



Matamata Intermediate

27th July 2023

Teena Taatou e te whaanau

Welcome to the second half of the year. As I write this, we are looking forward to Learning Conferences (which will have occurred by the time you read this) and setting up the learning focus for each of our students, for the next 2 terms. I am sure the second half of this year will fly and we look forward to celebrating progress and achievements along the way.

Over the past 2 years, we have been engaging with our local iwi around Maaori kupu that encapsulate the sentiments of our school values. Translation between languages is often not direct and so we have had a lot of discussion around the choice of words/kupu we will use. We have decided on the following with the intent of both our English and Maaori languages sitting together to capture the deep and complex nuances of our school values:

Ngaakau Aroha - Consideration

Manawanui - Commitment

Tika - Common Sense

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 1st August -
Inter-Intermediate Girls 7's

Tuesday 8th August -
Inter-Intermediate Boys 7's

Tuesday 8th August -
Waimaths

Friday 11th August -
Matamata Piako
Gymnastics Festival

Tuesday 15th August -
Inter-Intermediate cross
country

Tuesday 22nd August -
Inter-Intermediate Netball

Wednesday 23rd August -
Daffodil Day - Non-Uniform
day

Friday 25th August -
Tough Guy, Tough Girl
Rotorua

2nd - 8th September -
AIMS Games

There is something special about language and the ability to express ourselves.

"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world. One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way."

Ludwig Wittgenstein and Frank Smith

Thank you to all those, past and present, who contributed to our school values.

Ngaa mihi nui
Debbie Currie

CCC Values - Explanation of our Maaori kupu

Ngaakau Aroha (Consideration)

Ngaakau (noun) seat of affection, heart, mind and soul

Aroha (verb) to love. It is our connecting energy when you break down the kupu. aro=presence and ha=breath. Aroha is the greatest power of all energies. It is the source of life, the essence of the heart.

With this in mind it means that all decisions we make are driven by our heart, mind and spirit to consider others, our environment and ourselves.

Manawanui (Commitment)

Manawanui (verb) to be steadfast, stout-hearted, unwavering, resolute, persistent, unswerving, staunch.

Manawa meaning heart and nui large or big. This conveys the meaning of big effort therefore, commitment to whatever it is you set your heart to achieve

Tika (Common Sense)

Tika (verb) to be correct, true, upright, right, just, fair, accurate, appropriate, lawful, proper, valid.

It is knowing what is right or good.

The kororero around this kupu was that it could be confused that there is just a right and wrong way of doing something. However, we discussed how this is to root word to tikanga. Tikanga is governed by guiding principles and values however, there is flexibility within this. E.g. at Marae if there is no one to perform karanga it is ok to go on without one if this is communicated with tangata whenua this is tika showing common sense. However, it would not be tika if Beyonce was there and she sang 'Survivor'.

One the first day of term, we had a Mihi whakatau to welcome our new MIS members. Whaea Carol wrote a special song for the occasion.

Kia tau ki konei

Haere mai rā ki konei
Ki te pā Matamata
E hine mā, e tama mā
Haere mai rā.

Kia tau ki konei
Kia kaha rā
Me whaia koutou i ō koutou moemoea.
Ngā mahi toi, hākinakina, mātauranga, ana,
kia tika, manawanui, ngākau aroha.

Welcome to this place here
To our place in Matamata
To the young girls and the boys
We welcome you in.

Please be at ease here
And do your best
Please chase your dreams, find a passion, and a friend.
Whether its arts, whether its sports, whether it's education,
Common sense, Commitment, and Consideration.
So give your best in what you do.
It's up to you!



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



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LEARNING FOR THIS TERM

Our Schoolwide Learning Focus this term is Whakanoho (Dwelling).

This provides a context for our learning whilst students and teachers engage in targeted learning around reading, writing and maths.

Term Three Whakanoho -Dwelling

- What does it mean to dwell, settle, fix in place, cause to sit?
- What do we give to and take from our dwelling places?
- How do experiences of dwelling differ between individuals and groups?

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. The tricky part is the girls accessing the products. At the moment, they are able to come to the office and collect a bag but not many are accessing this. We will hold an assembly before the end of the term and talk to the girls and make them aware they are able to collect sufficient product, each month, to both use at school and take home.



