

## VISION STATEMENT

*Equip for Life  
Prepare for Eternity  
Whakarawe mā mataora  
Whakareri mā āke tonu atu*



Weeks: **8 - 9**

Term 1 2024:  
18 Poutū-te-rangi (March)

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## MIGHTY SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING

Last Thursday we were blessed to be able to have our swimming sports together with Te Poi, Kuranui and Wairere schools at the Matamata Pools. While it rained around Matamata we were left with a favourable pocket of dry weather throughout our event!

Our students performed well and gave their best throughout the day and our senior students were awesome at helping junior students from all the schools feel safe and cared for in the water. We were short of numbers for the adult relay which saw us put in an all women's team and Salomien Smit doing a double stint. Our Year 7/8 students also competed in the adult relay and managed a very credible 3rd place just ahead of our own adults team.

Thank you to all the parents who managed to make it down and support the event.

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## From the Desk of the Tumuaki

This has been a big term for us this year. We have really enjoyed having awesome new staff and families join us which has really added to our school. This week we are pleased to welcome two new families who have started today. Ava (Year 3) and Addison (Year 5) are from the Park family and many of you will know them. And Zinaske Hamann joins us in Year 5 also. We are thrilled to have the Park and Hamann family join our school family.

Thank you to all those who have been getting their enrolments in for this year. Because we are so close to full we are asking people who have children you want to come here in 2025 to get their enrolments in too as we are not expecting to have many spare spaces. Since our roll has become so full we have even begun getting enrolments in now for 2026 and 2027!

### Easter

We have entered into the Easter season and so it is an opportune time, a fortnight out, to consider Jesus' ministry. Here I want to show you a timeline of Jesus work when we put everything together from what we know from the Gospels, and I want to provoke you with your thinking. Many of our traditions and timings around Easter and Christmas are not necessarily founded on actual events. These don't really matter too much as it is what God did through Jesus that matters most, not the timeline of when we celebrate these things. But still they are an interesting provocation. So let's take a look at Jesus ministry in chronological order:

### Autumn, 28AD

Jesus left Nazareth, where he was raised, and went down to Bethabara for His baptism. Right after the baptism, He went to the Mount of Temptation where He was tempted by Satan. He went back to Salem and then Cana, Nathaniel's hometown. The first disciples were from there – John, Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathaniel.

### Spring, 29AD

The first miracle was at the wedding in Cana; Jesus then moved to Capernaum, where he established His base of operations. While Jesus was at the Passover in Jerusalem, Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews, came to Him by night. Jesus explained that he needed to be born again, which gave rise to the most famous verse in the entire Bible,

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. – John 3:16*

This was also about the time of John the Baptist's last testimony.

### Winter, 29AD

Jesus met the woman at the well at Sychar. From there He went back to Cana and healed the son of a royal official. He also healed someone at the pool of Bethesda.

### Spring, 30AD

At this time John the Baptist had been imprisoned in Jerusalem. In Galilee, Jesus had begun to broaden His public ministry. At the synagogue in Nazareth He declared His mandate by reading from Isaiah. The townspeople tried to throw Him off a cliff, so He left Nazareth and made His base in Capernaum. There He called four disciples.

Peter and his brother Andrew were fishing partners with James and John. They had fished all night and caught nothing. At midday, Jesus asked Peter to take him a little way into the Sea of Galilee so He could teach. After He finished, Jesus said, "Let's go out deeper and fish." Peter said, "You're wasting your time. We fished all night and caught nothing." But they went out anyway and caught so many fish the nets started to break. Then they began to realise they were dealing with more than just a prophet.



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I work from home in Matamata, email for an appointment.

During this time Peter's mother-in-law and a leper were healed.

### Summer, 30AD

In Capernaum, Jesus healed a paralytic. This is about when Matthew was called. Jesus and His disciples picked grain on the Sabbath, and again on the Sabbath, Jesus healed the man with the withered hand. His fame started to spread in the region. The Sermon on the Mount was delivered about this time. Jesus healed a centurion's servant.

### Autumn, 30AD

In Capernaum again, Jesus healed a blind and dumb man, but He was accused of doing this by the powers of Satan. From then on, Jesus spoke publicly only in parables so the truth would be hidden to all but His own. That may shock you, but it was fulfilling a prophecy in Isaiah.

