



Mata School

Excellence through effort.

19/03/20.

Kia Ora Whanau,

Our term continues to fly and with it our babies and their learning.

REAP.

We are away to Gisborne again tomorrow to spend another day with Koka Val. We will again be leaving from my place by 08:30am. Tamariki will not need their togs. This time our tamariki will be making a door draft stopper. Whanau might like to be creative and make a few more for other doors at home.

Corona Virus.

Yesterday I sent home a brief outline from the MOE about activities that can be done to help prevent this bug. On this topic, please be aware that if your tamariki talks about a sore throat or has a dry cough, please keep children home and get some meds into them. At this stage, there is no intention to close the school because of this bug. If anything changes I will panui updates home. In the meantime drink lots of water, wash hands thoroughly and keep heaps of cough medicine in the fridge.

Charter 2020 – 2022.

This is completed and I have the BOT now looking at it so that it forms part of our annual plan for our Kura.

Upcoming Projects.

Watch this space whanau. There will be some events happening at school in the near future.

EIS Pilot Programme.

Mata has been a part of a ministry pilot programme. Because of this our Kura has been the recipient of approximately \$70,000 worth of upgrades and implements. This has not cost our tiny kura a dollar.

Swimming.

Currently I am keeping the pool open on the off-chance that our weather will continue improving. At the end of the upcoming holidays, I will be closing the pool for the winter months.

Mobile Dentist.

The mobile dentist is again coming down the coast. At some stage our school will travel to Hatea a Rangi to visit the dental nurse.

Duffy Theatre / Role Model Assemblies.

These have now been cancelled due to the current outbreak being experienced.

Author's Corner.

This week our piece of writing comes from Ruby Boyd who wrote a recount of her recent wedding experience. Ruby has come a long way with her writing. "Ka pai Ruby".

Pupils of the week.

Our pupils of the weeks for this panui are Hunter Cottle and Jax Turnbull for Mathematics and staying on task. "Tino pai korua".

Homework.

Thank you for attending to homework requirements. It won't be long before tamariki will be reaching the top of their reading mountain.

Absent from School.

Whanau; please remember if tamariki are going to be absent from school, message Koka. If I have a message, I can justify the absence. If there is no message, then I mark the absence as being truant. If the ministry audit our kura and a child's absence is continually questioned, then they will be knocking on your door asking for a please explain. I don't want this happening whanau so am being proactive about tamariki being absent from school.

Remember our aim is 80% attendance over the term.

NPEC Swimming.

Recently Rhiana represented our Kura at the NPEC swimming. Rhiana placed in 4 out of 5 races. "Well done Rhiana".

Winter Apparel.

As the seasons change and temperatures start dropping it is timely to remind whanau that clothing requirements do change and soon it will be warm jerseys and long pants, hats etc.

Joke of the Week.

Q: Why did nose not want to go to school?

A: He was tired of getting picked on!

Q: How do you get straight A's?

A: By using a ruler!

Well whanau, that's about us for this edition. Please stay as safe as possible while this bug is doing the rounds.

Nga Mihi,
Koka Donna, Koro Max and Matua.