



Matamata Intermediate

21st March 2024

Tēnā koutou e te Whānau

We are nearly at the end of term, with a wee break for Easter coming up. Just a reminder that the Tuesday of Easter weekend is a school national holiday, so it is a 5 day weekend for all schools. I'm not sure of the history behind why this day is a holiday? If anyone does know, I'd love you to let me know.

We have had a lovely summer and now the school pool is closed. Having a school swimming pool is an asset that helps all of our students with this life skill. Water safety in New Zealand is so important and we will open the pool again in Term 4, to pick up as we move into the 2024/25 summer.

Another important skill is our ability to stay safe online. This week, our CCC lessons have focused on our school expectations for device and phone use. Our lesson had a focus on using technology appropriately and also looked at the impact it has on our well being.

Thank you for the support on Tuesday, allowing our teachers to attend the Paid Union Meeting. We have a great team at MIS, who aim to provide opportunities and experiences both inside and outside of the classrooms. We really appreciate your understanding around the afternoon and the time for our team to meet with the wider Matamata NZEI teachers group.

Noho ora mai
Debbie Currie

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 26th March -
Yr 7 and 8 Immunisations

Tuesday 26th March -
Inter-Intermediate Drama Day

Wednesday 27th March -
School EPro8 Challenge

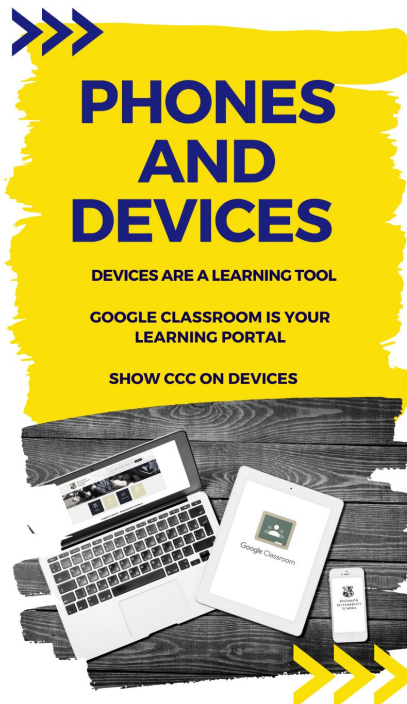
Friday 29th March - Tuesday 2nd April -
Easter Holidays

Wednesday 3rd April -
EPro8 Semi Finals

Friday 12th April - Last day of Term 1

Monday 29th April -
Teachers Only Day

Tuesday 30th April -
First day of Term 2



DIGITAL SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Only use your school account at school
- Don't share your login and password
- Get permission before photographing or filming others
- Do not let others use your personal device
- Immediately close your laptop and tell a teacher if you come across anything inappropriate online



PHONES

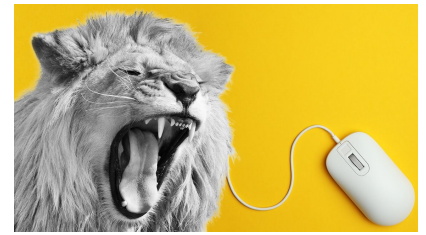
- Student phones are handed in upon arrival into class, including specialist classes
- Phones not handed may be sent to the office for collection by a parent



DEVICES

- Charge your laptop at home
- If you need to charge - do so at the class charging station
- Use your device on a table with the screen visible
- Devices are locked away at breaks and during a lockdown
- When not in use, store your laptop on the class laptop shelf
- Devices are not used during breaks unless Mrs Currie approves a club
- Headphones may be used for learning
- You may not listen to music on your device

One in five young people in New Zealand have been the target of online bullying – it can happen to anyone, and it can be hard for parents and whānau to deal with. We encourage you to visit [Netsafe's Online Bullying Advice for Parents](#) to read more as this site has a significant number of resources to help parents and whānau navigate the online world.



WELCOME



We are pleased to welcome Gemma to our school staff.

As part of our strategic goal: **Te Taiao Akoranga: Foster a learning environment that enhances Mauri Ora, rich in cultural identity and belonging**, we have identified an increasing need to support our students to flourish. Gemma comes with the skills and qualifications to provide this support and we are looking forward to the value she will add to our school pastoral care approach. Thank you to our Board of Trustees for supporting this role.

'My name is Gemma Connor and I am the Kaiawhina for Matamata Intermediate.

I am a mental health clinician who has extensive experience in acute mental health, disability and care and protection work. I am thrilled to work in the community that raised me and support our tamariki with tricky obstacles in their day to day life.'



As the end of term approaches, our lost property shelves are overflowing. Please label your child's uniform, as this helps us return anything found around school to the rightful owner.

MONDAY 29th APRIL

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Matamata Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day.
Term 2 will start Tuesday 30th April.



We currently have reviews in the following policies open; **Parent Involvement, Communicating with Parents and Community Conduct Expectations**

If you would like to contribute to this review, please follow these instructions:

All reviewers

1. Visit the website <https://matamataint.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (matamataint) and password (policy).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".



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



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



We would like to offer families at your school a free trial to MathsBuddy, an online mathematics tutoring program. Check out the [website](#).



JOIN US ON
Easter Tuesday
2 APRIL 2024



CONTACT ASH TO BOOK
021 089 46476
ASHLEY@STARFISHSERVICES.ORG.NZ

holiday programme



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

REAL PARENTS - Webinars

[Upcoming webinar](#) all about managing teens and their screen time on the 30th of April.

And then a [webinar](#) all about the things our teens need to thrive on the 29th of May.

Let's support our teens to balance their screen time!

Come join youth worker Amber to talk all ways we can support our teenagers to have a healthy relationship with their screens and technology

Tuesday 30th of April 7:30 - 9:00 pm

with Q&A

Only \$18!



Bookings essential
<https://events.humanitix.com/balancing-our-teens-screen-time>

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6 Things our teens need to thrive!

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April 2024

8:30-9:00	\$40.00
8:00-9:00	\$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.

Starfish Social Services
91A Smith Street (Matamata Christian School)

Mon 15 Apr Vet Day 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.	Tue 16 Apr Marshalls Come along to Marshalls with us. Get up close and even feed some animals.	Wed 17 Apr Matamata Pools Bring your legs for a fun day out at Matamata Pools!	Thu 18 Apr Hamilton Zoo We're heading to the zoo to see some animals that you just can't meet every day in NZ!	Fri 19 Apr Bluu & Shared Lunch Bring something to share for lunch, and enjoy some Bluu-themed fun!
Mon 22 Apr Firth Tower Let's head to Firth Tower and check out their new transport exhibit!	Tue 23 Apr Flying Museum We're going to the Flying Museum in Taupo to learn about about flight and see some awesome planes.	Wed 24 Apr Wednesday Wheels Bring your scooters, bikes, etc (even RC cars) for some challenges and free play!	Thu 25 Apr ANZAC DAY Closed for ANZAC Day	Fri 26 Apr Cambridge Pools 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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New Zealand
CADET FORCES
Te Taua Taunira o Aotearoa

Recruitment Day!
24th Of March 1000hrs to 1300hrs
Dare to take the challenge

Morrinsville Air Cadets - No. 31 Squadron ATC

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Ready to soar to new heights? Join Morrinsville Air Cadets today and embark on an adventure unlike any other!