



Matamata Intermediate

27th November 2025

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, I want to acknowledge the tremendous effort our students have shown throughout the year. Over the next two weeks, we look forward to celebrating their achievements with whānau through a range of events, including our formal prizegivings. These occasions are always a highlight, offering us the chance to recognise those who have demonstrated commitment to their learning and shown meaningful progress across the year.

Your child's PEP (Personalised Education Plan), which serves as their end-of-year report, will be sent home on Wednesday 10 December, following our prizegiving. This provides a valuable summary of their learning journey, strengths, and next steps.

All of these celebrations reflect our school vision: Inspired Learners, Empowered to Achieve. We are proud of the way our students continue to embody this vision—setting goals, embracing challenges, and striving to be the best versions of themselves.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We wish all our families a restful break and look forward to an exciting start to 2026.

Ngā mihi

Debbie

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 28th November
Sports Prizegiving

Monday 1st December
Mangawhero Whānau
Celebration

Tuesday 2nd December
Waihou Whānau Celebration

Wednesday 3rd December
Yr 6 Orientation Day

Thursday 4th December
Piako Whānau Celebration

Friday 5th December
Waitoa Whānau Celebration

Tuesday 9th December
Yr 8 Graduation Dance

Wednesday 10th December
Formal Prizegiving
Final day of term 4

NOTE: Adults, please do not approach students that are not your own. If you have concerns around another student/s' behaviour please talk to your child's classroom teacher who can follow it up accordingly.

SPECIALIST SUBJECTS - GLOBAL CONNECTIONS AND DIGITAL TECH

In Global Connections, students are learning about global challenges and what countries are doing to work together to solve them. We are also learning about famous landmarks in the world and constructing 3D models



In Digi tech, we've been using Makey Makeys to turn our drawings into a DJ booth! We've loved making our own music by drawing our own buttons and using conductivity to make them work.



INTER - INTERMEDIATE FRISBEE



Our boys and girls headed across to Hamilton for the FIRST EVER Inter Intermediate Frisbee event today. It is a relatively new sport for our kids and they improved across the day, especially as games as self umpires by players. The Boys finished with 1 win and 3 losses, coming 6th place. The Girls had 2 wins and 3 losses finishing in 4th place. Big thanks to our awesome parent helpers

As part of Instructional Writing, Room 13 had a MasterChef challenge, recreating their delicious meals from home. The finalists were selected and they chose their sous chefs to cook and present their meal today. All of the food was delicious and looked incredible. After all the votes were counted and valuable input was received from a couple of expert judges, the Room 13 MasterChef Champion of 2025 is Jaja Buco with his Korean Fried Chicken. He keeps his title once again after he was crowned the 2024 champion.

ROOM 13 - MASTER CHEF CHALLENGE



CHOIR - KIDS SING

On Friday 24th October, the choir went to the Kids Sing in Hamilton. They did so well and performed their hearts out! All students showed the 3Cs so well that we walked away with the "Spirit of the festival" award



MUSIC TOUR



Last week we embarked on a big Primary school tour, with the drumline, concert band, combo, rock bands and choir! We travelled with nearly 70 students to Wairere, Hinuera and Te Poi on Friday 14th November, and then Walton, Matamata Primary and finishing at our school with Firth and ECE centres joining us on Friday 21st. The students then also had their whānau concert that night which was a fantastic opportunity for our students to celebrate their hard work and effort over the year.

MIS NOTICES

MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION DAY

We will be welcoming our Year 6 students who will be joining the MIS whānau in 2026.

They will be able to experience some of what happens at MIS and meet their new teacher and class for 2026.

Parents are welcome to join us.

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

– 9:15 AM ARRIVAL –

9:30AM START

12:00PM APPROXIMATE FINISH



At 5:30pm, there will be a parent information evening in the staff room for those who are unable to attend Orientation earlier in the day.