REVIEWS FOR TERM 3

We invite you to visit the site at

<https://matamataint.schooldocs.co.nz>

(note that there's no "www").

Our username is "matamataint" and password "policy".

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

As part of our Emergency Management Plan annual review please remember to to update any changes to your child's emergency contacts, with the school office.



We would like to take the time to mention who those members of the community are that have contributed to your school, they are listed as follows:

Pollock Patch Limited

D F & K M J Olesen Partnership

DG & LM Anderson

Longacre Properties Ltd

Bax Farm Trust

MA & SL Gillingham Ltd -

RENOVATIONS

With one block of classes finished their renovations we are now onto our next set of classrooms. We are so pleased with the new spaces and the opportunity it provides for greater learning spaces and functionality. We look forward to the whole project being completed but as we all know, good things take time.



Rm7, 8, 9 and 10 renos have started

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEW GIRLS ONLY FANTAILS PROGRAMME - Only \$20 for the whole of term 3!

Are you looking for something to keep your daughter active during term 3? A new girls only football programme - FANTAILS - is being launched in Matamata to coincide with the start of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 in New Zealand and Australia.

Fantails is designed for girls aged 4-12 years who want to give football a go in a fun, safe, no pressure environment. Sessions are focused on helping girls make friends, improve their skills, and be active through football.

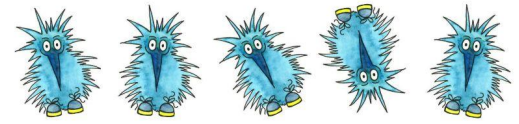
Matamata's Fantails programme **begins on Friday July 28**. Sessions will run on Friday evenings at the Matamata Domain - under lights from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Visit the Matamata Swifts website for more information and to register your child:
<https://matamataswifts.com/juniors/fantails/>



LAMBS AVAILABLE

FREE 3 Day old weather lambs. They have had colostrum from mum, navel dipped and have had scabby mouth vaccine. Pick up on Farm, 5min from Arapuni village. We have hundreds coming in from now until end of August. Any numbers from 1-50 lamb pick up welcomed. Contact Emma 0274693743 or Scott 0273426375.



FRAZZLED KIWI ADVENTURE RACE

Sun 20 Aug 2023 | Cambridge

WAIPA
HOME OF CHAMPIONS



FRAZZLED KIWI ADVENTURE RACE, CAMBRIDGE - Sunday 20 AUGUST 2023

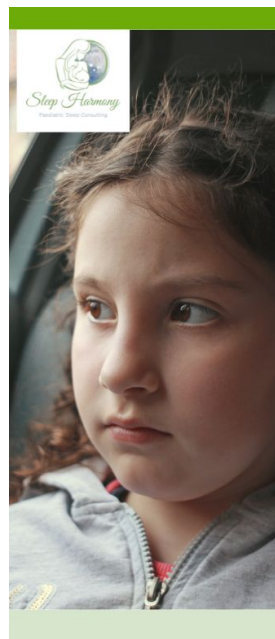
For students and whānau who love the outdoors, maps, adventures, team challenges and having fun in our beautiful taiao - join the Frazzled Kiwi fun on Sunday 20 August in Cambridge.

The course is designed for students and families as well as adult social & work teams of 2 - 5 people. Frazzled Kiwi is a fun introduction to adventure racing - use your course map and clue sheet to find checkpoints and complete fun mystery activities. While Frazzled Kiwi is a run/trek only adventure race, it's still 100% a team sport - you must stick together on the course.

For more information and to register your team, visit:
<https://soakedinadventure.co.nz/frazzled-kiwi-cambridge/>

KEY INFORMATION:

Course length: 6-7km [complete within 1.5 - 3hrs]
Date: Sunday 20 August 2023
Key times: 8.30am registration; 9.45am race briefing; 10am race start; 1pm prizegiving
Cost per person: \$35



Is it hard to get your child to school on time?

Most children are chronically overtired which can mean that they are hard to wake, slow moving, grumpy and unmotivated in the mornings. This often means that mornings are stressful for everyone, they are late to school and you are late to work.

Turn this around and make mornings easier for your family by prioritizing sleep.

Book in for a call with a qualified sleep consultant who specialises in sleep for 0-13 year olds

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