



Matamata Intermediate

5th April 2024

Tēnā koutou e te Whānau

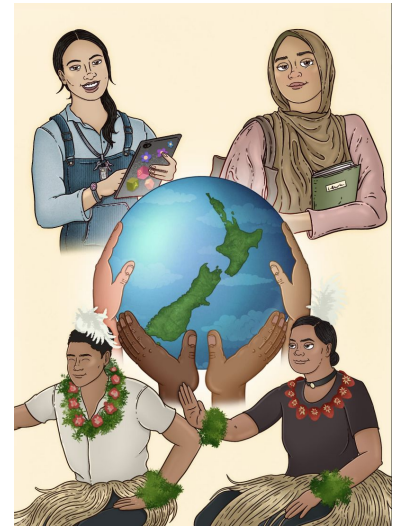
Poipoia te kakano kia puawai – Nurture the seed and it will blossom

This term, the Office of the Children’s Commissioner released their ‘Voices Report’. Racism is one of the big issues affecting the lives of children in Aotearoa New Zealand, and they want to see action to create positive change. Children want to be part of making this change. We had a group of students involved in this report. In the words of the Chief Children’s Commissioner: “What you have shared is both deeply saddening, but also full of aspiration for a better today and a better future – one that is built on care, love and unity, and which upholds Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the full range of rights for all children under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.”

If you are interested in reading the report, it can be found [here](#).

As we approach the end of the term, we can reflect on how our school vision ‘**Inspired Learners. Empowered to Achieve**’ fits with the whakatauki above - we aim to nurture the seed and give our students an environment to thrive within their learning, identity and self-confidence. We want our students to have the chance to be the aspiration for a better today and better future. Thank you for joining us on the journey over the term.

While we have one week left, we look forward to moving into term 2 after our Teacher Only Day.



UPCOMING DATES

Friday 12th April -
Last day of Term 1

Monday 29th April -
Teachers Only Day

Tuesday 30th April -
First day of Term 2

Monday 6th May -
Year 7 Vision Testing

Tuesday 7th May -
Inter-Intermediate Football

Tuesday 14th May -
Auckland Writers Festival

REVIEW OF OPPORTUNITIES AT MIS

Middle school years are a chance for our students to experience new things and discover what might inspire them with their learning. We try to offer a wide range of opportunities and share with our students and community what is available. We have our Orientation Day, Learning Expo, Welcome emails, newsletters and Daily Notices but we know that starting a new school and figuring out how everything works can be overwhelming and information can get lost in the busyness.



Over the last few weeks, we have had meetings with groups of students, to review some of the ways we communicate with them, and to reflect on how we could improve our communication so that students (and whānau) know how, when and what the process is to apply and/or get selected for our different opportunities.

They have some great ideas which we will include in our transition and communication. As a parent, or whānau member, if you would like to give us some feedback or share any ideas that might support our students access these opportunities, please feel free to complete this [feedback form](#).

PERIOD PRODUCTS

The Ministry of Education has rolled out an initiative that provides all our girls, who require them, with period products. With the increasing cost of living and pressures on households, we would like to offer this initiative to our community. We have bags of products available at the office for any of our girls who require them. Simply ask our lovely office ladies for a bag of products and they will be supplied no questions asked, so no need to feel shy. There is also dispensers available in the tech toilet and the sick bay toilet for those in need.

MISSING CROCS



Crocs found on our school grounds. They are named . If you believe they are your's call the school office on 07 888 7221

EPRO8 CHALLENGE

The Epro 8 engineering challenge is a highlight for our students each year. We began with class challenges. Last week 36 students took part in the MIS challenge. Tonight our top two MIS teams competed in the regional quarter finals in Morrinsville.

Congratulations to Jackson, Eli, Dan and Blake for coming 7th overall, and to Flynn, Konrad, Oliver and Latham winning 3rd Place in a tense tiebreaker challenge and progressing to the Semi finals next term.

A big thank you to all of the parents who supported the teams, and to Miss Ganas, Miss Smallbone, Mr Lilo and Miss J who judged and supported our school challenge.



NETSAFE - Staying Safe Online: Snapchat and Privacy

- Snapchat is a popular messaging app that lets users exchange pictures and videos (snaps) that are meant to disappear after they're viewed. Many young people love Snapchat but it's important that they understand how to protect their privacy on the app.
- Check out Netsafe's [Privacy on Snapchat](#) page for some helpful information on Snapchat's features. You can also find out more information about privacy, security and safety on [Snapchat's help centre](#).

INTER-INTERMEDIATE DRAMA DAY

On Tuesday 26 March, a group of MIS students attended the drama day hosted at Fairfield Intermediate.

Over the course of the day our students were challenged through games, had to choose a fairytale, sort music, cast character roles, get props and finally perform the fairytale in front of a crowd.

Our students did so well and their creative sides really came through. They enjoyed the input from the St Paul's senior drama students who came to assist as coaches for the day.

The final performances were hilarious and showcased the incredible talent of the students that were there. Thank you Mrs P-E for supporting this day.



Shout out to Mila who recently competed in the WBOP mountain bike champs and placed 2nd. Awesome effort Mila!



INTER-INTERMEDIATE TOUCH RUGBY

Our two teams that went to the WIMS inter-inter Touch tournament had an awesome day with impressive results.

The Boys team finished 3rd out of 9 teams. They had 3 wins from their 4 games in pool play which put them into the semi-finals. First and second were far beyond everyone and so to make it to the semi's and be the best of the rest, was what they deserved and what they worked hard to eventually achieve.

