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MATAPU STARS & VALUES CERTIFICATE Term 1 Week 4 2010:

Back Row; Alyx Devlin Room 1 Star—for showing great persistence with SRA.
Nathaniel Robinson Hignett Room 2 Values—for showing respect for others' opinions in topic.

Cody Robinson Room 2 Values—for great time management in class.

Front Row; Jamie-Lee Nickel Room 2 Star—for always using connections in your learning.
Jaqelyah-Mei Katene-Laing Room 6 Values—for being helpful & kind to others.

Sharon Oliver Room 5 Star—for excellent presentation in your publishing book.

Absent: Breeze Moeller-Smith Room 6—Star for showing great improvement in reading.

Term Dates 2010

Term1	2nd Feb - 1st April:	Taranaki Ann.	8th march
Term2	19th April – 2nd July:	Queens Birthday	7th June
Term3	19th July - 24th Sept:		
Term4	11th Oct - 16th Dec:	Labour Day	25th Oct



DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1 DATES FOR 2010

- 8th March** - Taranaki Anniversary
- 10th March**— Camp Meeting—Senior Room @ 7pm
- 11th March** - Interschool Athletics Kaponga—permission slip have gone home. Can these be returned by Tuesday
- 17th March** - Subway Lunch/ BOT Meeting 7.00pm
- 18th March** - Room 5 & 6 visit to Pioneer Village—permission slips have been sent home. Can these be returned to school along with the \$6.00 as soon as possible please.
- 19th March** - School Swimming Sports
- 24th March** - Sponsors Evening— This is a bi-annual event where we get our sponsors together to say thank you for their support.
- 26th March** - Inter School Swimming Sports @ Opunake
- 26th March** - Market Day more details later
- 26th March** - Family Housie Night @ 6.30pm
- 31 March** - Weetbix Try (New Plymouth)
- 1st April** - Last day of Term

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2010

The Board of Trustees Elections are due to held in March 2010. If you are interested in becoming a Board member and want more details, please contact the Board Chairperson- Christine McCallum @ 06 764 7547 or Principal, Mr Rick Whalley @ 06 272 6764.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM THIS WEEK — Room 1

We have had a great start to the year in Room 1. Everyone has settled in well and we are creating some great work. Our focus for our writing has been to write for a purpose and we are looking specifically at creating a vivid picture in the readers mind and developing a key idea throughout the story. Check out our blogs for some great examples of these! In maths we are looking at addition and subtraction strategies to solve problems as well as working with decimals and fractions. We had a great trip recently to see the Americarna cars at Kapuni and have taken some great photos. Look to our class blog for what we have in store with these. There is also lots of things coming up soon that involve getting outside and active such as our athletics today, Kaponga athletics next week, our school swimming sports the following week and the Opunake swimming sports in the next couple of weeks. The staff swimming team is looking sharp so I hope the parents are prepared for an onslaught on the Matapu Swimming Sports day!!! Also, keep checking out our blogs at www.mrcsblog.com to see what we are doing in the classroom.

It was that day the horrible one, taking the rubbish wagon to the road side. The rotten smell was horrible and I heard the flies buzzing around in the wagon, but then the worst thing happened...

Jonas Padrutt

MATAPU SCHOOL NETBALL NOTICE

We have a cake stall table booked in the town mall for **Saturday 13th March & Saturday 20th March** commencing at approx 9.00–9.30am.

Please could we have at least 3 home baked only items from each family associated and involved in netball this year dropped off to the school office on the Friday before. You will receive a phone call a few days before these stalls for a gentle reminder so if there is any problem getting the baking into school on the Friday you can arrange alternative options with Christine when she calls.

If you are not a baker please do not worry, we will be having a fundraiser BBQ at the Warehouse soon and you can help out with this.

Thank you

SATURDAY MORNING NETBALL

Please could we have all survey/permission player forms back to the school office asap. Any questions please contact Christine 06 764 7547

PRACTICES AFTER SCHOOL STARTING at 3.00pm until 4.30pm approx,

Year 7/8 team will start Thursday 11th March

Year 6 team will start Thursday 18th March

Future Ferns Yr 1-5 teams will commence their practice during lunch times on Tuesday 23rd March and Thursday 25th March at this stage.

Christine McCallum

School Netball Co-coordinator



SPA (School Parent Association)

SPA are currently raising funds towards re-surfacing the school swimming pool at a cost of \$10,000, Re-roofing the swimming sheds at a cost of \$2,000, Trophy Cabinet—obtaining a cabinet to hold all the school's trophies and fixing the pot-holed entrance to the bus/pre-school driveway. We would really appreciate your help with the following fundraising activities for this term.



MATAPU SCHOOL
FAMILY HOUSIE NIGHT
FRIDAY 26TH MARCH
6.30PM
MATAPU HALL

Licensed Bar Facilities Operating:
Alcoholic, Non-alcoholic & Soft drinks
Available for purchasing.

Supper Provided
Courtesy Van Available

Raffles will be run during the evening!
Spot Prizes!
Lucky Punter Draw!
Battens Up

Come along and have a wonderful fun filled evening with your family (including children) & friends and help support the School with this fundraiser for our Pool Upgrade Project!

Battens-Up - Could all families please try & get a sponsor to donate an item for the Battens-Up table. The sponsors name will then appear in front of the donation on the night.

RAFFLES

We are kindly asking for donations towards our raffle hampers that we will be selling & drawing on our school Housie Night Fundraiser.



Please could we have grocery can items this week. Easter Eggs & hardware items accepted also or anything else you may be willing to give that can be raffled or put on a battens-up table.

Could these please be dropped off to the school office by the 20th March.

We appreciate your support, thank you.

SPA AGM 28th April 2010

The School Parents Association AGM will be held on 28th April 2010. All positions need to be filled. We need your support. Please keep this date free and have a think about taking up a position on SPA. Come along and enjoy a glass of wine and bring your ideas. EVERYONE WELCOME.

Community Notices

WANTED—LAWN MOWER

The Matapu School Board of Trustees are looking for a second hand lawn mower that is in reasonable & going condition. If you have one not being used we are more than happy to take of your hands.
Please contact Pierce Devlin @ 06 764 5118



ELTHAM SOCCER CLUB will be holding a registration day for all boys & girls wanting to play soccer for the 2010 season. Wednesday 10th March at 5.30pm at the Soccer Clubrooms on Tayler St. Any enquiries please phone Val 027 2285498

HAWERA GROUP RIDING FOR DISCOVERY



AGM is to be held on **Wednesday 10th March** 12.15pm at our club rooms at the show grounds. All are welcome to attend.



KAPONGA/MATAPU HOCKEY
If your child/ren are interested in playing hockey please contact Tammy Arbuckle @ 06 764 6277. Open to all ages. On a Saturday 9.00am start, beginning in April.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO DEFEND YOURSELF!!!

ARE YOU AGED 6 OR OVER?

The Kaponga Self Defence Club are looking for new members.

Do you want to learn how to:

- Defend yourself from an attack.
- Break your fall.
- Get out of being held from an attacker

If you think this could be for you and are interested please contact: Mary & Ivan Koch @ (06) 764 6537



FEDERATED FARMERS FARM DAY, 28th March 2010

Free family fun at Federated Farmers Farm Day—On the last Sunday in March (March 28th), 23 farms will throw open their gates for Federated Farmers Farm Day. Farm Day is the perfect opportunity for children to learn about farm animals, take part in a guided farm walk and try their hand at some farm work. Check out the Farm Day website, www.farmday.org.nz, for a Farm Day near you and don't forget to pack your gumboots!

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