#### Important Dates: Term 4 Week 5: 7th November 2023



# TE POI School

# A small school where big things happen.

# Te Rangatahi: Together We Grow

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### School Athletics Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Join us from 9:00am for our

rotational athletics competition. Stay for Mini Gala!

Touch Draw Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October Bedford Park Te Poi Juniors play at 3:30pm on Field 3

Te Poi Seniors play at 4:30pm on Field 1

#### Room 9 Mini Gala Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Tell your friends, bring your whanau and join in the fun after Athletics. Lots of food to buy and fun activities to have a go at. Tickets are \$1each

#### Te Poi Church Christmas Service Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – 5:00pm

This year our school will only be performing a few songs, no play or performance this time. If your child is able to be part of the Christmas singing group, please let Whaea Linda know.

#### Community Op Shop Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

We need people to help run the shop and also donations of goods. This is a great fundraising opportunity that can bring in a lot of money for the school. If you can help out in any way either get in touch with Hayley in the office or contact Maree on 02102328061

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13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November

Room 9 Camp School Athletics – 9:15am start Mini Gala – 12:30pm MIS Orientation Day for Year 6's Interschool Athletics Te Poi Church Christmas Service TOD – No School Matamata wide Matamata Christmas Parade Tabloid sports Room 2 & 3 Trip Prizegiving – 1:30pm Whole School Trip Talent Show – 11:00am Last Day of Term – 12:30pm finish



## Matamata Schools EOTC

#### Kia ora Whānau

Recently, schools from within the Matamata area came together to discuss the important issue of EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) and how current legislation impacts our schools. It was our intention to align expectations and procedures across our schools as best we could so that parents and whānau see similar school expectations regardless of where they attend in the area. We have made a great start and will continue collaborating on this. Hopefully, our efforts will make it easier for parents and whānau sa they transition through the schools or from one to another if they have to shift.

In light of tragic events that have happened on school-based trips over recent years, all schools in Matamata have been reflecting on their processes and systems, which may mean some changes in the way that we take steps to reduce risks. Please know that this is all in an effort to ensure the highest possible standards of safety for your tamariki, whether that's during a day trip, comp, interschool activity, or extracurricular sport. Our aim is to ensure all learners in Matamata have enjoyable and meaningful experiences outside of the school environment with their safety and wellbeing our top priority.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your school's principal or EOTC coordinator for further clarification.

Ngaa Mihi, Matamata Schools

#### **Principal's Comment:**

Kia ora te whānau, nau mai haere mai Jessie and her family. A warm welcome to Te Poi Kura

> Kia mōiri a Tamanuiterā ka whakatika ai There is no need to rush

At this time of year we often feel rushed or anxious about everything we need to complete by the end of the year. So remember to stop and take time to breath and re group.

School life is also busy, camp, sports, gala for the students and end of year testing and reporting for the teachers.

We all need to take time to just be and remember to be thoughtful to each other, as we never know what is going on for people behind the scenes.

Linda Larsen, Principal