



# TE POI SCHOOL

**A small school where big things happen.**

**Te Rangatahi:  
Together We Grow**

**Important Dates: Term 3 Week 5: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

29<sup>th</sup> August  
4<sup>th</sup> September  
6<sup>th</sup> September  
10<sup>th</sup> September  
11<sup>th</sup> September  
16-20<sup>th</sup> September  
19<sup>th</sup> September  
20<sup>th</sup> September  
24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September  
27<sup>th</sup> September

GymSports Festival  
Friendship Circle  
School Cross Country  
Grandparents Day  
BOT meeting  
Book Fair Week  
Interschool Cross Country  
Book Fair Dress Up day  
Rural School Hockey Tournament  
Ag Day  
Loud Shirt Day  
Last day of Term 3

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Mini Ball

Our Year 3/4 team had two great games of miniball yesterday and are all really enjoying playing.

Our Year 5/6 team is playing Wednesday 5:30pm this week.

### Sausage Sizzle

For the remainder of Term 3 we will be having a sausage sizzle lunch order every **Wednesday**.

Sausages will be \$2.00 each  
Please send orders to school the same as Friday lunch orders.

### GymSports Festival

Next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August is the GymSports Festival being held in Morrinsville. Those students participating will get a letter with information this week.

### Principal's Comment:

Recently there has been an article in the NZ Herald about the teaching of reading through phonics. Reading is a complex learned behavior and phonics and learning sounds is a part of the reading programme that we use, but not the whole programme. Learning letter sounds and sight words are essential. We use a range of early readers by different publishers. Older Ready to Read books were written with noun frequency difficulty increasing at each level.

Ultimately, we read for meaning and understanding. Does your child ever see you reading? Do you read to your child, with your child, and do you listen to your child read to you? To quote Dr Sues, "the more you read the more things you'll know, the more that you read the more places you'll go"

School lock down procedures have also been in the news. Te Poi School has a lock down policy in accordance with National Education guidelines. Please be aware that the BOT review policies regularly.

*Me mahi tahi tatou, mo te oranga o te katoa  
We should all work together for the wellbeing of everyone.*

**Sandra Clark, Principal**

### Reducing Waste

On Wednesday this week Alex Bradley our Enviro Schools coordinator will be coming into school to make bees wax wrap with the children. Senior children will be undertaking the lessons first. Bees wrap for lunch wrap is reusable and keeps food fresh in the lunch boxes. It saves on glad wrap, and paper or plastics.

### Professional Development

This Friday teachers have professional development at Matamata College. School is open per usual. Ms Keane will be in Room 2 for the morning and Miss Clark and Ms Keane in Room 9 for the afternoon.

### Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

Nine students from school entered the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

in Tauranga last Tuesday. There was mud, obstacles, crawling and getting down low. All participants finished the race, which surely helped with being resilient and having a sense of achievement. Thank you to the parents who took transport.

### FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS:

Order and money in a named envelope or secure plastic bag to the office.

Pies	3.40
Sausage rolls	2.10
Lasagne square	2.00
Egg or ham sandwich	3.10
Ham/beef/chicken wrap	4.30
Apple or custard pie	3.40
Apple or custard slice	2.60
Choc chip biscuit	1.50
Just Juice	2.50

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FREE EAR CLINIC

Matamata 9:30am – 2:00pm  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Matamata Primary

### Te Poi Playgroup/Playcentre

Open every Thursday during term time, 10am-12pm, at 5 Temm Road, Te Poi.

Come down for a cuppa and a play, we've got a great facility and a lovely laid-back bunch of mums, and would love to see some new faces! Any queries, phone or text Maree, 021 02328061.