After the seven kingdom parables of Matthew 13, the die was cast; the nation was on its path. They accused the Son of God of being of Satan.

On a ship from Capernaum to Gadara, a very severe storm arose quickly. That is not unusual in that region, but it is unlikely this was a normal storm because these were professional fishermen on board and they were terrified for their lives. And when Jesus calmed the storm, He 'rebuked' the storm. It is likely Satan was anticipating what was going to happen in Gadara, when Jesus encountered the demoniac who recognised Him as the Son of God and apparently was aware of His destiny!

The demons (2 000 of them) then asked Jesus to be allowed to go into a nearby herd of pigs, and Jesus permitted it! Why? Likely to demonstrate to us that demons are real, and not just some disorder people have. The pigs then ran off the cliff and died. The disciples went back to Capernaum.

### Winter, 30AD

Two incidents occurred at the same time: Jairus's daughter was raised and a woman with an issue of blood was healed. Although they appear unrelated, the Holy Spirit seems to link those two events. Jesus was on His way to save a 12 year old Jewish girl and on the way a Gentile woman, who had suffered for twelve years, was healed by faith.

Two blind men and a dumb and possessed man were also healed. Jesus arrived in Nazareth; again, people took offense. John the Baptist was beheaded about this time for preaching against the immorality of the leader, and the apostles were sent out in pairs. Jesus then returned to Capernaum.

### Spring, 31AD

Back in Capernaum, the twelve apostles returned. Jesus retired to Bethsaida, which became a major base. During this time He fed the 5 000 and returned to Capernaum. And it was on this trip that Jesus walked on water. His sermon on the Bread of Life occurred here. Around this time He was accused of eating with unwashed hands, etc.

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## News - Kawepūrongo

### SCOLA MUFTI DAY

Our first Scola mufti day for the year is this Wednesday the 20th of March. Scola is a World Vision sponsored child our school has, the support of whom is led by our student leadership team.

Scola comes from a small Ugandan village and our support is part of World Vision's project for the Odupi community. The project started in 2022 and is due to be completed in 2031. We look forward to sharing more about this project with you during the year.

To help us raise funds for Scola's sponsorship, our student leadership team run mufti days across the year. This term they are running a sports themed mufti day. Students can come dressed to represent their favourite sports or sports team if they want to be involved in the theme. If they don't want to be in theme they can still dress in mufti.

The cost for participating in mufti day is a gold coin donation please. We know some people give more than this and we thank you in advance if you do as this helps us meet the commitment we have made for Scola.



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### PAID UNION MEETINGS

The teachers' union, NZEI, has called for a meeting for teachers tomorrow, **Tuesday the 19th of March at 1:30PM.**

In our school only two teachers have elected to attend. This involves the teachers of Year 5—8 students. While other schools may be asking for all students to go home for the afternoon, our intention is to stay open. The Year 1—4 classes will run as per normal and we will send Year 5—8 students to carry on with their work across these three classes. If, however, you are in a position for your Year 5—8 child to be picked up and come home early that would be helpful for us and would reduce the numbers being looked after in the other classes. If this works for you please let the class teacher know. Year 1—4 students do not need to leave early, in fact we would like for them to stay at school.



### GRANDPARENTS DAY

We are thrilled to be bringing back Grandparents Day this

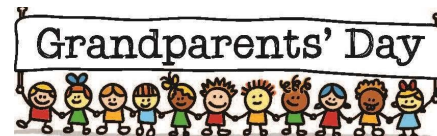
year after a number of years away post Covid. For our students this is an exciting day where we invite our grandparents to bring along a picnic lunch to have with their grandchildren, and then relax or play together. After lunch we invite grandparents to join us in the classrooms where they will see what school looks like today, be able to be part of the programme for a short time, and then we encourage them to share stories of their days at school. Perhaps they could bring along a game they played when they were young too.

This is part of our Kid on the Rock unit where our students are learning about how they fit into their family and why your family is so important.

We recognise that for some their grandparents may live some distance away or may not be readily available. In this case students are very welcome to invite another significant person along. We are also hoping people may be willing to share their grandparents if needed.

Families are all welcome to join in at lunchtime for the family picnic too.

**Grandparents Day is next week on Thursday the 28th of March and starts with lunch at 12:50PM.**





## News - Kawepūrongo

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS—NEXT WEEK

Set aside the evening of next **Monday the 25th of March** as the night we are having our annual Stations of the Cross. This marks the beginning of the week leading up to Easter and is one of two of our most important occasions of the year.

