



# Matamata Intermediate

2024

Teena koutou katoa

As our first day rapidly approaches, I am sure we are all filled with mixed emotions. There will be excitement at the thought of returning to school to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. Our goal is to create an environment where learning and well being are the main focus. Last year, we had some great feedback about how we can continue to support transition into Intermediate and we are looking forward to working with our new students and whaanau to quickly build connection for your child, at MIS.

This 'beginning of the year' newsletter contains information that was shared last year, but might serve as a helpful reminder. Once the year gets underway, we have fortnightly newsletters, where we share key messages, updates and celebrations of the weeks gone before. If you want to keep updated more regularly, we try to share on our school Facebook page and important messages are sent out via Skool Loop. You will also receive emails from your classroom teacher, who is your first point of contact, if you have any questions or concerns.

I know our team are looking forward to getting to know you and your child. See you soon!

Ngaa mihi nui  
Debbie Currie

## UPCOMING DATES

**Wednesday 31st January -**  
First Day of Term 1

**Tuesday 6th February -**  
Waitangi Day

**Tuesday 13th February -**  
Learning Expo

**Monday 19th February -**  
School Photos

**Thursday 22nd February -**  
Swimming Champs

**Monday 26th - Friday 1st**  
**March - Noho Kura**  
*(Information to come from*  
*teachers in the coming weeks)*

# COMMUNICATION AT MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE

**NEWSLETTER**- Our school newsletter comes out fortnightly. It is emailed to caregivers and uploaded into the Skool Loop App and Facebook.

**SKOOL LOOP** - This is an app you download onto your phone (if you already have the app for a primary school, you can select a 2nd school). We use this app for sending out important or urgent notices, uploading the newsletter, you can use it to notify us if your child is going to be away and can be used later in the year, for booking teacher/parents Learning Conferences.

**STUDENT NOTICES** - Our student notices are on KAMAR which is our Student Management System. Details on how you access this, including your personalised password, will be emailed to you.

**FACEBOOK** - We post highlights, share successes and day to day updates on Facebook. Note: we do not use Facebook messaging as a form of 2 way communication.

**EMAIL** - If we have your current email address, you will receive the newsletter and contact with your classroom teacher, via email.

Have you downloaded our School app yet?  
Never miss important school information again!



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips

Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**31st JANUARY**  
**8:50am - 3pm**

## REMEMBER TO BRING:

- Correct uniform (including PE gear) -see details below - please ensure all uniform items are labeled
- Stationery
- Drink bottle and lunch
- Togs and towel (if your child is unable to swim, for medical reasons, please provide a note or email the classroom teacher)
- If your child travels on a bus, please make sure they know their home address, as we will hold a bus assembly to explain how the bus system works at MIS.

## REPORTING TO PARENTS 2024

Your child's PEP is their personalised school report. This document will be created and shared with them, to their School Google Account, during Term 1.

We want reporting to be meaningful and add value to student achievement, rather than just a summative statement. Once the year is underway, we will send out details around dated for our face to face meetings, including Learning Conferences, Noho kura (an overnight, at school, sleep over and our Learning Expo. Watch out for these.

Teachers are open to meeting at any time during the year. Please email them to organise a meeting if you wish to connect with them.

## UNIFORM

All students require the unisex school polo shirt. Students then have the choice of the black shorts, trackpants or skirt, whichever is preferred.

All students also require the top and shorts of the PE Uniform.

Students are expected to wear plain, fully black shoes with black socks or a black sandal which have a back strap. Slides, Jandals, Crocs or Birkenstock type shoes are not acceptable school shoes.

The school hat is to be worn during term 1 and 4.



UNIFORM AND STATIONERY  
PACKS AVAILABLE FROM THE  
WAREHOUSE MATAMATA

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## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### DEVICES AND PHONES

- Students are assigned with a school email address allowing them access to the Google Apps for Education Suite. This is an essential component of Digital Learning in our school to enable students to work individually and collaboratively in a safe online environment.
- Students are able to bring their own devices to school to use as a learning tool. A chromebook or HP Stream are ideal, cost effective options.
- Phones, if brought to school, must be handed into the teacher to be locked away as soon as the student arrives.

### ABSENT?

What to do when your child is away from school



- Record your child's absence using the Skool Loop App. Fill in the required information and **submit before 9am**. *If you have children attending other schools, please ensure you are submitting your absences to the correct school.*
- Or call the office and leave a message on the absentee line. Leave your child's name, room number and the reason for their absence.

If you inform your child's teacher of their absence please be sure to **still contact the office** by either of the methods mentioned above, the teacher is not always able to relay this information before the absentees are processed.

If the school receives no message regarding your child's absence a phone call will be made home to ensure your child is accounted for.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

Subway delivers to Matamata Intermediate daily.



Log into [subwayexpress.co.nz](http://subwayexpress.co.nz) and you can select your school - please remember you include your child's name and room number so their lunch can be delivered to them.

**When ordering with the SubwayExpress app, you need to have your orders in before 8am on the day of delivery.**

### SWIMMING

Swimming is an important part of our school curriculum, during term 1 and 4. It is expected that students bring their togs and towel to be involved in class swimming sessions.

- Swimming Sports will take place in Term 1 (22nd February)
- Lunchtime swim - Our school pool is open for a 'free' lunchtime swim.

### WHAANAU CONNECTIONS WEEK

In week 5 of Term 1 (Monday 26th February- 1st March), we have our whaanau connections week (Noho Kura). This involves each of our 4 school whaanau having an overnight stay, at school. The purpose of this is to build connections and create a pathway plan for the year ahead.

You will receive detailed information about this overnight stay, once school is underway.

**CAMP** - This will take place in Term 4