

PRINCIPALS ADDRESS

MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Annual General Meeting March 2015

Education At Matamata Primary

Special Features in 2014

- A well-received Variety night in which our various talent groups performed to a packed Hall.
- Electives programme delivered for the third year with 27 discovery based activity groups and additional tutors from local community groups.
- A successful 'Mystery of the Missing Hobbit Ears' Production written by Peter Mair, with excellent performances from all 63 students involved.
- Hot Shots Tennis Coaching which resulted in all children receiving professional tennis tuition.
- High quality digital projects completed by groups of Year 1-6 students with their digital photos, photostories and promotional advertisements. The Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 groups won their age group sections and one Year 5/6 group won the Supreme Awards for their age group overall categories.
- Outstanding national e-learning achievements by several students at the Fair Go and MADE awards
- Our gymnastics teams had outstanding top placings in all divisions entered in the Piako Area Gym Festival and were then selected to represent the area at the Waikato Regional Championships winning the top placings there and getting the most aggregated points to win the Top School trophy.
- A very successful Reading Forum led by Mrs Sharyn Merry for PTA with demonstration reading lessons with children, taken by the teachers.
- All students participated in the ten sessions of energetic Footsteps Dance workshops and utilised the moves Term Four dance events..
- All classes participated in the schoolwide integrated programme of termly thematic units related to the overall theme of Inventor: Term One: Further, Faster, Longer Stronger, Term Two Eureka, Term Three: Let's Get Inventing Term Four: Inspector Gadget Kiwi Genius
- A number of Open Days to share the teaching and learning programmes at our school was held.
- This year 127 children participated in After-School classes including Guitar lessons (65) Art (38), Golf (16) and Flute/Saxophone (8).
- Various student groups performed to local community groups eg Greypower, Friendship Circle, Country Lodge, Craft and Care, Kindergartens, Midwinter Christmas Festival and artwork displayed at the Matamata Society of Arts Exhibition.
- A range of interesting innovations and inventions at the schoolwide Dragons Den sharing day
- Rockers and Angels Rock Band performed at the Digi Awards and community events.
- The completion of Stage One of the Landscaping project thanks to Melissa Allen, Debbie Thomas, , Rowena Randell and Jude Trumm planning and organising plants, working bees, sculpture development and garden design programme
- Property developments also included installation of the golf putting green, school network upgrade project completed, the removal of the old Dental Clinic, website upgraded .development of two more landscaped areas, and installation of the Adrian Worsley 'Past Present Future' sculpture at the school entrance.
- School Leaders ran a 'Dog Day' event raising \$360 for the Assistance Dogs programme and a uniform day which raised \$669 for Child Cancer.
- Seven Agrikids teams competed in the regional event with two teams making it to the finals.
- Completion of the 'EnviroCommunity mural by the Schoolgen Group under Mr Valkenburg's tuition.
- Another positive Education Review Office (ERO) report which carried no recommendations and indicated we were well placed to sustain our excellent performance.

School Roll to March 2014

The final school roll total for December 2014 was 461 compared to 447 the previous year. In March last year our school had a roll of 399. Our school roll remains steady having reached 407 as of Monday 23 March. This year most of the increased growth has been in the Year 1 area which is as expected.

Classroom Programmes

In the 2014 year classroom teachers continued to provide quality education programmes for students. Professional Development focused on Writing programmes and Te Reo Maori, with new developments implemented in class and school programmes.

Specialist Programmes

Matamata Primary had a number of specialist programmes operating in the 2014 year, these included Te Reo and Tikanga Maori, Flute, Saxophone, Parent Tutor Reading, Future Problem Solvers, Reading Recovery, School band, Guitar, Ukelele, Art, Drama Production Mystery of Missing Hobbit Ears, Choir, Enviro Team, G Team, Schoolgen, Literacy Assistance, Numeracy Extension, School Leaders, Digi Awards, MADE Awards, Fair Go Awards, Talk to Learn, Athletics Academy, School Rock Band and Golf Academy. We were particularly pleased with the continued success of the pre-entry transition programme-Springboard for five year olds and parents

Matamata Primary Parent Community

Community Involvement 2014

On behalf of the staff and children I would like to extend our appreciation of the work that the PTA committee undertake to support the school and be involved in planning special school activities with profit donated, such as Gala (\$13,310) Panelworks Day (\$2387), Pies (\$2240), Sushi (\$548), Repco Open Day (\$667) Readathon (\$6503) Calendars/Cards (\$2254) Disco (\$700)

A special thank you to the Executive team of the PTA - Chairperson Mike Hills for supporting the PTA in the role as Chairperson and adding 100% increase in male attendance. Special thank you also to Secretary Debbie Thomas for three years of accurate and timely minute taking and getting these emailed out after each meeting, Treasurer Tracey Park for keeping track of fundraising efforts, Jenna Crighton for keeping on top of the many fundraising flyers which come in the mail, Kristie Kennedy - Digital Communications Officer for maintaining and updating the PTA website and PTA Liaison representative Lynne Counsell for the excellent termly newsletter. It is reassuring to know that our school has a very supportive group of parents who are working alongside our teachers and staff to achieve the best outcomes for our children.

Fundraising Expenditure 2014

During the 2014 year the PTA donated \$24,000 to the school. The staff and students are grateful for the effort the committee puts into raising funds that will benefit children's learning environment, and the Board of Trustees has also commended the PTA on their focus and drive to benefit our school. The money donated assisted in the purchase of the following items:

• Landscaping plants, bark, compost, sculpture	\$6562
• PMP equipment	\$1959
• Block sets	\$3477
• Role Play equipment	\$428
• Art consumables	\$1000
• Science consumables	\$996
• Jump Jam CD	\$419
• Representative T shirt Uniform	\$2840
• Library books	\$1404
• Guided Reading books for classroom programmes	\$4990

TOTAL **\$24,000.00**

Carolyn Osborne Principal

23 March 2015