



# Matamata Intermediate

Term 3 Week 2

Kia Ora e te Whānau

As we move forward into Term 3, I am excited to share our focus on empowering students, as leaders, to help build a positive and enriching learning environment for all. We believe that leadership is not only about guiding others but also about fostering a community where everyone feels valued, respected, and motivated to succeed.

Student leaders play a crucial role in shaping the culture of our school. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment to excellence can inspire their peers and contribute significantly to a supportive and inclusive atmosphere. By nurturing these young leaders, we aim to create an environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive both academically and personally.

To achieve this, we are implementing several initiatives that will provide our student leaders with the skills, knowledge, and platforms they need to make a positive impact. These initiatives include:

1. **Leadership Training Program:** We have a group of students, working with Whaea Hayley, who are involved in workshops and seminars run by Waikato University. These focus on developing essential leadership skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and conflict resolution.
2. **Student Voice Group:** Miss J works with another group of students who voice their ideas, plan events, and work on feedback that enhance the school community. These groups will play an integral role in decision-making processes and school activities and at the moment are developing our CCC ru
3. **Leadership across the school:** In a number of aspects of school life, there are opportunities for our students to develop leadership skills and to have responsibility for targeted projects. These include things like the running of Breakfast Club, Lunchtime clubs, Office support, Enviro Schools ....
4. **Positive Role Modeling:** We encourage all our student leaders to set a positive example for their peers by demonstrating respect, responsibility, and a commitment to academic and personal growth.

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## UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 6th August -  
Inter-Boys 7s

Tuesday 13th August -  
Inter-Cross Country

Wednesday 14th August -  
Waimaths

## CONTINUED...

By investing in the development of our student leaders, we are not only preparing them for future success but also creating a school culture where positivity, collaboration, and mutual support are the norms. We believe that when students take an active role in shaping their environment, they become more engaged, motivated, and connected to their school community.

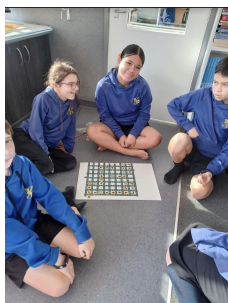
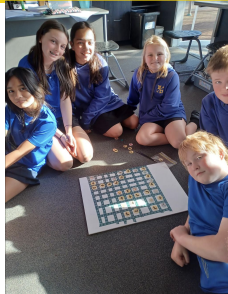
This engagement and motivation from students can be seen in their own academic learning and progress. I have shared a few examples of this later in the newsletter.

Ngā mihi  
Debbie Currie  
Principal

### UNPLUGGED CODING

This week Ruma Tahī engaged in some Unplugged Coding. This is when you use computational skills BUT without a computer. Our focus is following a School Kit called Story Vets. We start by looking at fairy tales. We will then become vets and use diagnostic skills to solve medical issues with animals in the fairy tales, and there will be a mystery at the end!

The photos are of the students creating algorithms (a set of instructions) that a character from a fairy tale has to follow to get to their destination. If we did not get the sequence right, our character was in limbo and we needed to start again. Eventually, the students will also do this coding online BUT Ruma Tahī and MIS like the offline stuff too!!



### MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE

#### ..... REMINDER .....

School starts at 8:50am

Please make sure your child arrives at school before 8:50am and is in class ready to learn as soon as the bell rings.

Please send us a Skool Loop message if your child is going to be absent or call on 07 888 7221



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## STUDENT LEADER INITIATIVE

We've had a bit of a wet start to Term 3 - perhaps our new 'Thunder Ball' courts are appropriately named.

A big thank you to some of our student leaders - Kaea, Carter, Hosea, Austin and Zako for setting up this game for us. It's cool to see your initiative and motivation go towards something that is beneficial to not only present students, but future too.



## TRAP MAKING WITH ROOM 4



On Thursday the 25th July our class (Room 4) made rat traps for our Kaitiakitanga unit with some knowledgeable people from Predator Free Matamata. It was fun learning about different kinds of pests and the impact they have on our environment. We got to build tunnel traps and learn how to identify the two species of rats we have here in New Zealand. Predator Free Matamata taught us how to set the traps safely, what bait to use in order to attract rats and taught us to set the traps along the edge of buildings, near compost bins or where other rats have been. Our class learnt a lot and had so much fun with this hands-on learning!

By Charlotte and Leah (Room 4).

## INDI URWIN



Our very own Indi Urwin has been racing at the SKUSA kart national champs round in Indianapolis, USA. A very exciting opportunity for her!

She has finished all her racing and finished 18th out of 31 in the final today.

Indi was the only girl racing in her class and most of the kids drive full time over there so she was so happy to be in the mix.

Indi's looking forward to getting back to school and we are looking forward to having her back.

Well done Indi! Ka pai to mahi.

