



MATATEA



Team Newsletter Term 2 2024

Sunday, 28th April 2024

Welcome

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you enjoyed your break and are excited to see what this term will bring!

A very special welcome to our new students:

HB14: Sansa Watte Gedara

HB15: Sophie Penno-Edmonds

HB19: Riley Prior

We also are super excited to extend our warmest congratulations to Miss Mears (HB20) who is getting married on Friday!!

We have a couple of trips this term – please check out our calendar to the right to keep up to date.

Term 2 Calendar

- May 7-9 – Ferrymead trips (\$25)
- May 31st – Teacher Only Day – school closed
- June 3 – King's Birthday – school closed
- June 4- 7 – Pines Resource Recovery Park trips (\$10)
- June 10/12 – Bees presentation (no charge)
- June 28 – Matariki – school closed
- July 4 – Mid Year reports published
- July 5 – Last day of Term 2

Leadership Opportunities

This year our students have been given several opportunities to become leaders in our Junior School, helping out in many ways.

We have leaders in the following roles:

Peer Mediators – who work to help children solve problems during break times

Student Kaitiaki Representatives – who organise events for the Junior School

School Librarians – who work during lunch times to support students

Wheels Track Monitors – who help children with their helmets

Dodgeball Referees – who referee every lunchtime

Lunch Order Monitors – who deliver lunches to classrooms

Gate Monitors – who open and shut school gates each day to keep everyone safe

Sandpit Monitors – who open and close the sand pit and organise the toys each day

Office monitors – who keep the teachers' office supplied with photocopying paper and other resources as needed

Some of these jobs change each term. Please encourage your child to take up opportunities when they arise. They are great learning opportunities, and give children the opportunity to show our school values.

Term 2 Focus



Weeks 1-5:

Term Focus: How has New Zealand changed over time?

Curriculum Focus: Technology

Focus Question: How has machinery changed to meet the needs of the community?

Weeks 6 - 10:

Term Focus: What can we do to make the world a better place?

Curriculum Focus: Social Science

Focus Question: How can we positively make changes to the environment?

Weeks 1-5:

During the first part of the term we will be looking at how land use has changed over time in the Rolleston Community. We will be investigating how technology has changed the types of machines that are used to enable people to do their ever changing jobs. We will be going on a trip to Ferrymead to look at machines of the past. If you have not already given your permission for this trip, please do so as soon as possible.

Weeks 6 - 10:

In the second half of the term, it is all about Bees and Worms! We will be learning how to improve our environment by caring for these important animals. We will learn why these animals are crucial to the health of the planet and the changes we can make to protect them and allow them to thrive.

Important Thank you!

The Matatea team like to go on trips to support our learning. These are always fun, educational experiences and help to engage our tamariki with the lessons we also have at school. Over the years taking trips has become very expensive as bus hire has increased and we often have to book buses over several days so that our large numbers can all attend. We are very thankful for the support of the PCG who subsidise some of our trips, so it can be more affordable for families. The Ferrymead trip for instance has been heavily subsidised with a donation of \$2500 from the PCG this term. Thank you so much!



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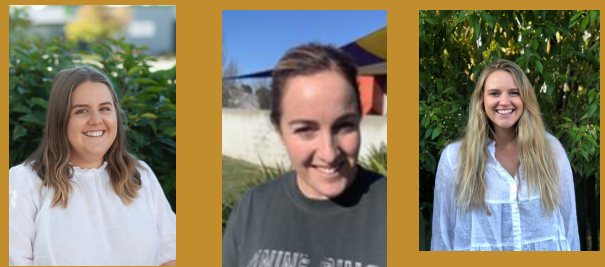
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