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

We are on the lookout for host families for 2026. If you are interested in having a Japanese student for 12 days in March 2026 [please fill in this form](#).

We will be in contact with those selected to be a host family in early February 2026.

**MAKUHARI
HOMESTAY**

**23 FAMILIES
REQUIRED**

7 TH - 19 TH MARCH 2026

If you are interested in hosting a Japanese student please fill in the form above.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE FOR 2026

Monday 2nd February

Start of Term 1

Thursday 5th February

Teacher Only Day

MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE END OF YEAR DATES

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| 28 TH NOVEMBER | SPORTS PRIZEGIVING Arrive 11:15am - Start 11:30am |
| 1 ST DECEMBER | MANGAWHERO WHĀNAU CELEBRATION Arrive 11:15am - Start 11:30am |
| 2 ND DECEMBER | WAIHOU WHĀNAU CELEBRATION Arrive 11:15am - Start 11:30am |
| 3 RD DECEMBER | YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY Arrive 9:15am - Start 9:30am - Finish 12:00pm |
| 4 TH DECEMBER | PIAKO WHĀNAU CELEBRATION Arrive 11:15am - Start 11:30am |
| 5 TH DECEMBER | WAITOA WHĀNAU CELEBRATION Arrive 11:15am - Start 11:30am |
| 9 TH DECEMBER | GRADUATION DANCE Arrive from 6:30pm - Start 7:00am Final Dance 8:50pm |
| 10 TH DECEMBER | END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING Arrive 1:15pm - Start 1:30pm (PEP reports to come home) |



Music Scholarship

At Matamata Intermediate, we believe music plays a vital role in developing creativity, confidence, and a sense of belonging in our students. Through participation in music, students have the opportunity to express themselves, build important skills, and connect with others.

Generous members of our community have established a scholarship to support students in accessing music lessons. We are asking for further donations to help support this initiative.

If you feel this is something you would like to donate towards, please find our bank details and reference below.

This scholarship reflects our shared commitment to ensuring all students can experience the joy and growth that learning music provides.

Account Details: 12 3438 0003533-00
Matamata Intermediate School Board

Reference: Music 0256



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Starfish Health & Wellbeing Centre

CHRISTMAS

Thursday 11 **Friday 12**

MATAMATA POOLS (\$5 EXTRA) **HANDMADE DECORATIONS**

Monday 15 **Tuesday 16** **Wednesday 17** **Thursday 18** **Friday 19**

ICE BLOCK STICK POHUTUKAWA **GINGERBREAD HOUSES** **MATAMATA POOLS (\$5 EXTRA)** **CHRISTMAS COOKIE TREES** **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

8:00-3:30 \$45
8:00-5:00 \$50
7:30-6:00 \$55

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January 2026
Holiday Programme

