

# WALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Rāpare tēnei rā, te 29 Whiringa

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Week 7 Term 4 2018

At our school we value Walton...

## Dates to Remember...

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
Interschool  
Athletics

7<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Interschool  
Postponement  
Date

5<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Student Led  
Conferences

4<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Reports Home

## Lunch Orders

3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Pamela

10<sup>th</sup> December  
Sarah

Kia ora koutou katoa,

It's been a very busy past few weeks here at school. We've had Athletics day, teachers writing their end of year reports, junior trips and overnight stay, preparing classroom acts for the EOY prize giving, and not to mention the daily teaching of reading, writing and maths that we constantly do! And talking of this, our teachers made their final OTJs (Overall Teacher Judgements) on where children are currently placed on our school assessment benchmarks - and it's some great progress.

We've ended the year with;

**82% of students At or Above in Reading**

**79% At or Above in Maths**

**82% of students At or Above in Writing**

We're absolutely stoked with this, but what's even better is that even for those who haven't yet met the benchmarks, the majority of them have also made huge progress in relation to where they were at the start of the year!

I'm incredibly proud of our teachers, teacher aides, and board for doing such an outstanding job in targeting student achievement this year. This is also reflected in our final ERO report (which we're still waiting to be placed on their website). So, a massive WELL DONE TEAM!!!

Nga mihi nui

Jeremy Kurth  
Principal

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We have 143 students here at Walton School

## A BIG THANK YOU

THANK YOU to Greg Bruce and Stephen Ratcliffe for coming down and cutting the grass around our school's bike track. You guys did this all in your own time without being asked and we **SERIOUSLY APPRECIATE** what you've done ... you two are **AWESOME!!!!**

### Term Dates 2019

#### Term 1

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

#### Term 2

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

#### Term 3

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

#### Term 4

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### *Summer Term ...* Now that we are in the summer

term, please ensure that your child brings a NAMED drink bottle of water to school each day. We have drinking fountains but it's a great idea to have a bottle to sit on their desk during the hot weather.

### *Scooter News ...* If your child is bringing their scooter

to school, please ensure they also bring a helmet – no helmet, no scooter – this is an important safety issue!

*Assembly ...* there will be assembly this week at **2:30pm** – all welcome.

*Pizza ...* **NO PIZZA** for Term 4 – returning again Term 1. A big thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA with the pizza purchasing.

*Monday Lunches ...* Items available for order on a Monday are : *Sandwiches @ \$2.50* Ham; Egg;

Chicken Salad; Cheese & Onion; Ham Salad : *Pies @ \$3.00* Steak, Bacon & Cheese; Mince & Cheese : *Savoury @ \$2.50* Sausage Roll : *Savoury @ \$2.00* Mini Mince Pie : *Cakes @ \$2.50* Fruit Muffin; Chocolate Muffin (please note that plain mince pies are no longer available).

*Nut Free School ...* Please do not send any raw nuts to school in your child's lunchbox as we have a child who is severely allergic to nuts. *It is still fine to have things such as peanut butter sandwiches, muesli bars etc ... just not whole nuts.* Thanks so much for helping this child ☺

*Friendly Reminder ...* if your child/ren has reading books at home, can you please ensure that they are returned to school asap so that they can be put away ready for next year (not library books – the readers that are sent home for homework).

### HATS

It is imperative that ALL children are wearing their "school hat" at all break times, hats have been given to every child so there is really no excuse for them not to be worn. We are getting some pretty silly excuses as to why they are not wearing them. Please note that we provide the children with a free school hat, and if they lose it, another one for free, but if they lose that then the 3<sup>rd</sup> hat will be charged for. It is a basic school rule, and not just our school, that hats **MUST** be worn during the summer terms. We would appreciate you talking to your child/ren and reiterating how important hats are. Thank you.

### Bus Vests

As a school we have provided every child who travels on the bus with a bright fluorescent bus vest. This is to ensure they stand out and are easily seen whilst waiting for the bus, or getting off it. It's very important for their safety as no one would ever want to hear the tragic news that a child has been hit by a car because they weren't able to be seen due to not wearing a bright bus vest.

