. This is a great chance to meet others and hear a little about the school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite parents and friends to get in touch at any time with any questions, ideas or suggestions. Feel free to chat to one of us at school, or email us at [pta@matakana.school.nz](mailto:pta@matakana.school.nz)

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer.

We are very grateful to the following businesses for their support as a sponsor of Matakana School in 2017.  
Please show your support to these organisations.

## Principal



## Travelwise

Travelwise is already off to a great start for 2018. Awesome to see so many people travelling to and from school on the bus, using the Kiss, Drop and Drive, and the Walking School Bus. In fact we have so many students using the Walking School Bus that parent helpers are desperately needed. Auckland Transport are offering a free coffee to all parents who come along and give it a try one day after school for 10 minutes, Week 4, February 19th to 23rd.

Turn up at the school gates at 2:40pm, ready to leave at 2:45pm, walk to the St George statue with our wonderful students. Come along and see how much fun you can have in a short 5 minute walk!

## Park safely outside schools

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our kids at risk.

This term parking officers will be on patrol outside your school to issue tickets to those who are illegally parked.

### Fines for illegal parking include:

- Parked on the footpath or grass verge/ berm \$40
- Parked across or within 1m of a vehicle entrance \$40
- Parked within 6m either side of an unmarked bus stop \$40
- Parked within a marked bus stop \$60
- Parked within 0.5m of a fire hydrant with no one in the car legally capable of moving it \$60
- Parked within a designated bus lane, transit or cycle lane \$60
- Parked on a clearway \$60
- Double parked \$60
- Inconsiderate parking to other road users, including pedestrians \$60
- Parked on or within 6m of an intersection \$60
- Parked on a pedestrian crossing \$60
- Parked on a broken yellow line \$60

*These parking offences are detailed in the New Zealand Road Code.*

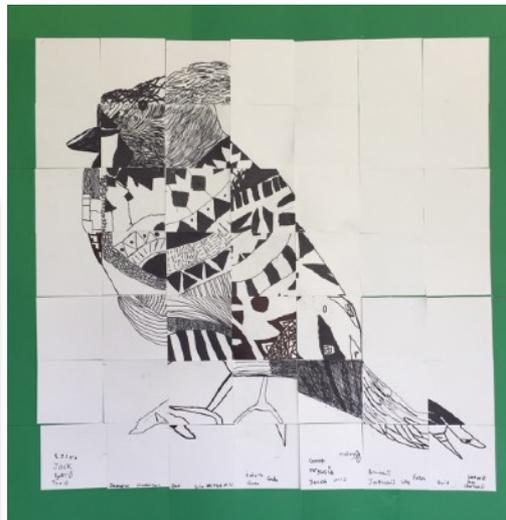
Thank you for your cooperation.



## Gala Update

After much discussion the decision has been made to no longer carry on with Gala in it's current format. Over the last few years the financial return for the school has decreased comparably with the time and effort that goes in to the organisation of such a huge event. The call has been made to try something different. This is still a work in progress but we can confirm that the new event will be an evening in November and some of the great aspects of Gala will be retained such as the food stalls, entertainment, games, a small number of stalls.

We will update you as progress is made with the structure and date once available we can confirm that the new event will be an evening in November and some of the great aspects of Gala will be retained such as the food stalls, entertainment, games, a small number of stalls.



Room 8 have been doing some collaborative art, Great work guys!

## Introducing our Student Leaders



## School Sign-in Policy

We have noticed this week that there have been parents on the school grounds during teaching hours that have not signed in at the office. Please be aware that for Health and Safety reasons you must report to the office and obtain a visitor label prior to going to visit a classroom (this is not applicable during drop off or pick up times). If you are not wearing the visitor label you may be challenged by a staff member. Please don't be offended, we are following procedure to ensure the safety of our students.

"Do you know someone who may benefit from attending a FREE and professionally run day time course for employment preparation and readiness? Hearts and Minds are running a group starting 19/2 to 26/3 every Monday from 10-noon. Work preparation skills such as cv and cover letters, the interview and much more, as well as learning skills to lift self esteem and confidence. Facilitated by a registered psychologist and HR expert. Phone 441 8989 or email [learning@heartandsminds.org.nz](mailto:learning@heartandsminds.org.nz) to enrol now!"