At Stations of the Cross families can come and engage in a series of stations set out around the school retelling aspects of Easter and celebrating what Christ did for us in dying on the Cross.

This year is different. Our students have been preparing art work which helps tell key parts of the Easter story. We are aiming to have pre-recorded verses or messages at each station which will play to you. If you have a smart phone please bring it with you. You will scan a QR code that will take you to each message to play and listen to as a family.

Stations of the Cross is a time of reflection as a family. Please come with this in mind so your hearts are prepared to reflect and think upon each station. One of the stations will be around a fire pit (like Peter experienced when he was challenged by the Roman soldiers and public). This will be a place where you can catch up with friends and chat. Please otherwise be respectful of others engagement around the other stations.

This event is open to the public and we encourage you to invite friends and family to come and be part. It will run from 6:30—8:30PM and entry is free.

### SPUD IN A BUCKET

Written by Carli Visagie and Vanshika Chauhan

On Tuesday the 5th of March we took part in the Rotary Spud in a Bucket Challenge.

The reason we had participated in the challenge was because the organisers of this approached us and asked us if we would like to join in the competition. Last year, just after Labour Day weekend, Tina and Tom Troughton (who have won these competitions for several years) came in and helped us plant our potatoes. Each house team from both Room 2 and 3 grew potatoes in a bucket and buried it in the school garden, where Mr Evans helped us look after them.

These were the weights of our potatoes at Tuesday's weigh in:

#### Room 3

Wesley = 1 800g

Mueller = 0g

Carmichael = 1 600g

Tyndale = 191g

#### Room 2

Wesley = 0g

Mueller = 145g

Carmichael = 187g

Tyndale = 28g (winner of the smallest spud)

#### House Rankings

1. Wesley = 1 800g

2. Carmichael = 1 787g

3. Tyndale = 219g

4. Mueller = 145g



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# STATIONS — OF THE — CROSS



**MONDAY 25th MARCH 6:30-8:30PM @ MATAMATA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

## From the Desk of the Tumuaki

### TIMELINE OF JESUS continued from page 2

#### Spring 31AD

In Capernaum, He took a summer residence in Tyre. He helped a Canaanite woman and a Gentile and then went to the region of Decapolis. (This was all Gentile country).

He healed a deaf and dumb man, fed the 4 000, then went to Megdala where the Pharisees demanded a sign. Then He took a ship to Bethsaida, where He talked about the leaven of the Pharisees.

Jesus travelled north to Caesarea Philippi. This is where He asked His disciples, "Whom do people say that I am?" (That's the key question in all of our lives: Who do we say Jesus is?) This was Peter's grandest moment: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And it was on that foundation that Jesus would build His Church.

Jesus went up to the Mount of Transfiguration (many scholars believe this to be Mount Hermon) where He was transfigured in front of the three disciples (insiders), Peter, James and John. Peter wanted to make three booths, which is why some people think this was in Autumn: it was around the time of the Feast of Tabernacles. (Peter in his second letter alludes to this). After healing a possessed boy, Jesus went back to Capernaum.

Jesus went down to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles where He declared Himself to be the Living Water. He forgave the woman taken in adultery, then returned to Galilee.

#### Winter, 31AD

During this time the Samaritans rejected Him. He went to Perea, an area east of the Jordan, and, among other things, presented several parables: the Good Samaritan, the Unrighteous Servant, and the Rich Man and Lazarus. This is also where he sent out the 70.

He travelled to Jerusalem and healed a man born blind. The Good Shepherd story occurred there during Hanukkah. (The New Testament shows the importance of Hanukkah; it's a key to understanding the end times). And He battled at Bethabara.

#### Spring, 32AD

Jesus travelled from Bethabara to Bethany, which was His headquarters when He was in the Jerusalem area because it was within a Sabbath day's journey from the Temple. This is where Lazarus was raised from the dead. Immediately the Jewish leaders plotted to kill both Lazarus and Jesus, so Jesus moved to the village of Ephraim. Travelling again through Perea, He encountered the ten lepers and gave a number of parables. Also at this time was the ambitious request of the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee: she wanted her two sons to sit on each side of Him when He entered into His Kingdom.