The Girls team finished 7th out of 10 teams. They had 2 wins and 3 losses (2 of the losses were very close games within a point). They finished strong beating Cambridge 4 - 0 in their playoff game which was an awesome way to finish the tournament.

J SWAP VISIT

Rm4 organised with J Swap for one of their amazing fleet of trucks to come and visit our school to provide some inspiring ideas for their free writing.

Thank you to J Swap for sending a fully restored Kenworth truck. Thank you to Dave from J Swap stock foods for taking time out of his day to make Nathan's dreams come true and answer questions from the students.



GIRLS RUGBY DRILLS SESSION

Roelien du Plessis from Waikato Rugby spent the afternoon with some of our girls running a drills session and passing on her wisdom.



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



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Featuring one of our MIS Students

NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE **DIARY** of a Wimpy Kid **THE MUSICAL**

60 minute version

BOOK BY **Kevin del Aguila** MUSIC AND LYRICS BY **Michael Mahler & Alan Schmuckler**

Friday April 26 - 2:00 & 7:00pm
DOROTHY WINSTONE CENTRE
 16 Howe St, Freeman Bay, Auckland

Based on the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" Book Series by Jeff Kinney and the 20th Century Fox Films.

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FIRTH TOWER MUSEUM

April 2024

Step into history at Firth Tower this school holidays

Included in your admission charge and available every operational day from the first Saturday to the last Sunday of the school holidays, come with your family to enjoy our activities together.

Family passes (2 adults and 2 school aged children) for \$20.

Please check our website for operational days, building closures and admission charges.

www.firhtower.co.nz

Keep up to date by following our Facebook Page

Firth Tower Reserve and Museum



Collecting acorns for the pigs

Kite making and paper planes

Isaac Hopkins and the bees

Hang out the washing

Morse code and count the poppies in the barn

Indoor and outdoor Victorian games

Silent movies

April 2024

8:30-3:00 \$40.00
 8:00-4:00 \$45.00
 8:00-5:00 \$50.00
 8:00-6:00 \$55.00

Some days will incur additional charges for our outings. These will be included in the price shown at the time of booking.

Vet Day Mon 15 Apr When your cat or dog is sick, we go to the vet. But what does a vet actually do? They're coming in to tell us.	Marshalls Tue 16 Apr Come along to Marshalls with us. Get up close and even feed some animals.	Matamata Pools Wed 17 Apr Bring your toys for a fun day out at Matamata Pools!	Hamilton Zoo Thu 18 Apr We're heading to the zoo to see some animals that you just can't meet every day in NZ!	Bluey & Shared Lunch Fri 19 Apr Bring something to share for lunch, and enjoy some Bluey-themed fun.
Firth Tower Mon 22 Apr Let's head to Firth Tower and check out their new transport exhibit.	Flying Museum Tue 23 Apr We're going to the flying museum in Tauranga to learn about about flight and see some awesome planes.	Wednesday Wheels Wed 24 Apr Bring your scooters, bikes, etc (even RC cars) for some challenges and free play.	ANZAC DAY Thu 25 Apr Closed for ANZAC Day.	Cambridge Pools Fri 26 Apr We're off to Cambridge pools for some water fun, with a scavenger hunt on the way!

Please remember your drink bottle and sunhat every day, and bring a rain jacket for all outings.

For more information, call 02108946476 or email ashley@starfishservices.org.nz

Book now at starfishservices.org.nz

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VOLLEYBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

When : Tues 23 April & Wed 24 April
 Time : 9:00am - 3:00pm each day
 Where : Cambridge High School Gym
 Cost : \$40 for 1 day or \$70 for 2 days

Volleyball skills, drills, games, and other activities for yr 5 to yr 8 students

Bring your lunch, water bottle, and non marking shoes.
 A bake stall will be running (\$2 items) at lunch time.

For info and registration please email : volleyball@camhigh.school.nz

April School Holidays at Matamata-Piako Libraries

Domino Challenge Monday 15 April
 Come to the library to build a domino train! Compete against the other libraries and the Mayor will choose a winner. Eye spy competition on as well. For ages 5 to 13.

Frankentoys Wednesday 17 April
 Bring your old toys along and mix and match their parts to create new toys. For ages 5 to 13.

Balloon Car Race Monday 22 April
 Make a balloon car and have a race in the library. We'll also be making toy parachutes. For ages 5 to 13.

Make Your Own Yoyo Wednesday 24 April
 Join us to make your own yoyo, and learn how to play with this classic toy. For ages 5 to 13.

Game Swap Saturday 27 April
 Bring along your old games, and swap with someone else or one of ours. Please bring complete/intact games only to share. For ages 5 to 13.

All sessions run 10.30-11.30am Sign up at mpdc.nz/libraryholiday

In whare pukunui o matamata-piako libraries

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YEAR 5-8 STUDENTS MULTI-SPORT GIVE-IT-A-GO

\$20 PER DAY
 CHOOSE 1, 2 OR 3 DAYS

Join the Waikato Sport organisation and give sport a go these holidays! Netball, Volleyball, Football, Touch, Rugby, Fencing, Softball, Ultimate Frisbee, Cricket and so much more including accessible trikes and games!

Day 1: Tuesday 16th April
 Day 2: Wednesday 17th April
 Day 3: Thursday 18th April 9am-3pm
 Fraser High School, Hamilton

Register before Sunday 14th April at tinyurl.com/MultiSportHolidays