



Matamata Intermediate

10th August 2023

Teena Taatou e te whaanau

Week 4 means we are nearly at the middle of our term. This week, we have a group of students in Vanuatu. I have to admit feeling slightly jealous as the photos of sunshine, sandy beaches and swimming came through but then heartened by the photos of our students mixing with those from Morrinsville Intermediate and the local schools in Vanuatu. They are having an amazing time and we welcome them home on the weekend.

We have also had the privilege of hosting the Inter-Intermediate Boy's Rugby Day. Thank you Darryn Uerata for the organisation of this day and to our local supporters who were able to join us at Bedford Park. Tomorrow, our Gymnasts are off for their day of competition. Good luck.

Our school vision is Inspire Learners, Empowered to Achieve. Part of life at Intermediate is getting involved in opportunities that are offered. Sometimes this requires balancing everything a student wants to be part of and sometimes it is being brave enough to get involved. Please reach out to your classroom teacher if you have any questions around these opportunities.

Your classroom teacher will also have sent home the first, detailed, newsletter about camp. This is an opportunity that all students are expected to be involved in. We would really appreciate the completed forms returned to school as soon as possible to support the organisation required for these camps to be successful.

Ngaa mihi nui
Debbie Currie

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 11th August -
Matamata Piako
Gymnastics Festival

Tuesday 15th August -
Inter-Intermediate cross
country

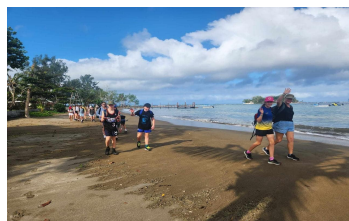
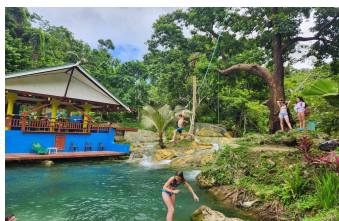
Tuesday 22nd August -
Inter-Intermediate Netball

Wednesday 23rd August -
Daffodil Day - Non-Uniform
day

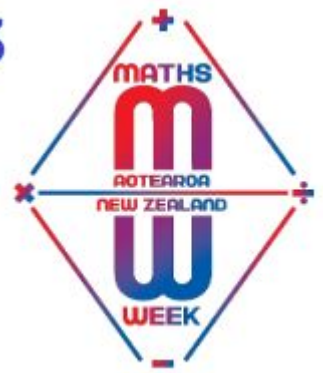
Friday 25th August -
Tough Guy, Tough Girl
Rotorua

2nd - 8th September -
AIMS Games

Vanuatu



Maths Week/Pāngarau Wiki 2023



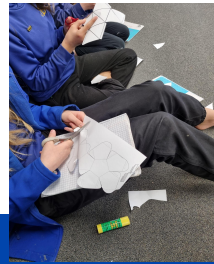
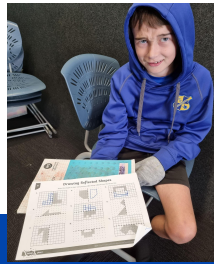
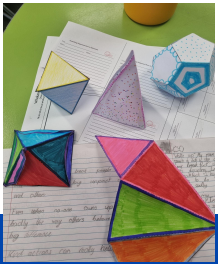
This week is New Zealand Maths Week.

Maths Week is free, and is available on-line to teachers, home educators, students and anyone else.

Maths Week was established by the New Zealand Association of Mathematics Teachers in 1998. It is a premier event in the school calendar. Recently, it has gained the attention of about 280 000 students, teachers and home educators, and others each year in the last few years.

Here is a link to the [online site](#), including challenges and games - let's enjoy Maths and build a strong foundation for our students.

Congratulations to the teams of students who represented us in the Maths Competition, on Tuesday night. Well done.



WAI MATHS



On Tuesday 8th August, Mrs Muter and Mr Wiseman travelled to Waikato University for the 2023 Wai Maths competition. The year 7 team consisted of Flynn, Nika and Amy. The year 8 team was made up of Harry, Xirui and Lewis.

The year 7 team came 7th and the year 8 team placed 5th. A pleasing effort for sure as there were about 20 teams in each division in a tough competition.

The teams had 45 minutes to answer some really tricky questions. They were awarded three points if they managed to correctly answer on the first attempt, two points on the second attempt, and one point for any further attempts. Teams could pass on the question but this meant they could revisit the question later.

TERM 4 CAMPS

We have camps spanning over the dates of 30th October - 15th November
We are needing parent volunteers to join us on our camps - Can you help?
To support the organisation, could you please return the completed forms as soon as possible.
Payment details:

ASB Matamata - Matamata Intermediate Activities – 12-3438-0003533-00 (note, where possible please include student's name, room number, class camp in the references).



