

# Matapu School Newsletter

Term 2, Week 1, 17th April 2020

## Principal's Weekly Update

Term 2 Week 1

**RAISE Goal:** focus on the well-being of myself and others

**Te reo phrase of the week:** te ora nga mo te katoa - the well-being of everybody (self-included)

Kia ora,

Wow, what an amazing week we have had! It felt incredibly strange to be holding our normal staff briefing on Zoom at the beginning of the week, but I'm pleased to say that all of the teachers had done their hair and looked respectable. I did a quick crunch of the numbers this morning and noted that we have managed to connect with 90% of our students this week. These are great statistics and it really shows that both the efforts of our amazing teachers and fantastic families are paying off and will undoubtedly benefit your children in the long run. We appreciate that not every situation is the same, so if you are managing to fit some learning in, whatever way possible, you are still doing a great job. Internet connectivity can be temperamental at times, especially for our whanau who live rurally. When this happens it is a great time to utilise the free to air teaching channel on TVNZ, pick up a book to read, or get creative and make a piece of art work with the autumn leaves. Helping Mum and Dad out on the farm or doing odd jobs around the house are more quality examples of what learning at home can look like.

Many of you would've heard our prime minister give her daily briefing yesterday, which detailed what moving to level 3 would look like for our country. In regards to schooling she stated that they are still recommending for students to stay at home, but schools would open for the children of essential workers and for those who may have to return to work. As you will appreciate, this raises a few questions about what this will look like for Matapu School. Next week we will work through our options to come up with a plan in regards to the best way that we can still deliver quality education for all of our students when the country moves into level 3. We will update you towards the end of next week with our plan.

Please find below a list of resources that will support your child's learning at home:

- <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/> (government website with really good activities on it)

- <https://switchonsafety.co.nz/> (provided by Network 4 Learning, this is a way for you to block any inappropriate content that your child may come across on their device)
- <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/home-learning-tv/about> (home learning TV)

### **Enrolment Scheme**

Matapu School is experiencing steady roll growth. With reference to our site and building capacity, the Matapu School Board of Trustees is intending to implement an enrolment scheme because of the concern about the risk of overcrowding at our school. We have had informal consultations with our neighbouring schools and the Ministry has now approved our intention to commence the formal consultation process with our community. This letter to you is part of the process.

Below there is a proposed map of our enrolment scheme home zone. All students who live within the home zone (inside the outlined area within the map) shall be entitled to enrol at Matapu School.

### **Out of Zone Enrolments**

Each year the board will determine the number of places which are likely to be available in the following year for the enrolment of students who live outside the home zone. The board will publish this information by notice in the Hawera Star. The notice will indicate how applications are to be made and will specify a date by which all applications must be received.

Applications for enrolment will be processed in the following order of priority:

- First Priority - This priority category is not applicable at this school because the school does not run a special programme approved by the Secretary of Education.
- Second Priority - Will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.
- Third Priority - Will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students.
- Fourth Priority - Will be given to applicants who are children of former students.
- Fifth Priority - Will be given to applicants who are either a child of an employee of the board of the school or a child of a member of the board of the school.
- Sixth Priority - Will be given to all other applicants.

If you have any questions or feedback, please send them through to [zone@matapu.school.nz](mailto:zone@matapu.school.nz)

**Ngā mihi nui**

**James Willson**

**Matapu School Home Zone**



## Contact Details

If your contact details have changed please let us know by emailing [admin@matapu.school.nz](mailto:admin@matapu.school.nz) or via your child/children's teacher.



### Matapu School App

It is important to download this app as we send out important notices and newsletters to parents this way.



Download  
718.6 KB

## Whakatauki

### Ma whereo ma pango ka oti ai te mahi

*With red and black the work will be complete.*

This refers to co-operation where if everyone does their part, the work will be complete. The colours refer to the traditional kowhaiwhai patterns on the inside of the meeting houses.

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