Jesus travelled back to Jericho where He healed blind Bartimeus. Then Jesus called Zaccheus, the little man in the tree, and presented the Parable of the Ten Talents. Then He went to Bethany for the final week.

(The trip from Jericho to Bethany was six days prior to Passover. Jericho was more than a Sabbath day's journey, so as an obedient Jew, Jesus could not have taken this trip on a Saturday. Therefore, Passover could not actually have been on a Friday that year and therefore why Jesus could not have been crucified on a Friday).

This has been assembled from the research compiled by Dr Chuck Missler and my thanks goes to him for this.

May you have an awesome Easter with your family

Alistair Paterson

## Respect Quote

*"Knowledge will give you power, but character respect."*

**- Bruce Lee**

### TRAINEE TEACHER IN ROOM 3

Recently we have been excited to have Te Wai O'Neill join our teaching team one day per week with our Year 7/8 class. Te Wai is completing her teacher training with Waikato University and will be with us all year. Later in the year she will do a multi week full-time stint as part of her training programme. We are pleased to have her with us.



### CORN FRITTERS

As a treat this Wednesday, and as part of permaculture, our students will be making corn fritters to use up the corn they grew over the summer. This is part of their learning understanding how to grow crops from seed to harvesting and learning what to do with the produce afterward.





## News - Kawepūrongo

### SCHOOL CAMP

Every two years, as part of our Term 1 Kid on the Rock unit, we have our whole school camp at Finlay Park Adventure Camp. This is a fantastic event in our calendar where we take the whole school out to camp for three nights. This has traditionally been during Term 1 but this year, to take advantage of the best available accommodation and facilities, we will have it in the first week of Term 2. **The dates are Sunday the 28th of April to Wednesday the 1st of May.**

Camp starts at 4PM on the Sunday when you can arrive and set your children up in their cabins. Families are encouraged to all come and bring your own family picnic to enjoy from 5PM. After dinner we will have family church together. At the end of this camp will officially begin and parents not staying can say goodbye and leave us to it. Juniors will prepare for bed and the older children will play games together.

Camp officially ends at 3PM on Wednesday the 1st. Families need to please arrange for your children to be picked up.

We have run whole school camps every two years over the last 16 years now. This is a great way to bond our school, house teams and community together. Regardless of age we get to provide our students with fantastic outdoor experiences, great learning and provide them with fresh challenges.

Because the purpose of camp is about bonding our school together and building school culture, we intentionally have it fairly close to home. Finlay Park are friends of the school and do a brilliant job of hosting us. The camp is only 20—25 minutes from Matamata and is located on stunning grounds on the banks of Lake Karapiro. Parents are welcome and encouraged to



come and be part of camp for the whole three nights, join us for a day, or drop out for a visit after work and be part of the fun. If you want to attend camp we also need to have a Police Vet check done for all volunteers. Please come to the office as soon as possible to help us get this done (checks are valid for three years and let you be involved in other events with us too).

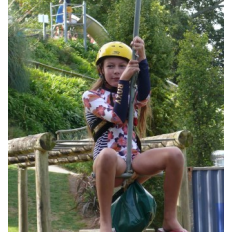
Camp is a very important part of our programme and has a very big impact on every child, regardless of age. If you have any concerns please come and talk these through with your classroom teacher or with Mr Paterson.

The cost of camps have gone up significantly but we have worked hard to keep these down for everyone. We are pleased to be able to keep the costs down to **just \$210** for students and adults this year. To achieve this we will need to ask families to also send along some baking or biscuits for camp please. If you have children with dietary needs please make your baking or biscuits to suit them and label it for us.

Some families may struggle with costs but note you can start paying these off now and you have until the end of the school year to finish paying it off if you need this. If you are in a position to be able to contribute any extra amount to help those in need please let us know too. We want to make sure everyone gets to go as camp provides valuable experiences to our children.



Camp forms will start coming home in the coming weeks for you to fill in and return please. These will outline activities, ask you to update health needs, and get you to outline any dietary requirements.



