



Matamata Intermediate

13th November 2025

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

I can't believe 2025 is drawing to an end! Over the next few weeks, we are looking forward to celebrating the successes of our students and we're excited about what 2026 holds for Matamata Intermediate! Our plans for the year are already shaping up to be something special, and we can't wait to see our students thrive in the engaging learning experiences ahead. We're proud to have an amazing team of dedicated teachers and support staff, with a few new faces joining us this year. We look forward to introducing them to you over the next couple of weeks.

Our focus remains on creating rich, engaging learning that enables every student to flourish — supported by the wide range of opportunities on offer here at Matamata Intermediate.

I hope I have a chance to connect with each of you over the next few weeks of assemblies and celebrations. We have had a fantastic cohort of students, this year, and I am so proud of the growth we have seen in them.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

UPCOMING DATES

**Friday 14th November and
Friday 21st November**
Primary Schools Music Tour

Tuesday 18th November
Inter-Intermediate Ultimate
Frisbee

Friday 21st November
MIS Whānau concert

Tuesday 25th November
Inter-Intermediate Athletics

Friday 28th November
Sports Prizegiving

Check out page 3 of the newsletter for upcoming important events and notices.

Road safety



A BIG THANK YOU to our amazing community who let us know when MIS students aren't getting it right.

Please talk to your children about leaving school safely at the end of the day.

They need to think about where they cross the road (ensuring they can see both ways and not in between buses), or if you are parking on the other side of Smith Street, get out of your car and cross the road with your child. This is especially important on wet days

SEXUALITY UNIT

In term 4, we are teaching our Sexuality unit. Parents/caregivers will have received a letter explaining what is taught during these lessons, giving an outline of our programme and we have an open door policy if anyone would like to come and discuss the unit in more depth. As a school, we have always felt it is important to work with our community to ensure our children are taught appropriate content in a way that is respectful to the diversity of our community. We hold a 2 year Health and Physical Education consultation that goes to our wider community. The level of response to this consultation is always high and we work hard to ensure what we are teaching reflects the needs of our families.



SPECIALIST SUBJECT - FOOD TECH

Our Food Tech students have been making food from around the world. Welsh pikelets, Mexican beef tacos and Indian butter chicken. No packet mixes or pre-made sauces, working from scratch so they can find out what herbs and spices make these popular flavours.

KAPA HAKA - ROTOTUNA

I tū tā mātou rōpū kapa haka ki Rototuna i tērā wiki, i whakahiihi tō mātou kura. Ka nui te mihi ki a Whaea Amo, Whaea Roha, Whaea Tarnz me Matua Leo mō ō rātou wā me ō rātou mahi kua whakapaua e rātou ki ā mātou tamariki.

Our kapa haka group performed at Rototuna last week and made our school very proud. A big thank you to Whaea Amo, Whaea Roha, Whaea Tarnz, and Matua Leo for all the time and effort they have dedicated to our children.

On Thursday 20th November they will be performing at MIS at 2:10pm if you wish to come and watch.



INTER-INTERMEDIATE SOFTBALL

We entered a boys' and a girls' team into the WIMS Softball tournament on Tuesday in Hamilton. It was a beautiful day and we made the most of the amazing weather. The girls' lost their first game against Peachgrove but they learnt a lot, then they had a very close loss to Berkey 5-6. Finally, they put everything together and played an incredible game against Te Awamutu, winning 13 - 4. Our girls' team finished 5th out of 8 teams. The boys' had an early loss to Berkley 5 - 9, then they fought hard for a close 1-1 draw against Peachgrove, and they finished their day beating Tokoroa 2 - 0. The boys' finished 3rd out of 8 teams. Both of the teams really enjoyed the experience in a sport that we don't play very often. They got better throughout the day and they were playing a very impressive level of softball at the end.



MIS NOTICES

KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE

MIS SCHOOL HALL

 **THURSDAY
20TH NOVEMBER**

 **2:10pm - 2:40pm**

Whānau are welcome to come along to watch the Te Ropu Atamira group who performed in Rototuna last week.



MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION DAY

We will be welcoming our Year 6 students who will be joining the MIS whānau in 2026.