Let us know your child will be absent and keep up to date with notices and newsletters

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We are constantly working with our students to build understanding around the importance of Consideration, Commitment and Common Sense. These values are just as important in the Online World that our students have access to. If you are able to, we strongly recommend the Netsafe Information Evening that the college is hosting:

Supporting Young People To Be Safer Online
Join us for a free presentation & discussion for Parents & Whānau

Monday 21st August, 2023 at 5.30pm
Matamata College Staffroom

INTER-INTERMEDIATE RUGBY GIRLS 7'S

On Tuesday 1st August, 30 girls went to Morrinsville for the WIMS Girls Sevens Rugby Tournament. We had 7 girls returning to the tournament and 17 others were debuting in their first-ever game of rugby.

There were unfortunately no other teams in the UNDER 50kg division. Our two teams played each other 3 times on the day. The first win went to the MIS Chiefs, but the UMS Hurricanes came back in the second game. The grand final (third match) went back and forth until MIS Chiefs scored near the end to win the match and tournament.

The OPEN team was made up of quite a few smaller girls but they were very keen to step up.

WIN 24 - 5 vs Te Awamutu WIN 41 - 0 vs Melville LOSS 0 - 14 vs Morrinsville

Semi-final - WIN 33 - 12 vs Berkley **Final** - DRAW 14 - 14 vs Morrinsville

There was then 2mins of extra time where there was no score made. Unfortunately, Morrinsville scored first in the game and therefore won the grand final. It was an amazing final and the girls should feel very proud. They showed such courage and determination under pressure.

A special thank you to Jade Coates who has helped to train the girls and joined us on the day, running the warm-ups and assistant coaching on the sidelines.



INTER-INTERMEDIATE RUGBY BOYS 7'S

On Tuesday, Matamata Intermediate hosted the WIMS Boys Sevens Rugby tournament at Bedford Park.

Our 2 teams (OPEN and UNDER 56kg's) had mixed results throughout their round robin games. Going into their final matches, the mission and message was clear for both of our teams, win and make it through or lose and their tournament was over!

The OPEN team had a close and hard fought victory over Maeroa 29 - 25. This put them into a semi-final against our regular foe Te Awamutu. The OPEN team went down to Te Awamutu (OPEN champions) and finished 3rd in a highly contested OPEN division made up of 9 teams.

The UNDER team won their match against Cambridge

41 - 0 which put them into the final against Te Awamutu. The Matamata team wanted to take revenge for losing their previous match against Te Awamutu 21 - 28 earlier in the day. The final went back and forth, but Matamata retained the UNDER championship trophy for 2023, winning the final 22 - 17.

The coaches of the UNDER team (Zayden and Xavier) showed incredible sportsmanship in the dying minutes of the final. They denied a try awarded to their team after an incorrect call. They are great role models and examples for our young players to look up to.

A huge thank you to our coaches Jack and Ben for the OPEN team, and Zayden and Xavier for the UNDER team. They came over from the college to train their team during lunch times and were impressive and encouraging coaches on the day.

Another thank you for our 9 college referees. The tournament was not possible without them. As well as a thank you for the team from UMS for running the canteen and looking after us.



INTER-INTERMEDIATE CHESS

On Thursday 15th June, a team of eight students travelled to Berkley Intermediate for the Inter-Intermediate chess competition. The team members were Xirui Huang, Khloe Maree, Latham Begovich, Haami Kete-Gage, Luca Burn, Jayden Young, Zach Marjoribanks-Brown and Logan Bird.

The games were fifteen minutes long and students had to punch the clock after each move. Some games ended quickly and others took up most of the time. There were eleven chess tables and four chess sets per table. A spreadsheet presented the results and rounds on a huge screen. The team had mixed success but would have gained experience from this competition: the first one for Intermediate schools in the Waikato. The team was very well behaved and ably supported by the adults. The organisers of the event did very well to make this inaugural event a success.



Our Lego club is on the lookout for more resources. Do you have any Lego at home that you would like to donate to school? We would love to build up our supply as more students are joining our lunchtime inside spaces.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



OPEN DAY

FOR PARENTS OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST 2023

OPEN DAY PROGRAMME

9.30am: Coffee and informal discussion

10.00am: Tour around classrooms by students

10.30am: Question time with Principal, DP & BOT

IF YOU HAVE A Y5 OR Y6 CHILD PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME ALONG AND EXPERIENCE OUR:

1. Unique environment to develop confidence and independence
2. Strong academic, cultural and sports focus
3. You will also have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the Principal, Deputy Principal and Board of Trustee members.



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