# Sports News - Kawepūrongo



## MIGHTY SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS

Below is a list of place getters from Matamata Christian School at last week's Mighty Small Schools Swimming Sports:

### Year 3

Kaden Muir—1st Streamline front, 1st Freestyle,  
2nd Streamline Back, 3rd Dolphin Dive

Deacon Morley—1st Streamline Back, 3rd Flutterboard Front

George Ram—2nd Flutterboard Back

Kenzi Walker—1st Streamline Back, 2nd Flutterboard Back

### Year 4

Alex Burgess—2nd Streamline Front, 3rd Flutterboard Front

Hazel Smit—1st Flutterboard Front, 1st Streamline Front,  
1st Freestyle, 1st Dolphin Dive, 1st Backstroke  
1st Flutterboard Back, 1st Streamline Back

Eleanorah Salles—2nd Flutterboard Front, 2nd Dolphin Dive

Sadie Thorne-George—3rd Flutterboard Front

### Year 5

Blake Henn—2nd Freestyle, 2nd Streamline Back

Karo Potgieter—2nd Streamline Back, 3rd Streamline Front

### Year 6

Sophie Burgess—1st Freestyle, 1st Streamline Back,  
1st Backstroke, 3rd Streamline Front  
3rd Dolphin Dive

### Year 7 and 8

Lachlan Nicholls—1st Dolphin Dive, 3rd Freestyle

Alexander Jansen—1st Backstroke, 2nd Dolphin Dive  
3rd—Streamline Back

Ethan Jobe—1st Freestyle, 2nd Breaststroke, 2nd Backstroke,  
3rd Dolphin Dive

Marcus Mactal—1st Streamline Back

Stephen Chen—2nd Freestyle

Jonathan Hill—3rd Backstroke

Tiana Tapegea—1st Freestyle, 1st Streamline Back,  
1st Backstroke, 1st Dolphin Dive,  
3rd Breaststroke

Rachel Sinclair—1st Breaststroke, 2nd Freestyle,  
2nd Backstroke, 2nd Streamline Back,  
2nd Dolphin Dive

Sophia du Plessis—3rd Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke

Arieta Mataitoga—3rd Dolphin Dive

Tabitha Madanawa—3rd Streamline Back

### Relays (Y5 and 6)

1st—Wairere

2nd—Kuranui

3rd—Matamata Christian School

4th—Te Poi

### Adult Relays

1st—Wairere

2nd—Te Poi

3rd—Matamata Christian School Year 7 and 8s

4th—Matamata Christian School parents

### Special Congratulations: Hazel Smit and Tiana Tapegea

Particular congratulations go to Hazel Smit who in Year 4 won all of the girls races against a quite large group of Year 4 girls across the four schools.

Tiana Tapegea in Year 7 won all but one of her races too.

### INTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Now that we have completely finished our swimming season our PE focus has turned to Athletics. We only have a short time to prepare for the annual Inter Christian School Athletics Day which is held next week on **Wednesday the 27th of March.**

Athletics Day is held for Year 4—8 students at the purpose built Athletics venue of Porritt Stadium in Hamilton. Our students will compete against other students from Hamilton, Southcity, Paeroa, Lake Taupō and Waipa Christian School's, Hamilton SDA and Bethlehem Chapman College. It is an excellent day of great competition.

We are the current trophy holder after winning the non-competitive section at last year's event and we are keen to retain it.

**To be able to participate in this event and not restrict numbers, we need parent support please. We need to have enough transport to get our students there by 9:30AM and back in time for the buses at 3PM. At the moment we are very short of transport and will not be able to take everyone unless we get more help. Please indicate below if you can help us.**



### PORRIT STADIUM INTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETICS 2024

**Yes, I am able to help with transport to and from Porritt Stadium on Wednesday the 27th of March.**

**I can be at school ready to leave by 8:30AM.**

**My vehicle will have a current WOF and registration.**

**I am able to transport \_\_\_\_\_ students with full seatbelts.**

**I will obey all traffic rules and use the prescribed route given.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

## ***Still More News - Kawepūrongo***

Families will be aware that one of the policies of the new coalition government is a ban on cellphones in schools. Schools are required to have a policy in place and to consult with the school community on what this is. Below is the policy which has been developed for Matamata Christian School. Please feel free to come back to us if you have any thoughts that need to be considered.

### **Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices**

A personal **digital device** is any privately owned digital device that is not part of any school-approved **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** programme.

With the exception of Year 7/8 students bringing iPads as part of BYOD, Matamata Christian School does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to the school. These are not necessary to have during the day. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school.

We discuss the school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed. Any changes to our school rules are communicated to students and our school community.

#### **Parent / Caregiver and Student Responsibilities**

If a parent / caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the school office.