## Interested in sponsoring Matakana School?

If you are an existing sponsor and would like to continue your sponsorship in 2018, or if you would like to start sponsoring the school please contact Melita Campbell on 027 5155455 or [events@matakana.school.nz](mailto:events@matakana.school.nz). Please see the Sponsors page on our website to find information about our 2018 programme, including the levels and benefits that we offer.



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#### Courses in Warkworth and Wellsford Term 1, 2018

##### Parenting course with Terry Healey in Warkworth

Date: Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2018  
Time: 9.30-11.30 am  
Venue: Homebuilders Family Services, 5 Hexham Street, Warkworth

Terry's course is run in a relaxed and friendly environment and will cover the following topics:

- Dealing with feelings
- Gaining co-operation
- Instead of punishment
- Siblings without rivalry
- Problem solving and family meetings

##### Evening Parenting course with Liz Cole in Wellsford

Date: Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2018  
Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm  
Venue: Coast to Coast Hauora Trust, 72 School Road, Wellsford

Liz's informative and enjoyable course will include topics such as brain development, the important of connection, self care, building relationship, understanding children's emotions, and play and setting limits.

##### Mindfulness course

Date: Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2018  
Time: 9.30am - 11.45am  
Venue: Homebuilders Family Services, 5 Hexham Street, Warkworth

This informal course is a great course for anybody wanting to improve how they feel and respond in their day to day lives. It also covers topics useful for managing depression and/or anxiety, including information on communication, mindfulness, emotional regulation and distress tolerance.

You can register by calling the Homebuilders office on 09 425 7048. If you require free childminding please let us know when you register.

ALL OUR COURSES ARE FREE



**Tony Mordaunt  
Warkworth Golf Coach**

# Junior Golf Academy

Starts Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Year 4, 5 & 6 - Sunday or Monday or both, 3.15pm to 4.00pm  
College Students - Sunday or Monday or both, 4.00pm to 5.00pm

\$10 per person per session  
To book please email [tonygolflessons@gmail.com](mailto:tonygolflessons@gmail.com) or call 022 4259657



## MUSIQHUB PLAY SMART

Guitar & Drum classes will begin again at Matakana School in week 3. We currently have spaces available for beginners on Tuesdays or Thursdays after school. If you are interested in taking lessons please contact Stephen Fulford on: 022-190-7218

or email your inquiry to: [stephen.fulford@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:stephen.fulford@musiqhub.co.nz)

We will also be holding a trial morning with guitars and drum kit on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 8am before school. Please come along and have a play!

#### Our Before School Pickup service:

We have a pickup service running in the mornings. Can pickup from home, work or a meeting point. Can drop children to either: Matakana, Snells beach, Leigh or Warkworth Schools.

We aim to provide a nurturing, relaxed and safe environment for your children



Providing a service to the community for busy Mum's and Dad's

**Our After School Programme is at** Matakana School: The Castle, Between Rooms 12 & 13, 952 Matakana Road, RD5, Matakana.

#### THE AFTERNOON

2.45pm Afternoon Tea, Opportunity for children to finish their packed lunch from home.  
3.00pm Supervised Homework.  
3.30pm Free play, Sports, Drama, Arts & Crafts, Reading and Swimming in Term 1 & 4.  
Last Pickup by 6pm

#### Special Family Rate

Monday to Friday pre-Child for the Full Term.  
2.45pm - 5.30pm \$75 each week.

**After school Drop offs or Pickup's PM:**  
\$12.50 first child and \$2.50 per extra family member

#### After Dance, drama or sports:

4.00pm - 5.00pm \$10  
4.00pm - 6.00pm \$15



Contact: Julie Atkinson to book a place.  
Matakids Before & After School Club  
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[matakanakids@gmail.com](mailto:matakanakids@gmail.com)  
[www.matakanakids.co.nz](http://www.matakanakids.co.nz)



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Warkworth Football Club

**Registrations** open for season. Register at [www.warkworthfootball.co.nz](http://www.warkworthfootball.co.nz) or <https://playpass.com/warkworthafc>

### Weet-Bix Try Hibiscus Coast Event -

Over 20 Matakana School students have registered for the Weet-Bix Try Hibiscus Coast Event on Sunday, 25 March 2018. For more information and to register visit <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/hibiscus-coast/>

### Mahurangi Junior Rugby Club

Registration days Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 4 - 7pm & Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)



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