



Matamata Intermediate

Term 4 Week 8

Principal's Message: Celebrating Achievement and Building Resilience

Kia ora e te whānau

Over the next few days, we have a number of special celebrations to mark the end of the year. Prize Givings are a time-honored tradition that allows us to reflect on the year's successes and celebrate the incredible achievements of our students. This year, we will be retiring some of our long-standing trophies, each filled with names and memories that span generations. These cups represent a rich history of excellence, dedication, and community support—a legacy we cherish deeply.

In their place, we welcome new trophies to continue the tradition, creating space for a new generation of names and accomplishments. While not every student will receive an award, we encourage all of our young people to take pride in their efforts, knowing that giving your best is an achievement in itself.

Prizegiving is not just about recognition; it's about celebrating hard work, perseverance, and growth. It's also an opportunity to build resilience. Missing out on an award can be a valuable lesson in perseverance, helping our students develop the strength to keep striving and the courage to celebrate others' success.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from our community, which plays a vital role in making these celebrations meaningful. Together, we continue to nurture an environment where every student can thrive, be inspired, and feel valued.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us. We look forward to celebrating the many achievements of our students and the spirit of our school community.

Warm regards,
Ngā mihi nui

Debbie

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 5th December -
Sports Prizegiving

Friday 6th December -
Waihou whānau day

Monday 9th December -
Waitoa whānau day

Tuesday 10th December -
Mangawhero whānau day

Wednesday 11th December -
Piako whānau day

Thursday 12th December -
Year 8 Graduation Dance

Friday 13th December -
Formal Prizegiving



Prizegivings

WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US

SPORT PRIZEGIVING: Arrive 11:15am - 11:30am start
Thursday 5th Dec

WHAANAU CELEBRATIONS: Arrive 11:15am - 11:30am start
Waihou - Friday 6th Dec

Waitoa - Monday 9th Dec

Mangawhero - Tuesday 10th Dec

Piako - Wednesday 11th Dec

FORMAL PRIZEGIVING: Arrive 12.30pm - 12.45pm start
Friday 13th Dec



WHĀNAU CELEBRATIONS 2024

MIS School Hall

11:15am - Arrive

11:30am - Whānau Prize Giving

12:15pm - Shared Kai

WHĀIA TE KĀHA

Students bring some kai to share
Whānau please stay and join us for kai



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



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CAMP

All our classes are now back from camp and have had a rich and meaningful experience with this Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC).

Organising EOTC experiences, particularly camps, comes with significant planning and responsibility. Schools must navigate complex safety requirements to ensure the well-being of all participants. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to offering these invaluable opportunities because we believe they enrich our students' education in ways that classroom learning alone cannot.

We are extremely fortunate to have a team of highly skilled and dedicated staff who have meticulously planned and led our recent camps. Their expertise and commitment to student safety have made these experiences both meaningful and safe. Their qualifications and work in this area include:

- Writing and facilitating "Planning Safe Water Based Experiences" and "Revisioning School Camps" courses run through Education Outdoors NZ,
- Master of Education (Waikato University). The research focused on outdoor education in schools
- National Certificate in Recreation (Bush Leader Award)
- Certificate in Education Outside the Classroom
- EONZ Revisioning School Camps
- EONZ and Effective Good Practice Systems for EOTC
- EONZ Planning Safe Water-based Experiences
- Sport and Exercise Science Degree
- RLSS Bronze Medallion and 5 Years Volunteer LifeGuard and Surf
- All our teachers have first aid certificates
- Advanced Outdoor First Aid training

ENVIROGROUP

Our Envirogroup recently held a bake sale and generated \$323.60 which they have decided to gift to these two charities:

Wingspan & Penguin Rescue.



Roblox online safety

Roblox can be a fun, creative, and educational platform for children, but it's important for parents and carers to be aware of the potential risks. By understanding how Roblox works, using the available safety settings, and maintaining open communication with your child, you can ensure a safer and more enjoyable experience on the platform. [Click here for more information](#)

SUBWAY FOR 2025

Any parents who used the LunchOnline App for ordering Subway, just a reminder that we will be sticking with just the SubwayExpress app from 2025 onwards.

If you have a credit on your LunchOnline app, you will need to use it up this term.



TODD LIND AND CLOUDY



MIS is very proud of Year 7 student Todd Lind and his goat Cloudy, who received all these awards - just this year!

What a maa-rvelous team!

MAKUHARI HOMESTAY FAMILIES

If your family would like to have a Japanese student for 12 days from 7th-19th March 2025, then please fill out the form here.

<https://forms.gle/XSJUcd6CoBTSzW4y8>

The student would stay with you and join in with the normal life of your family, Special day trips are organised during the school week for the Japanese group and the rest of the week, Japanese students attend school with your child.

We have 23 students coming to us this year so we would love to hear from you if you are interested.

Host families will be confirmed and more details will be sent out in February 2025.