They will be able to experience some of what happens at MIS and meet their new teacher and class for 2026.

Parents are welcome to join us.

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
- 9:15 AM ARRIVAL -
9:30AM START
12:00PM APPROXIMATE FINISH

YR 6 STUDENTS
BRING ALONG
YOUR MORNING
TEA



At 5:30pm, there will be a parent information evening in the staff room for those who are unable to attend Orientation earlier in the day.

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

We are on the lookout for host families for 2026. If you are interested in having a Japanese student for 13 days in March 2026 [please fill in this form](#).

We will be in contact with those selected to be a host family in early February 2026.



MAKUHARI HOMESTAY

23 FAMILIES REQUIRED

7 TH - 19 TH MARCH 2026

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

MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE END OF YEAR DATES



28TH NOVEMBER	SPORTS PRIZEGIVING Arrive 11:15am - Start 11:30am
1ST DECEMBER	MANGAWHERO WHĀNAU CELEBRATION Arrive 11:15am - Start 11:30am
2ND DECEMBER	WAIHOU WHĀNAU CELEBRATION Arrive 11:15am - Start 11:30am
3RD DECEMBER	YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY Arrive 9:15am - Start 9:30am - Finish 12:00pm
4TH DECEMBER	PIAKO WHĀNAU CELEBRATION Arrive 11:15am - Start 11:30am
5TH DECEMBER	WAITOA WHĀNAU CELEBRATION Arrive 11:15am - Start 11:30am
9TH DECEMBER	GRADUATION DANCE Arrive from 7:00pm - Start 7:30am - Finish 9:30pm
10TH DECEMBER	END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING Arrive 1:15pm - Start 1:30pm (PEP reports to come home)



MIS MUSIC GROUPS' WHĀNAU CONCERT

IN TERMS OF BRAIN DEVELOPMENT, MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
IS EVERY BIT AS IMPORTANT EDUCATIONALLY AS READING OR WRITING.
OLIVER SACKS, NEUROLOGIST

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
6.15PM DOORS OPEN FOR A 6.30PM START
MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HALL



The Concert Band, Choir, Drumline
and Rock bands can't wait to
celebrate their progress this year
with you at this End of Year concert.

For answers to any questions you might have, please email Mrs McKay.



Music Scholarship

At Matamata Intermediate, we believe music plays a vital role in developing creativity, confidence, and a sense of belonging in our students. Through participation in music, students have the opportunity to express themselves, build important skills, and connect with others.

Generous members of our community have established a scholarship to support students in accessing music lessons. We are asking for further donations to help support this initiative.

If you feel this is something you would like to donate towards, please find our bank details and reference below.

This scholarship reflects our shared commitment to ensuring all students can experience the joy and growth that learning music provides.

Account Details: 12 3438 0003533-00
Matamata Intermediate School Board

Reference: Music 0256



COMMUNITY NOTICES



The poster features a vibrant orange background on the left and a photograph of children kayaking on a river on the right. The text is arranged in a dynamic, layered fashion, with the main title 'OFF-GRID ADVENTURE CAMPS' at the top left, followed by 'SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS' in large, bold letters. Below this, a paragraph describes the camp's location and activities. The right side of the poster includes the dates 'JANUARY 2026', the specific dates 'Sunday 18th Jan - Friday 23rd Jan', and the duration '6 days | 5 nights' for '9-13 year olds'. The location 'CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY' and the website 'WWW.OFFGRIDADVENTURES.KIWI' are listed, along with a 'REGISTER TODAY' button. Logos for 'OFF-GRID ADVENTURE CAMPS' and 'ripyl' are also present.

OFF-GRID
ADVENTURE CAMPS

**SUMMER
HOLIDAY
CAMPS**

Your ultimate holiday camp adventure!
Based at Ranui Farm Park in Central Hawke's Bay, Off-Grid Adventure Camps provides 9-13 year olds with a transformational, fun and device-free holiday experience. With experienced instructors and chef on-site, our camps offer 6 days of exciting activities, yummy meals, and the opportunity to build great friendships and memories in a supportive environment. Give kids the time of their lives, with an enriching camp experience!

ripyl

JANUARY 2026
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CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY
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