



Achieving Excellence Together
Rere totika, rere pai, rere rungarawa re

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou, the end of Term 3 is upon us. I am sharing a summary of the results from our community survey:

Parent Survey Feedback 2025:

Thank you to all our families who shared their thoughts in this year's community survey. Your feedback helps us celebrate what's going well and guides us on where to focus next.

What's Going Well:

- Strong focus on literacy and numeracy, alongside a balanced curriculum including arts, PE, cultural learning, and social sciences.
- Students enjoy learning and speak positively about their classrooms.
- Community events such as Calf Club, Matariki, sports days, and performance activities are highly valued.
- The new HERO App is making communication easier and more reliable.

Opportunities For Growth:

- Continue to strengthen student wellbeing so every child feels secure, supported, and confident asking for help.
- Communicate effectively to parents on how Learning Support is managed and implemented across the school.
- Consistent modelling of our CARE values across all classrooms.
- Use HERO to effectively develop clearer, more personalised reporting and more frequent positive updates on student progress.

We are proud of the positive results and excited about the opportunities to grow even further. Thank you for your ongoing support in making Matatoki School a place where every child can thrive.



We look forward to Harold and Life Education arriving this week, and as you know we have had a very busy couple of weeks with classes and student groups being involved in lots of different things within and beyond the classroom.

My painting group works on our artwork before school and lunchtimes.

Ka pai to wiki, have a great week! Ngā mihi nui, Hine

School & Community Newsletter

Term 3 Week 9 9th September 2025

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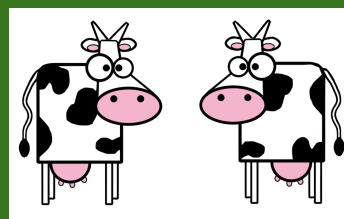
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Calf Club :

You should have received a notice last week regarding all the details and organisation for Calf Club Day. If you haven't received this, please ask at the office.

Don't forget to drop your grocery donations in, and raffle tickets back by Tuesday 16th, thank you!



IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th September - Life Education Caravan

Tuesday 16th September - Room 3 Farm Trip

Wednesday 17th September - Floral Art Day

Thursday 18th September - Calf Club Day

Friday 19th September - Term 3 Ends

Monday 6th October - Term 4 Starts

Friday 10th October - Ohinemuri Group Day

The last Friday lunch for Term 3 is this Friday 12th September. Please have orders in by Thursday midday. A big thank you to Megan and Jenny Brett for baking the delicious cookies for our students to enjoy. 🍪
We are grateful for the continued contribution from our Lunch Ladies group in supplying our Friday lunches each term. 🍪



FRIDAY'S LUNCH
TE TINA A TE RĀPERE

Lasagne
Juicie + home-baked cookie

\$5

Student Attendance

Attendance at school is regularly reported to the Ministry. They recommend we share this message:

OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success and there is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility.

As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school every day. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible and provide us with the reason. We acknowledge that there are genuine reasons students may occasionally be absent. However, without regular attendance your child will struggle to make progress. If your child is absent regularly, or for extended periods, we will reach out to you to discuss the situation.

We are committed to supporting your child to attend school. If you're having difficulty getting your child to school, you can ask for support by:

- speaking with your child's teacher or Principal
- sending us a message on HERO, or calling the office

We can work with you to develop a support plan that addresses any barriers to regular attendance.

More information on attendance, including your rights and responsibilities as parents or caregivers, is available on the Ministry of Education's webpage: Attendance. Hopefully as the weather improves we will have less illness impacting on learning.

Daffodil Day

We raised almost \$300 for the Waikato division of the Cancer Society!

Thank you to our wonderful school community for a great effort!



CLASSROOM NEWS

Room 1: Ms Walmsley



CARE Awards: Congratulations Lacey, Edgar, Brisa, Ayda and Indra for receiving certificates at assembly.

We had such a lovely trip on Friday to Bullswool Farm, and got to interact with lots of animals and do many activities. Thank you so much to parents for their help with transport and supervision.

Room 2: Miss Ayrton



CARE Awards: Zarah, Jackson, Laura & Caleb.

Thanks to all the relievers for covering while I was away sick last week. I had great feedback about how magic Room 2 were! Thanks guys. We are finishing off our Calf Club pieces and are excited to show you all our learning next week. Thanks to everyone who filled out their farming questionnaires too. The children found them very interesting.

Room 3: Mr Steele



CARE Awards: Eva, Brody, Charley & Louia.

I have enjoyed watching your art pieces come together for Calf Club. They are all looking amazing. Special thanks to the Kuters for allowing us to visit their farm and learn about farming in New Zealand and locally.

Room 4: Ms Hansen



CARE Awards: Regan S, Rose, Max & Sophia.

Assessments are all completed, and we've had a busy week of learning and activities. Yesterday, Room 4 were lucky enough to have Anna Crafar visit and share some important first aid skills. A big thank you to Anna. A huge congratulations to Zoe, who placed 2nd at the Thames Valley Speech Competition, an outstanding achievement and a reflection of her hard work and confidence. Don't forget about *The Camp Fundraiser Lemonade Stand* on Thursday!

From your Matatoki School Team

*Hine, Caroline, Kelsi, Adam, Frith,
Katherine, Theresa and Nino*

Community Notices:



A green poster with yellow and white text and graphics. It features a tennis racket and ball in the top left, a tennis court in the center, and a tennis ball in the top right. The text is arranged in a friendly, inviting manner.

***JOIN US FOR A FUN, FRIENDLY INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS. *ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS WELCOME – FROM BEGINNERS TO SEASONED PLAYERS. *RACQUETS AND BALLS ARE SUPPLIED – JUST BRING COMFY SHOES AND A SMILE!**

17 SEPTEMBER 2025

THAMES TENNIS CLUB

YOUTH 4pm - 5pm
ADULTS 5:30pm - 7pm

403 BROWN ST THAMES

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS



A blue poster with yellow and white text and graphics. It features a photo of four young athletes in blue and yellow uniforms at the top. Below the photo is a yellow circle with a black running figure icon. The text is arranged in a friendly, inviting manner.

Come and meet our New Committee

THAMES ATHLETICS CLUB

Upcoming Free Trial Evenings
October 8th & 15th 5:30pm
Come and give it a go!

Thames High School Grounds

ALL ages and stages welcome to come and give it a go, fun races and activities. We look forward to seeing you!

Our mission: To inspire and nurture a thriving athletics community in the Thames Region, emphasising participation, competition, and volunteerism.



A poster with a background image of a person walking on a path towards a large pyramid. The text is arranged in a friendly, inviting manner.

10 am - 12 pm
\$25 per child 5 to 15yo.

Gelli printing Tuesday 23rd
Spring blossom

Watercolour Wednesday 24th
Day at the beach

Recycled Sculpture Monday 29th
Mini creatures

Air dry Clay Tuesday 30th Sept
Mosaics

Paper Craft Wednesday 1st October
Flexitangle

School Holiday Art Program

Contact Laurie Mango at 027 57 57 497 or laurie.mango@gmail.com
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
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The Wait is Over – Camp NZ Bookings Are OPEN!

Get ready for the greatest School Holiday Camp of all time – Edventure Camp NZ is back and bigger than ever!


 Tuesday 30th Sept – Friday 3rd October


 Ngamuwahine Lodge, Tauranga


 \$575 (OSCAR available)


 Pickups from Auckland, Hamilton, and BOP (100 bus spaces available)

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