As a school, we're fulfilling our responsibility by providing these vests and checking children have them on at the end of the day. *BUT, it's your responsibility as parents and whanau to ensure they have them on in the mornings.* Far too many children are catching the bus without their bus vests on! Some children have been given up to 4 vests already this year too! So, please make sure they look after them, and second always ensure they're wearing them.

The loss of a child is an absolute nightmare and I wouldn't want it to happen to anyone else, so **PLEASE** look after our children and their safety by doing this very simple thing – Mr Kurth

Please ensure that you do NOT leave your child/ren unattended at any of our school bus stops. It is your responsibility to ensure the safety of your child/ren prior to pick up. Leaving them alone or expecting other parents to supervise is not fair. We have had reports of children being alone at the stops and also reports of children mis-behaving at the stops. This is not something that makes us proud as a school. Please keep to the rules and supervise your child/ren at all times while waiting for the bus.

### Class Lists 2019

We have drafted our 2019 class lists and discussed them at our staff meeting. When doing this we consider the child's age, academic needs and strengths, and the peers they'd work well with and not so well with ;)

If you have any special request in regards for where your child might be next year, you can e-mail me – [principal@walton.school.nz](mailto:principal@walton.school.nz) – to let me know. I'm not able to guarantee that we'll be able to accommodate the request, but where realistic, we'll try.

The difficulty is that within a smaller school we have a lack of flexibility due to needing to balance the numbers within each room. This has proven even harder this time round due to our school roll growing. We are looking to start next year with class numbers higher than this year.

*Class lists will come home with the written reports in week 8 (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December).*

## *Hapu Points*

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Points 659	Points 549	Points 640

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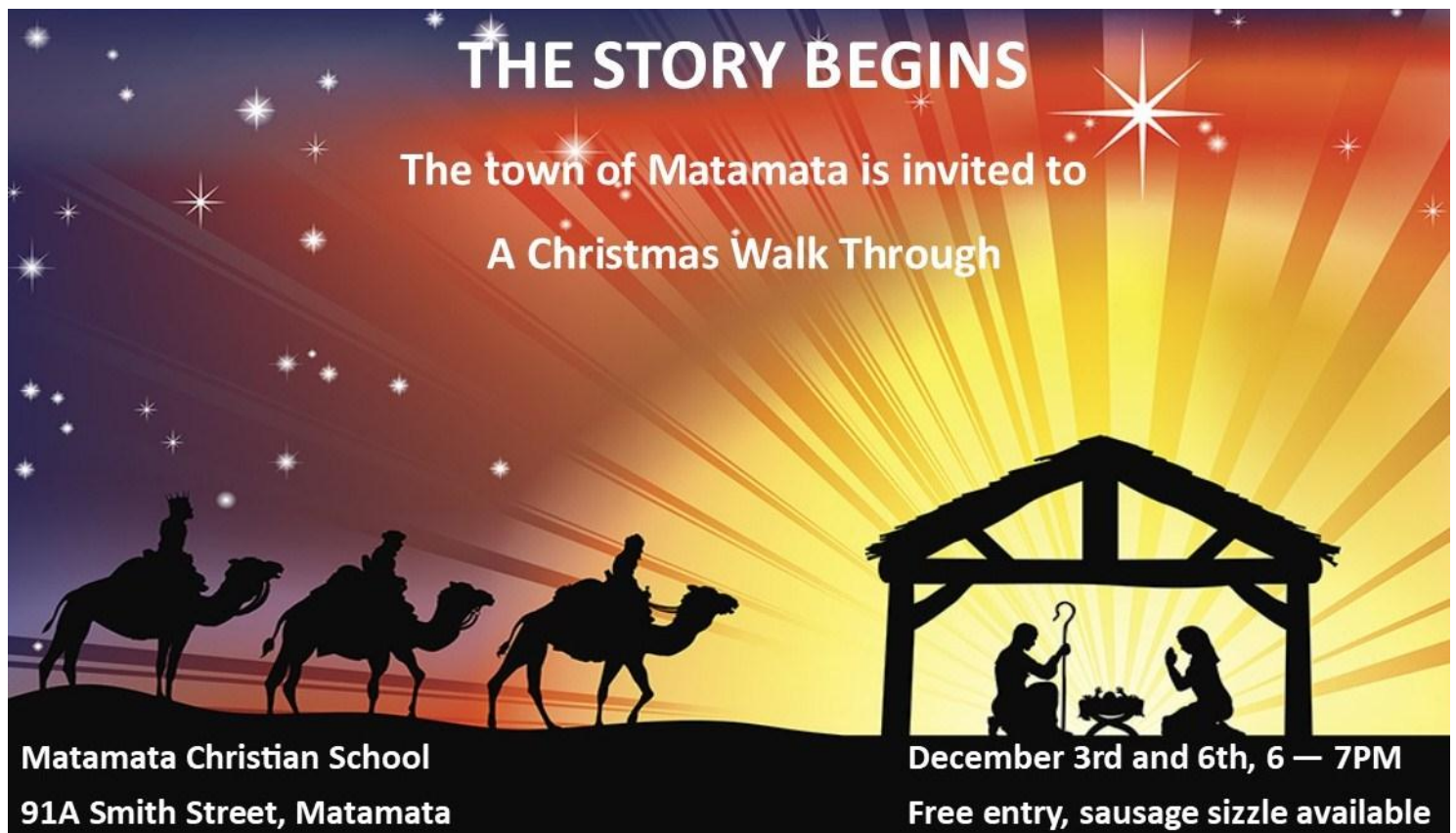


