

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Whanau, welcome to Term 3

I trust you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with your children and managed to stay warm and dry. I was delighted to be able to take a short break in the South Island. It's such a great reminder what a stunning country we have to explore.

A warm, MAGIC welcome to the new students and families who have joined our school. We hope that you will enjoy your time here with us at Matakana School. A heartfelt Haere Mai to our returning students.

As always Term 3 will be very busy and full of exciting opportunities for our students. School Cross Country, Inter-School Hockey and Cross Country, PPPs, Speech Competitions, Grandparents Day, our Annual Auction event, and the PTA disco. **Please view our Website, App and Facebook page for the school event calendar.** I trust you will join us for all the fun events we have planned.

Our students will continue to focus on New Zealand Histories in their Inquiry Learning this term.

In a couple of weeks the election of our **Board of Trustees** for the next triennial period will take place. You will have received an email calling for nominations. There are 5 positions available. The Board of Trustees plays a huge part in the governance of our school. If you are interested in standing for election, and would like to chat to someone about what the role entails please do get in touch. There is also a short video on the school Facebook page that you might like to watch. We require a broad range of skills and perspectives to make balanced and informed decisions that affect our school and its operation. Nominations close at 12pm on the 3rd of August. A voting election will only take place if there are more than 5 people standing for election.

Nest consulting is once again presenting an **Information evening for Year 5 & 6 parents** tonight starting at 6pm in the Staffroom. The contents of the **student puberty sessions** will be outlined and any concerns or queries can be answered before your child attends their session on Thursday. You should have received a notice home before the holidays. A copy of the notice can be found on the school App.

Planning for our **Annual Auction evening & Silent auction** is underway. A huge thank you to the Year 3 & 4 parents that have put their hands up to help. The theme this year is **Spring Fest 2022**. There's nothing like the feel of a music festival to get people excited. You will receive an email shortly regarding donations for our auctions, if you work for, or own a business, and would like to donate something please reply to the email with the details. Any item or service, big or small will be gratefully accepted. Tickets will be available to purchase on KINDO in the next couple of weeks. Please keep an eye out for notices coming home.

On Wednesday, the 21st of September, the third stage of our **Reporting to Parents** cycle takes place with the popular **PPP's** (Pupil Progress Presentations). Students will take parents through their learning journey, discussing the progress they have made with their learning goals. A notice with booking details will be sent out in Week 8.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our **sponsors** for your continued support. The funds we receive throughout the year make a huge difference to the nice “extras” that we are able to offer our students. Programmes such as **Garden to Table, Lego & Robotics and weekly awards** wouldn't be possible without them. Thank you very much to Sandspit Marina for their kind donation towards the purchase of bee suits so that more students can participate in the maintenance of the Bees. It will be wonderful to be able to include more classes in this wonderful experience.

The planning for this year's **Move & Groove** production will be underway shortly. We didn't hold this event last year due to the numerous lockdowns affecting each class's ability to practice their dances. We had amazing feedback last time about the show and everyone who came along thoroughly enjoyed it. I know it will be another great success and an opportunity for creativity to shine. Please ask your child's teacher how you can be involved. We will be once again offering food prior to the show, this should help with planning and getting your children there on time to be ready for their performances. Year 1 & 2 parents will be approached to assist with this event as part of our across school plan to encourage targeted year groups in each of the major events.

Reminders:

- We have been advised by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education that Covid and other winter viruses are spreading rapidly throughout the motu. Mask wearing for Year 4 to 6 students is strongly recommended by the Ministry of Education whilst indoors and plenty of masks will be available for use at school. Please support us and encourage your child to wear their mask whilst indoors for the first 4 Weeks of Term. We also recommend that students wear masks whilst traveling on school buses.

Kindly keep your child at home if they are unwell. Should your child present sick at school they will need to be sent home to protect other students and staff.

- **School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm.** Kindly allow your child plenty of time in the morning to unpack their school bag and settle into the classroom. It is disruptive to the whole class when students come in late and unfair to your child who misses out on all the important classroom announcements at the start of the day.
- Please **do not park** in the **staff car park** or the **Kiss Drop & Drive** area. Kindly use the Community Carpark.
- Please **clearly label** all uniform items, we have far too many sitting in the lost property box.
- Please **inform the school office** if your:
 - **child is sick** (use the school app, email or 24 hour phone answering service).
 - **contact details** have changed.
 - child has a new **health issue** or **medical condition**.

This should be a busy and invigorating Term. We all look forward to inspiring your children and our community.

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Darrel Goosen
Principal