



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

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou!

Nau mai, Haere mai! Welcome back to school and our final term for 2025. Our Values focus for this term is "Excellence". I hope it is evident to you the many ways we strive for Excellence at Matatoki School.

We ended last term on a high with Calf Club Day which was really wonderful and showcased the amazing artwork teachers and students had done over that term. A huge "Thank you" to all of you for supporting your child in caring for an animal, entering the Family Projects competition and all the many contributions you made to make the day the success it was.

This term we are having a Science focus alongside the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme. You can find out more about this programme if you follow this link:
<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/info-parents-whanau>

We are lucky to have extra learning support this term with Sue Holmes supporting Level 3/4 Maths and getting us up and running with "House of Science" resources this term. She was a Maths Advisor and an experienced teacher with House of Science previously, so she will be a great support for our students and teachers.

We also have Hunter supporting our Values learning through sport and play at lunchtimes.

It is going to be a great term of learning and fun. Having more sunshine and warmth makes everything easier and I look forward to seeing you at events that happen over this term. One of the first things coming up is our Halloween Extravaganza Day (31st October). Our students will get to show off Halloween costumes and have a range of exciting events over the day (this day replaces our usual evening Disco). Keep an eye out for notices.

Ka pai to ra!
Hine

School & Community Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 7th October 2025

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Hats

In Term 1 and Term 4, it is compulsory to wear a hat at Morning Tea, Lunchtime and when out for sport. Children may bring any hat from home except a cap. Ms Walmsley has plenty of spare school hats if you would like to purchase one for \$2.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 10th October - Whole School Assembly
Friday 10th October - Ohinemuri Group Day
Friday 17th October - Yummy Stickers due in
Thursday 23rd October - Nationwide Strike (school closed)
Monday 27th October - Labour Day
Wednesday 29th October - School Athletics
Friday 31st October - Halloween Extravaganza
Saturday 1st November - Matatoki Trail Ride



Hopefully you've all been eating lots of healthy apples over the holiday break! Please bring all your yummy stickers and label sheets into the office by Friday 17th October.

UKULELE

Our ukulele group will continue to meet on a Friday at lunchtime. Please remember to send a ukulele and folder. I have spare instruments here.

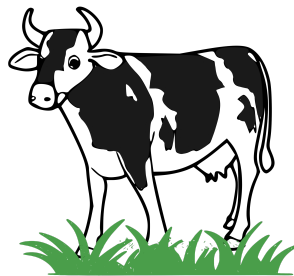
TOUCH RUGBY FEES ARE NOW DUE. PLEASE PAY \$20 PER PLAYER, BY INTERNET BANKING OR CASH TO THE OFFICE. THANK YOU.

IMPORTANT DATE: Thursday 23rd October
Nationwide Strike

Teachers, Principals and Support Staff are striking to demand better support and resources for students, fair pay that keeps up with inflation, and a reduction in excessive workloads. They want more specialist staff like guidance counsellors, salaries that reflect the cost of living, and sustainable working conditions to make teaching a respected and viable career. As all our teachers are members of NZEI, unfortunately school will be closed on this day.

Good luck to our students competing at Group Day at Hikutaia School on Friday!

Please return Calf Club trophies to the office so Katherine can send them away for engraving.



Save the Date!!

**Friday 31st
October -
Halloween
Extravaganza!!**

**A Full Day of
Fun, Costumes,
Dancing, Games
& Events!!**



CLASSROOM NEWS

Room 1: Ms Walmsley



It was so lovely to see everyone yesterday, especially the big smiles on the parents' faces! We nearly had 100% attendance in Room 1 but there are still some nasty bugs around. We have a very busy term ahead but the time will fly. If you are not using the Hero App for updates etc please let me know. I will post a note on Hero to give you some info about the term.

Room 2: Miss Ayrton



Welcome back everyone. It was great to see all the students back and keen for learning! A newsletter has gone home relating to all things Room 2. Welcome to Whaea Kelly who will be with us for the next six weeks. Come and say Hello.

Room 3: Mr Steele



Welcome back to the final term of the year. I am looking forward to seeing all our touch teams playing and having fun at Rhodes Park on Thursday night. We have school athletics this term (Week 4), get your running shoes on and start training.

Room 4: Ms Hansen



Welcome back to the final term of 2025! It's hard to believe we're already at the last stretch of the year and what an exciting one it's going to be! This term is packed with highlights and special events. We've got school camp coming up, always a favourite and our Year 8 students are counting down the days until their Rainbows End celebration trip. We also have Mrs Fahey joining us from week 2 - week 7, welcome to Room 4 Mrs Fahey!

**From your
Matatoki School
Team**

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

**MATATOKI SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER
TRAIL RIDE**
1ST NOVEMBER 2025
FORESTRY AND FARM LAND
8.30AM SIGN ON



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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.