



Matamata Intermediate

Teenaa taatou e te whaanau

It is hard to believe that tomorrow will be our last day of Term 3. This term has certainly flown by.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all parents/caregivers/whaanau for your support at AIMS Games. Our students had an awesome time with some outstanding accomplishments of particular note was our Year 7 Girls' Canoe Slalom team who won gold in the Year 7 girls' competition and silver in the Year 8 girls' competition. A special thank you to our coaches/managers and staff who have been working tirelessly to provide these opportunities for our rangatahi.

As you are reading this newsletter today, I am overseas in Japan with a group of 60 students from Matamata Intermediate and across Waikato Intermediate schools as part of our exchange with Makuhari Junior High School. Most travel up to an hour to get to school between 7.30-8am and then get home from school between 6-6.30pm. School is six days a week! We are having an amazing time in schools and sightseeing. Those who billeted a student for us in March will appreciate the value of having a host family and truly experiencing a different culture. Our students have been outstanding examples of our 3 C values, of particular note would be doing a physical education lesson this morning at 8am in 30 degree heat. The day just got hotter!

I have appreciated the reports from home and I have loved seeing and hearing reports about Whaanau Games, Speech finals, our CCC student nominated badge winners, Wacky Hair Day, hosting the WIMS Inter-Intermediate Ki-O-Rahi tournament and Year 8 visits to Matamata College to name just a few things. It is heartwarming to see how our students seize the many opportunities provided to them.

Finally, from me, I want to say a big thank you to our amazing staff at Matamata Intermediate School for their ongoing efforts and commitment to teaching our rangatahi and providing a warm and welcoming environment; I appreciate your dedication and diligence. I wish you all a relaxing and well-deserved break. A special mention to Mrs Brooke Foster who is going on maternity leave at the end of this term. We are so excited for you and your husband Luke as you welcome your first baby very soon. Watch this space for exclusive baby pictures!

To our students and whaanau we wish everyone a safe and restful term break! Looking forward to seeing you all back for our first day of Term 4 is Monday 9th October.

Ngaa mihi nui
Debbie Currie
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday - 22nd September -
End of Term 3

Saturday - 30th September -
A&P Show

Monday 9th October -
Start of Term 4

Wednesday 11th October -
MIS AG Day

Friday 13th October -
Group Agriculture Day



SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulations to our MIS speech finalists in our annual MIS speech competition. Our judges, Mars and Marissa from Matamata College were impressed with the quality of the speeches and encouraged all of our students to keep taking up every opportunity to present, speak, and perform.

A huge congratulations to our winners, Sophie Y7 and Miriam Y8



WIG WEDNESDAY

Here are some of the amazing efforts by our students in support of Wacky Hair Day. A massive thanks to Latham (R3) for bringing the idea to support the child cancer foundation to us. We managed to raise \$282.50

INTER-INTERMEDIATE KI-O-RAHI



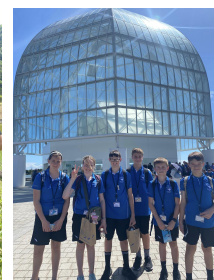
What a pleasure it was to host the first Inter-Intermediate Ki-O-Rahi Tournament at MIS! We had 9 teams, creating a great level of competition. It was a mixed bag with the changing weather but overall a wonderful day! Thank to all those who helped make it a successful day and for those who came to support!

RURAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 20th September I had the privilege of taking 10 wahine over to the Rural Schools Hockey tournament. We played 3 pool games which we unfortunately lost but then played off for the lower placings and won our game. The weather was unseasonably warm and we were glad of the break in between each game to cool off and have some fluids. The team behaviour and culture was outstanding. They all had a great experience and got better each game. Well done team.



A FEW PHOTOS FROM JAPAN



WHAANAU GAMES



ROAD CLOSURE - SMITH STREET

J Swap Contractors has been contracted by The Matamata-Piako District Council to carry out reconstruction of the failed section of Smith Street between Station Road and Farmers Road. It is expected that Smith Street will be closed to through traffic for approximately 5-6 weeks from 25th September.

This will impact how our students can access our school grounds.

If your child catches the bus to school they will be dropped off at Firth in the morning and need to walk straight across Firth's field to get to school (they cannot walk around the road). In the afternoon we will assemble in bus lines on Firth's turf and catch the bus from Firth.

If you drive your child to school can you please use the Allenby Road drop off as you will not be able to access Smith Street.

If your child bikes to school they will need to use the Allenby Road entry and exit, they cannot access school through Smith Street.

If your child walks or scooters to school there is footpath access along Smith Street, however, they must be extra vigilant to be aware of hazards. As a school we would strongly encourage your child to avoid walking down Smith Street if it can be helped they can access school either through the Allenby Road entry or come across the College field.



immunise

your best protection

The Public Health Nurses will be at school on Wednesday 22nd November to provide Dose 2 of the HPV immunisation for the year 8 students whose parents/caregivers consented earlier in the year. If your child is absent there will be a planned catch up within 3 weeks.

If parents have any queries or changes please contact the Public Health Nurse

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Research study on smartphone use at school

Our school is participating in a research study on student mobile phone use at school that is being run by the Child Well-being Research Institute at the University of Canterbury. The researchers want to find out how many students use mobile phones at school, what rules schools have in place, and how phone use at school impacts student outcomes.

Part of the study is an online survey for students. This is optional (your choice). If you would like for your child to take part, the link to the online student survey is below. More information about the research project is given at the link.

<https://tinyurl.com/smartphonesNZ>

Every student who takes part in the survey will go in a draw to win one of ten \$100 Prezzy cards. Our school will also go in a draw to win one of two \$250 sets of books for our library.

Please contact the lead researcher, Dr Megan Gath (megan.gath@canterbury.ac.nz) if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Our globally touring show "Little Bang, Big Bang" brings real science to life in an explosive and entertaining way that is suitable for the whole family*. We can't wait to see you at one of our shows!

Auckland - 2nd December - The Civic

Pre Sale Tickets - [Link here](#)

FUNDRAISING FOR WATER AND SANITATION
HYGIENE PROJECT

MATAMATA INTERACT

Movie NIGHT

SHOWING: THE LITTLE MERMAID 2023

SATURDAY | 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023

6:15PM | BRING CASH FOR SNACKS | \$5 ENTRY

DOORS OPEN 5:45. \$15 DEAL FOR 2 KIDS AND 2 ADULTS
23 TOWER ROAD, MATAMATA BAPTIST CHURCH
BRING BEANBAGS AND BLANKETS, CHAIRS SUPPLIED

"Maa mahi, ka ora"

MATAMATA COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

FOR PARENTS OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

**TUESDAY
19 SEPTEMBER, 2023**

If you have a Year 8 student, please take the opportunity to come along.

We look forward to meeting you.

OPEN DAY PROGRAMME

9.30am - Coffee and welcome in the hall.

9.45am - Tour of school by student leaders.

10.15am - Question time.

Matamata College

For further information contact:
Katy Wilson - ws@matcol.nz

Matamata Tennis Club Junior Coaching - Term 4 information

Thursday 19th October -
Thursday 7th December (8 weeks).

3.30 - 4.15pm: *Primary age players*
4.15 - 5.15pm: *Intermediate & College age players*
COST - \$70

Register at: <https://forms.gle/au4AUteRNf635YYy5> or
come along on the first night to give it a try at the
Matamata Domain!

- Placement in these time slots will be at the coach's discretion and may vary depending on ability.
- Players need to provide their own racquets and must wear a suitable hat and footwear.
- If you have any questions find us on Facebook and send us a message. This will also be the platform for any cancellations.