## NETSAFE WEEK

Our Snapchat Family Toolkit is your ultimate guide to navigating Snapchat safely. Designed with whānau and teens in mind, this resource helps you discover essential features like privacy settings, safe communication tips, and family safety controls. Get excited about keeping the whole family protected while connected to friends, and each other, using our easy-to-use introductory guide. [Click here for more information.](#)

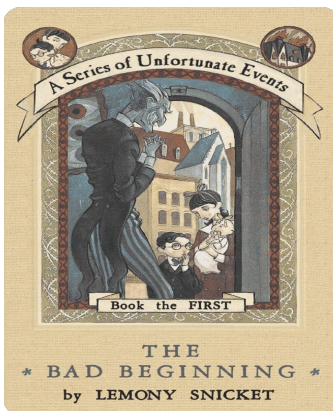
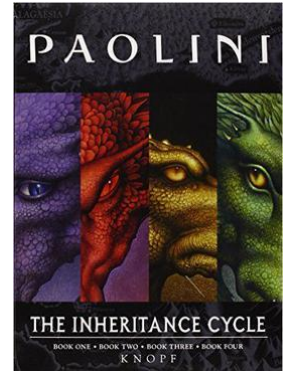
## KAIĀWHINA KORERO

The other morning, when I was popping in and out of classes before school, I came across a group of boys in Room 7 who were fully engaged in a conversation about the books they were reading. I asked them to share a couple of novels for others to enjoy.

### The Inheritance Cycle

The Inheritance Cycle is an action packed, amazing series of books by Christopher Paolini that ends with an exciting ending in every book. It starts off with Eragon, a farm boy in Carvahall who finds a dragon egg.

Here is the blurb: When Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest, he thinks it is a lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatching, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the empire itself. Overnight his simple life shattered, and he is thrust into a perilous new world of destiny, magic, and power. Can Eragon take up the mantle of the legendary dragon riders? The fate of the empire may rest in his hands. The boys in R7 have really enjoyed reading this series.



### A Series Of Unfortunate Events

A Series of Unfortunate Events is a series of books by Lemony Snicket. Beware this series is not for the faint hearted. In the first book, the Baudelaire siblings encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune and cold porridge for breakfast.

Every book makes you want to read the next one.

There are thirteen books in the series and every book has thirteen chapters. The boys in R7 rate these books very highly.

**LATE TO SCHOOL**

A reminder to please sign-in at the front office if you are late to school in the mornings.



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES




**Festival of Flowers Inc**

To be held at the Matamata-Piako Civic Centre  
6th-9th November 2024  
Weds, Thurs, Fri - 9am - 7.30pm, Sat 9am - 3pm  
This year's theme:

## WILD Wonderful WORLD

For over 50 years a dedicated team of volunteers have organised and brought together a festival of floral creations which tell an incredible story.

Floral art groups from across local regions are involved in creating the visual displays which showcase flora and their own flair to make a magnificent show for all ages.


We have lots of new and exciting floral artists taking part in this year's event and invite you to come along and check it out!

Tickets: Adults \$15  
Children up to 12 years \$8 Children Under 5 FREE  
Season Pass \$30

If you would like to get involved, purchase tickets or need any further information please contact:

Website: [www.matamatafoc.com](http://www.matamatafoc.com)  
Email: [matamatafoc@yahoo.com](mailto:matamatafoc@yahoo.com)  
Matamata Festival of Flowers Inc.

Any profit from the event is donated to local charities.

## 5 STEPS TO ENTER THE COMPETITION

- Compose your own original poem
- Record either a video or audio of you performing your poem
- If you are having trouble recording, see one of our helpful librarians
- Upload your recording to [mpdc.nz/poetry](http://mpdc.nz/poetry) before 31 August
- Winners will be announced and will receive a trophy and a gift voucher

# Poetry Podcast Competition

1 August - 31 August 2024

[mpdc.nz/poetry](http://mpdc.nz/poetry)

The competition is open to all ages and there will be categories for children, teens and adults. A winner will be selected in each category and will be announced once judging is complete. Good luck!

## Rental home in town coming available

2-3 bedrooms (2 bedrooms with wardrobes, one room could be used as an office space).

Coming available end of August.

Please contact Giselle on 0277391598 for more information.




## YEAR 7-10 TOURNAMENT!

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST - 9AM

Cost: \$60 per team!

Enter: [Click Link](#)

Entries close: 4th August

Enquiries: [admin@cambridgenetball.co.nz](mailto:admin@cambridgenetball.co.nz)

Teams must supply own bibs and balls!



This is a fund raiser for our 2024 Rep teams - CNC Under 14's & Under 16's and our CNC Opens Team!

**REGISTER NOW!**

[www.cambridgenetball.co.nz](http://www.cambridgenetball.co.nz)

Canteen & sausage sizzle onsite and Coffee Cart! - cash or eftpos

This is up to individual teams and coaches to enter, make payment, arrange umpire and transport etc.

Click here for more [information](#)

# MISSING DOG



## BULLET

**BREED:** BEAGLE, **SIZE:** MEDIUM **AGE:** 8  
**LAST SEEN:** 17TH JULY - MATAMATA. RUNNING ALONG HINUERA ROAD - PUKETUTU ROAD INTERSECTION DOWN THE RACECOURSE SIDE - WANDERED FROM TE AKAU MAIN STABLE

## REWARD FOR RETURN

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, PLEASE CONTACT TE AKAU RACING ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR

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