## ***COMMUNITY NEWS***

***Walton Tennis Club ...*** Walton Tennis Club is once again hosting Junior Tennis for all primary and intermediate aged children. It will run for 6 weeks starting Monday 29th October at 3:30pm. The cost will be \$50. Exact times will be sorted once we know the number of kids participating as the group may get divided. Any questions, please contact Jan at 027 206 5134.

Social tennis will start on Tuesday 16th October at 6:30pm. This is for college-age students and adults of ALL abilities who just want to enjoy some social games. Any questions, please contact Jan at 027 206 5134.

***Walton Golf Club ...*** Pre Xmas Twilight : 9 holes Ambrose. Come along and play in teams of 3 or 4. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. \$10pp & non golfers welcome. Tee off any time from 5 till 6.30. Sausage Sizzle available



**THE STORY BEGINS**

The town of Matamata is invited to  
**A Christmas Walk Through**

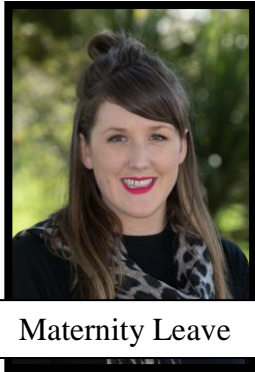
**Matamata Christian School**  
91A Smith Street, Matamata

**December 3rd and 6th, 6 — 7PM**  
Free entry, sausage sizzle available

## *'Touching Base'*

Do you need to touch base with your child's teacher? Then we want to hear from you. You might have something on your mind but feel like you don't want to *bother* a teacher-that's when it's a perfect time to catch up with us! If it's enough to bother you then it's enough to have a chat about. Our teachers want to hear from you about these minor things, in fact it's the minor things we prefer to hear about before they grow into major things ☺ Sometimes you might be in luck when you pop down to school and happen to catch your child's teacher in between teaching and other activities. However, if you'd like to ensure you do have that uninterrupted scheduled time with your child's teacher then here's what you can do:

### Room 1



Maternity Leave

\* Email your child's teacher asking if they'll be able to meet at some stage over the next few days

- give some options of when suits you too ;)

*Note: It may not be possible for teachers to meet you on the same day you email or call them, so give them a day or two heads up.*

\* Briefly outline what you'd like to chat about, remember nothing is too small if it's playing on your mind. We want to help you & your child.

*If you don't have an email then you can also call the office.*

### Room 2



### Room 3



If it's easier for you, then you can even let the teachers know that you don't necessarily want to meet but would like an email reply, or call, to what's on your mind ☺

### Room 4



### Room 5



### Room 6



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