



Matamata Intermediate

16th November 2023

Teena taatou e te whaanau

I am so proud of the resilience our students are showing around camp. Each time I pop out, there are lots of smiling faces and adventure stories to be told. For some students, camp is a big challenge being away from home and with their peers, so seeing and hearing how well they are doing, is a credit to the students, teachers and parents.

I was reminded that we have 22 days of school left. Over these last few weeks our focus remains on learning and ensuring every last little bit of progress is made to set up our students for success in 2024, either as our new year 8's or as they move onto secondary school, as year 9's. We will continue to have our CCC focus, as sitting alongside our learning programme, we continue to develop young people to be the best versions of themselves and to equip them with the skills for positive interactions and friendships. This week, we had a playground assessment run by Poutama Pounamu, Waikato University, to evaluate how our students interact with each other in our environment. They were so impressed with the connection our students have and their ability to use de-escalation strategies to navigate play. This is affirming for us as it shows our CCC programme is having a positive impact on our environment. What was identified was that the language (words) some of our students are using, is not school appropriate. Swearing is not ok at school and this will be a deliberate focus and work on over the next few weeks.

Ngaa mihi nui
Debbie Currie

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 21st November -
Orientation Day

Wednesday 22nd November -
Year 8 Immunisations

Monday 27th November -
Teacher Only Day

Wednesday 29th November -
Year 8 Visits to Matamata College

Thursday 30th November -
Inter-Intermediate Athletics

Wednesday 6th December -
Sports prizegiving

Friday 8th December -
Mangawhero Whaanau
Celebration

Monday 11th December - Piako
Whaanau Celebration

Tuesday 12th December -
Waihou Whaanau Celebration

Wednesday 13th December -
Waitoa Whaanau Celebration

Thursday 14th December -
Graduation Dance

Friday 15th December -
Formal Prizegiving

INTER-INTERMEDIATE SOFTBALL

On Wednesday 7th November Matamata Int sent a Girls and a Boys team to the WIMS softball tournament. It was a beautiful sunny day and both teams played in great spirit and skill. They improved every game even though there were many first timers and it's not a sport played in Matamata.

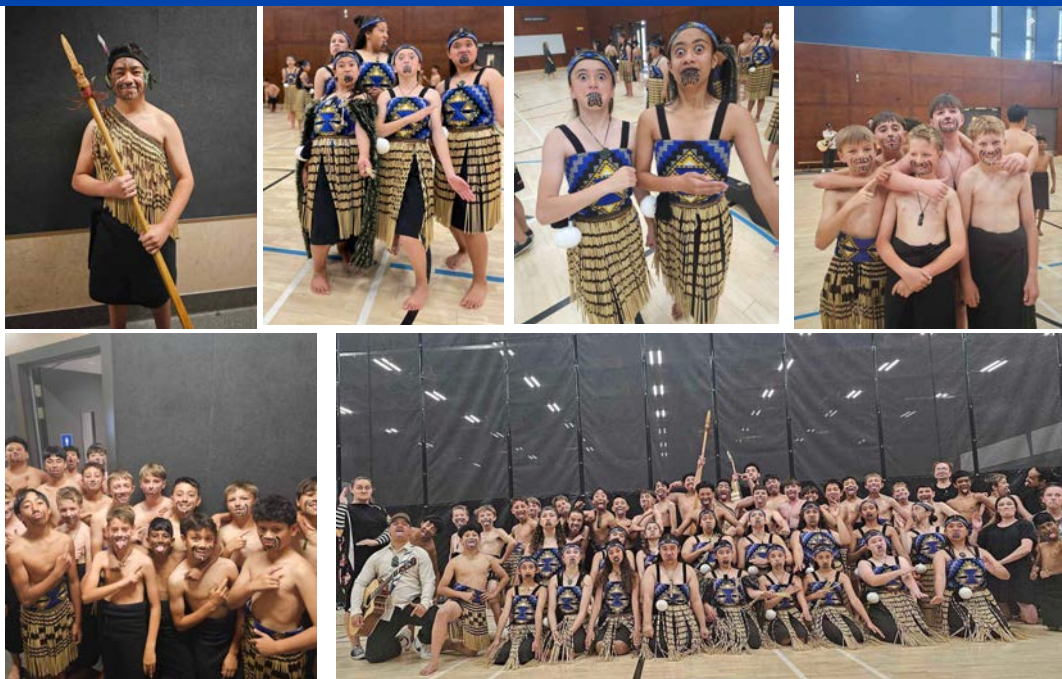
The Girls team had 2 wins in their 6 games. 2 of their losses were within 1 run and could've gone either way. They finished 4th.

The Boys team had 3 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses. 2 of their losses were within 1 run also. They finished 6th.

With 3 year 7's being part of this event, they are prepared and excited to have another go next year.



KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL



Ka mau te wehi! Our Roopu Atamira not only represented our kura and whaanau with immense mana and passion, but they thoroughly enjoyed themselves doing it! The bus ride home was booming with their continuing renditions of haka. He mihi nui ki a raatou, tau kee koutou ma!!! Also, he mihi mahana ki ngaa whaanau, that were able to come along and tautoko our roopu. It was a most excellent day

SUPERHERO DAY



We have a school of superheroes - some dressed up to support Ronald McDonald house, others are a key part of our school everyday, and we acknowledge them too.

Our student forum, office receptionists, environment team, lunch monitors, breakfast club, van crew, police and of course our awesome students and staff.



CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Hunter Rae was privileged to represent the Cook Islands in the u14 boys touch team at the Pacific Cup tournament in Auckland on 4 November. It was a wonderful experience as the teams celebrated their culture & playing sport. The team came away undefeated with wins against Samoa 9-0, Tonga 8-0, Ngaa Tini o Tainui 7-2 and Ngaati Wai 7-3.



Indi Urwin raced at the North Island Kart Champs in Wellington. Racing the U13yr Mini Rok class against all boys, she qualified top 20. Having a blinder in the pre-final she raced all the way up to secure 11th spot on the grid for the final. After a wild start to the finals with a big crash in the field causing a red flag and a full re-start, Indi made some epic passes on the high speed corners to secure 16th overall for the weekend.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH
Join the Summer Reading Challenge for 5-13 year olds.

1st Dec - 27 Jan

Sign up on the Beanstack app, and get your challenge booklet from the library. Read for 10 hours, write 2 book reviews and check-in with a librarian to complete the challenge.

You'll get a SwimZone voucher after 5 hours reading, and a \$10 Paper Plus voucher when you complete the challenge. Come along to the drop-in activities at the library from 4 December to 27 January - check our website for details.

mpdc.nz/libraryholiday

TEACHER ONLY DAY
MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Stuck for childcare for the upcoming Teacher Only Day?
The Starfish Childcare team have you covered

We're hosting a fun-filled programme
at Firth Primary School 8:30am - 3:00pm

For more information or to book get in touch with Ash
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