MAKUHARI HOMESTAY

23 FAMILIES REQUIRED

7 TH - 19 TH MARCH 2025

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES




Matamata College 1st VX Australia Rugby Tour Fundraiser

Hay Pick Up Stack Covering Function Waiters Any job considered

The COMAG Matamata College 1st XV Rugby team are travelling to Australia in 2025 and need your help to get them there

CALL PAUL TO DISCUSS 027 284 9752



Starfish Health & Wellbeing Centre

Summer 2024-25 Holiday Programme

8:30-9:00 \$40
8:00-4:00 \$45
8:00-5:00 \$50
8:00-6:00 \$55

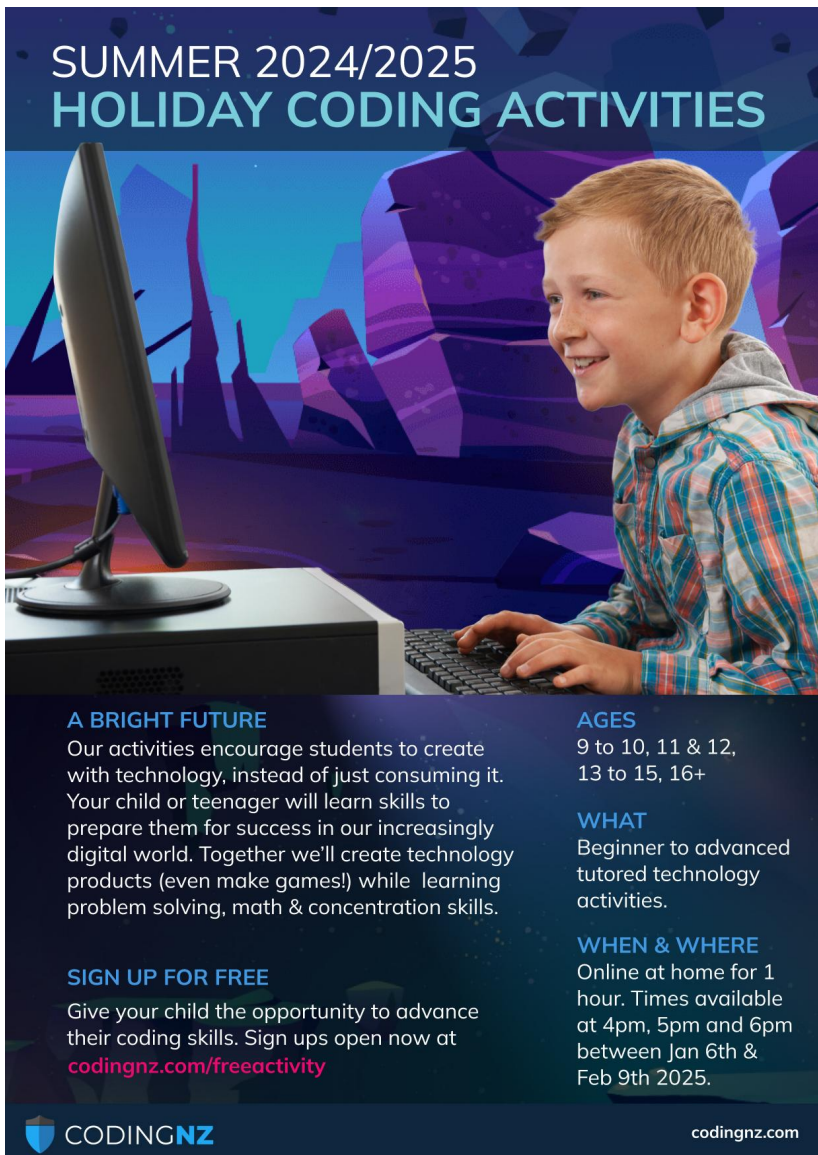
Some days will incur additional charges for outings. These will be included in the price shown at the time of booking.

Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec 16-20	CHRISTMAS KARAOKE AND GAMES	MATAMATA POOLS	MAKE YOUR OWN DECORATIONS AND DECORATE OUR SPACE	GINGERBREAD HOUSES	CHRISTMAS GAMES AND SNACKS 1PM FINISH
Jan 6-10	CAMRING DAY	MATAMATA POOLS	PAINT THE WORLD!	GARDENING DAY	WATER DAY
Jan 13-17	WATER DAY	AMAZEME ROTORIA	CAMBRIDGE POOLS	AMAZING RACE	TALENT SHOW
Jan 20-24	KIDS VS ADULTS WATER FIGHT	MATAMATA POOLS	EMERGENCY SERVICES VISIT	TU RIDGE (ROTORUA)	PARTY DAY SHARED LUNCH
Jan 27-28	AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY NO PROGRAMME	WIND-DOWN DAY			

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

Venue: Matamata Christian School, 91 A Smith Street, Matamata. To book now visit www.starfishservices.org.nz

For more information call 022 095 7261 Or email childcare@starfishservices.org.nz



SUMMER 2024/2025 HOLIDAY CODING ACTIVITIES

A BRIGHT FUTURE
Our activities encourage students to create with technology, instead of just consuming it. Your child or teenager will learn skills to prepare them for success in our increasingly digital world. Together we'll create technology products (even make games!) while learning problem solving, math & concentration skills.

AGES
9 to 10, 11 & 12, 13 to 15, 16+

WHAT
Beginner to advanced tutored technology activities.

WHEN & WHERE
Online at home for 1 hour. Times available at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm between Jan 6th & Feb 9th 2025.

SIGN UP FOR FREE
Give your child the opportunity to advance their coding skills. Sign ups open now at codingnz.com/freeactivity

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- 1 hour online at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm. Sessions available between Jan 6 & Feb 9 2025.

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