Starfish
Health & Wellbeing Centre

8:00-3:30 \$45
8:00-5:00 \$50
7:30-6:00 \$55

Some days will incur additional charges for outings, See Below

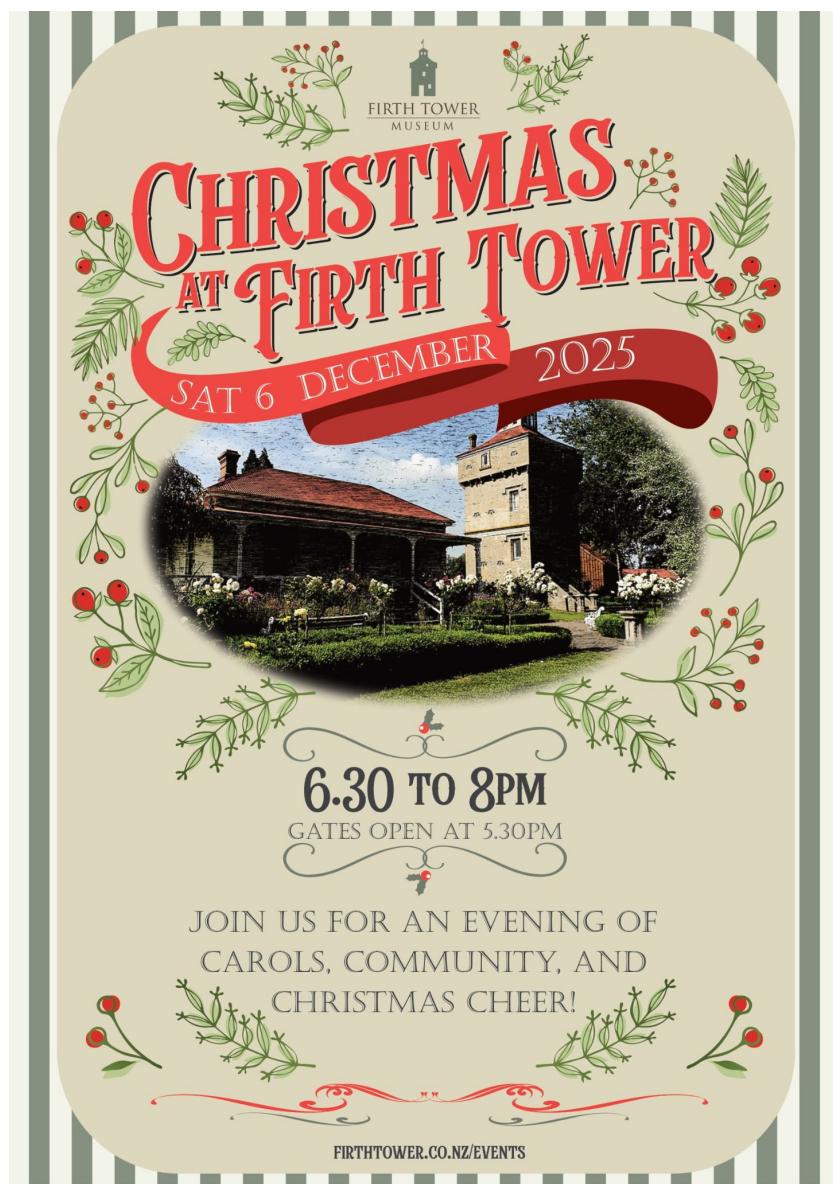
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| MON 5 JAN PUZZLE TREES | TUE 6 JAN CAMBRIDGE POOLS ** | WEN 7 JAN CRICKET STADIUM TOUR * | THUR 8 JAN PAINT AND SLIME | FRI 9 JAN MUSICAL INSTRUMENT CRAFT |
| MON 12 JAN HERITAGE TRAIL | TUE 13 JAN CAMPING AT HOME | WED 14 JAN MATAMATA POOLS ** | THUR 15 JAN TUI RIDGE * | FRI 16 JAN MATE VS MATE |
| MON 19 JAN TE AWAMUTU POOLS ** | WEN 28 JAN VEGGIE INSECTS | WEN 21 JAN WATER GAMES | THUR 22 JAN SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN * | FRI 23 JAN ANNIVERSARY PARTY |
| CLOSED | TUE 27 JAN LASER TAG * | TUE 20 JAN AMAZING RACE | THUR 29 JAN WATERWORLD ** | FRI 30 JAN PICNIC SHARED LUNCH |

Additional Charges:
* \$15 Extra
** \$5 Extra

Venue: Matamata Christian School,
91A Smith Street, Matamata.

Please bring every day: Hat, legs, towel, drink bottle, and enough food.
Hats and sunscreen must be worn at all times outside.



FIRTH TOWER MUSEUM

CHRISTMAS AT FIRTH TOWER

SAT 6 DECEMBER 2025

6.30 TO 8PM
GATES OPEN AT 5.30PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CAROLS, COMMUNITY, AND CHRISTMAS CHEER!

FIRTHTOWER.CO.NZ/EVENTS