



We have been investigating ways in which we can improve our learning techniques and resources in the core subject areas. As part of this process, we have looked at strategies to improve the performance of students in Mathematics. Following some research into how we might achieve this aim, we have established a link with a very successful web based package called Mathletics (3P Learning Ltd).

The hurdles that teachers commonly face in teaching Maths include; adopting individualised learning for each student's ability, providing instant feedback on student's performance and maintaining a high level of student motivation in performing tasks on a regular basis.

Subscribing to Mathletics will entitle students to 24-hour web access both at home and in school, and in doing so will engage both teachers and parents in helping your child to improve their skills. A recent two week trial in Matai 11 proved conclusive in terms of how quickly the students developed their mathematical skills and mental arithmetic. In addition, students of all ability levels became very engaged and were highly motivated to complete tasks on a regular basis. As a result of this trial, Miro 14 has implemented Mathletics into their classroom programme.

Benefits of Mathletics

- Students love Mathletics!
- Students are engaged and motivated to learn.
- Mathletics is adaptive, it responds to your child's individual strengths and weaknesses.
- Students instantly know if they are on the right track and can work through the curriculum at their own pace.
- Animated support guides students through concepts. It is like having a maths tutor 24 hours a day!
- Live Mathletics fosters a stimulating and exciting on-line learning community.
- Creates the perfect link between home and school, results can flow seamlessly.
- Weekly parent emails allow you to monitor your child's progress.

As you can appreciate, to purchase a license for all our pupils would be a significant outlay and one which we can unfortunately not bear alone. As an indication, a normal one-year subscription to this site costs a parent \$99 per child. However, we are now pleased to finalise an agreement with 3P learning that allows all parents to purchase a subscription until February 2010 for \$22 per student.

For more information about Mathletics, please visit <http://www.mathletics.co.nz/>. Alternatively, you could see Mr Harrison.

If you are interested in purchasing Mathletics, please complete and return the slip below to the school office. If you are paying by cheque, make the payment to Tamahere Model Country School.



Name of Child _____ Year: _____

Class _____ Teacher: _____

I would like to pay \$22 so that my child's account is active starting in Term 2.

Signed: _____