If a student brings a personal digital device to our school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.
- Cellphones brought to school must be handed in to the school office from the time a student arrives at school until after the bell at the end of the day. These cannot be used without permission from the office or teacher during the day and this will only be given under special circumstances.
- The school does not recommend smart watches come to school. Smart watches that do not communicate are, however, approved. Where a parent wants their child to wear a smart watch with a communication function this can be considered by the school. This cannot be used by the child to receive communications other than by the parents and cannot be used to send communications within school hours. Permission to wear one will be revoked if it is.
- Only BYOD iPads at Years 7/8 and school iPads may be used in class and only under the rules set by the classroom teacher. These will not normally be allowed to be used outside class time.
- Students can only take digital devices on school trips with special permission and by way of planning with the teacher. These guidelines and other relevant school policies apply.

Students are expected to follow our **Digital Technology and Online Safety** policy when using personal digital devices on school property or the school network.

#### **Inappropriate Use**

If we have a report of or see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately, we will confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we place it in the school office to be collected at the end of the day. If it is a serious or repeated incident we will ask for a parent to collect it. Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

- using the device when not permitted
- any sort of bullying, including **online bullying**
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- viewing, sharing, downloading or attempting to download obscene or inappropriate content
- forwarding inappropriate messages or content

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device is managed through the school **Behaviour Management**, **Responding to Digital Incidents**, and **Surrender and Retention of Personal Digital Devices** policies and procedures, as appropriate.



# Do You Have Something We Need To Talk About?



## Matamata Christian School

### COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES

#### COMMUNITY NOTE

Matamata Christian School values feedback and believes this is an important way for it to improve its performance. It believes complaints are a part of this and wishes to be able to resolve these in order to avoid anything standing in the way of it achieving its goals. Therefore anyone who may have a complaint about any part of the school life is encouraged to bring those complaints forward in a biblical manner. This means:

#### To resolve conflict -

"If your brother sins against you, go to him and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back. But if he will not listen to you, take one or two other persons with you, so that 'every accusation may be upheld by the testimony of two or more witnesses', as the scripture says."

– Matthew 18:15-16

#### In response to complaints -

"Remember this, my dear friends! Everyone must be quick to listen, but slow to speak and slow to become angry."

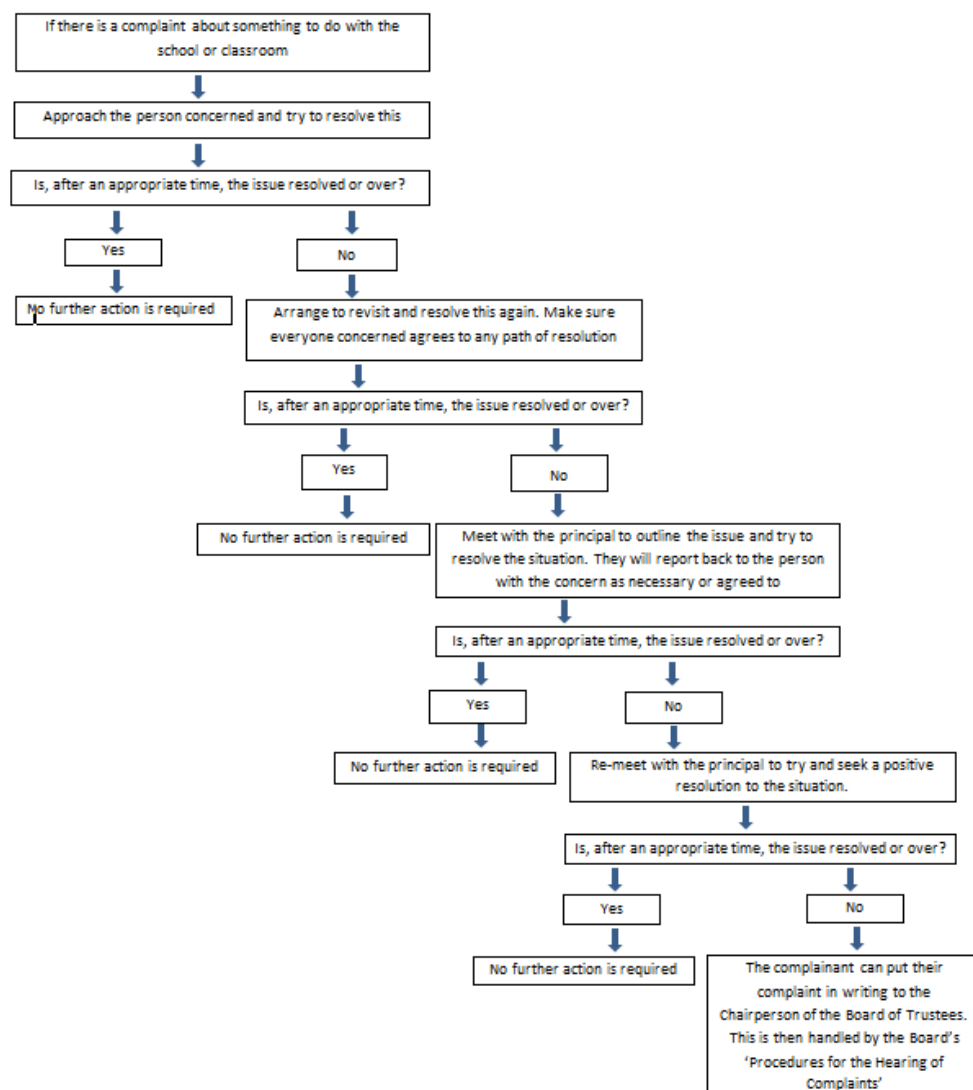
– James 1:19

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you."

– Ephesians 4:32

Please remember that complaints can be embarrassing for people. It is important to respect a person's integrity by approaching them in confidence first to resolve this rather than sharing this with others. If a complaint is about wrongdoing between students at school please do not try to resolve this directly between other parents but get the classroom teacher to resolve this between families.

If a complaint is about a School Board issue or matter please use their complaints procedures chart (available from school).



## Even More News - Kawepūrongo

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THOMAS AND SOPHIE ANDERTON

We want to congratulate former Matamata Christian School student Thomas Anderton who recently got married. Thomas and Sophie married on March the 9th at Matamata Bible Church and it was great to see the groomsmen all being former MCS students too. Congratulations Thomas and Sophie, it was an awesome wedding and we wish you all the best with God's richest blessings!



### Dates for your Calendar

#### March

18th	Futsal
19th	Parent Connect Group
19th	Paid Union Meeting
19th	Combined School Board and PCE Meet
20th	Scola Mufti Day
20th	Whole School Corn Fritters
20th	Touch Rugby
21st	Interschool Swimming (by invite)
21st	Sports Academy
21st	School Board Training
22nd	Tiny 20 Cricket
25th	Futsal
25th	Stations of the Cross
27th	Inter Christian Schools Athletics (Y4 up)
27th	Touch Rugby
28th	Grandparents Day
28th	Y7 Immunisations
28th	Sports Academy
29th - 2nd	Easter (note this includes Tuesday)

#### April

3rd	Epro8 (Y7/8)
4th	Sports Academy
6th	Hockey Pre-Season Tournament
9th	Parent Connect Group
9th	School Board Meeting
10th	Learning Journal Night
11th	Sports Academy
12th	End of Term 1 Assembly
12th	Last Day of Term 1

## Church Community Notices

This column has been set up to support local church and Christian community events. If your church has an exciting event coming up they can advertise it here for free by sending details or advertising to [office@matamata.school.nz](mailto:office@matamata.school.nz)

Every Saturday- children/youth group and Cornerstone Bible study from 4pm followed by a shared dinner at 5.30pm. At Matamata Christian School, 91A Smith Street, Matamata.

Everyone welcome!

ROCK id Z

Parental supervision please if you have young children

Some of our parents have got together and created a parents connect group which this year intends to meet every third week in the school library. This is an opportunity for parents to get together and enjoy a time of community together. The next get together is **Tuesday the 19th of March between 9—10:30AM**. Come and enjoy tea and coffee together and meet other school families. Pre-schoolers are very welcome.



MATAMATA BAPTIST CHURCH

**SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 2024**

# EASTER Hunt

**GAMES & PRIZES PLUS HOT CROSS BUNS & COFFEE FOR ADULTS**

**26 TOWER ROAD**

**Hunt Starts at 10.00 AM**

**Free Entry For All**

Contact us: [office@matamata.baptist.org](mailto:office@matamata.baptist.org) or 07 888 8338