



Matamata Intermediate

16th October 2025

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in last term's community and student consultation. The feedback was invaluable and clearly highlighted the importance of providing a wide range of opportunities for all our students—from sports and academics to the arts. We heard you loud and clear!

One area that consistently came up as being highly valued is **music**. At Matamata Intermediate, we firmly believe music plays a vital role in developing **creativity, confidence, and a strong sense of belonging** in our students. Through participation, students can express themselves, build important skills, and connect with others.

Recognising this shared commitment to music education, we are thrilled to announce that **generous members of our community have established a music scholarship!** This scholarship will help support students in accessing music lessons, ensuring that more of our young people can experience the joy and growth that learning music provides.

If you would like to **contribute** to this wonderful initiative and help sustain these essential opportunities for our students, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. Please contact the school office for more information on how you can donate.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us to enrich the lives of Matamata Intermediate students!

Ngā mihi

Debbie Currie

Principal

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 22nd October
Matamata Kapa Haka Festival

Thursday 23rd October
Strike Day - School Closed

Wednesday 29th October
Athletics Day

Thursday 30th October
Inter-intermediate Music Day

Friday 31st October
Inter-Intermediate Vibrant
Voices Comp

Tuesday 4th November
Inter-Intermediate Softball

Thursday 6th November
Kapa Haka Festival - Rototuna

Friday 7th November
Gumboot Friday

Next
Newsletter

In our next newsletter we will have a segment highlighting all our recent International Trips. We wish the Cook Island group a wonderful trip as they head off tomorrow.

AG DAY

What an incredible day celebrating our school's Ag Day! Our students proudly showcased their calves, goats, and lambs - a true reflection of care, responsibility, and connection

A huge thank you to our whānau, judges, and helpers who supported our tamariki throughout the day. Your encouragement and community spirit make this event so special.

Again - thank you to our incredible sponsors for helping make this day happen



TOUCH REFEREE COURSE



Alysha and Venetia from Waikato Touch Association came and ran a Touch Referee course to equip our students with the skills to officiate our Matamata Touch Module this season and in the seasons to come. Thank you Waikato Touch and UMS Rugby Club for making this opportunity possible for our students.

Ngā mihi mō tō tautoko i ā mātou ākonga kia taea ai e rātou te whakahoki ki tō tātou hapori.

WHĀNAU GAMES

What an epic day we had at our Whānau Games Sports Day at Matamata College

From Top Town challenges to games of badminton, netball, and more, it was awesome to see everyone giving it their best and having a great time together. The teamwork, laughter, and friendly competition truly captured the spirit of whanaungatanga!

A huge thank you to the Matamata College PE department and Yr 12 and 13 students for organising and hosting such an awesome event.



ART - Specialist Subject

We are extremely impressed with the high-quality work our specialist visual art teacher Mrs Southcombe is producing with her students.

Students in Visual Arts have been creating self portraits of birds. They have used paint for detail and colour. The birds students have chosen are wearing pounamu and decorative features unique to Aotearoa. The students have been inspired through the artworks of New Zealand artists 'Rieko Woodford-Robinson' and 'C.F. Goldie.'



VISIT FROM WAIKATO RUGBY - End of Term 3

With over 1400 entries and 50 judges in the Little Legends Rugby Jersey design competition, the winner was announced as Jaja Bucu from Matamata Intermediate. As part of the prize, we welcomed Ayden Johnstone, Jahrome Brown, Taha Kemara and Waisake Salabiau from the Waikato Rugby Union, as well as Maria Robinson from Gallagher Insurance. The students enjoyed learning about them and their rugby experience. They took a large group of our students for some drills and games afterwards as well.

Our special guests said; Thanks, we had a great time too. Really impressed with the school, and the students were awesome!



VIBRANT VOICES

A huge thank you to all participants in our MIS Vibrant Voices. Your determination and effort was outstanding and you should all be proud of yourselves.

Also, a massive thank you to Graeme Smylie who was our guest judge. He is a former student of MIS and a distinguished toastmaster member (DTM). We can't thank you enough for your time and effort!

Thank you Mrs Foster for making this event happen.

Results are as follows:

Singing:

Contest winner: Hyency

Contest winner: Macy

2nd runner up : Harper

3rd runner up: He Kotahi

Year 8 speeches:

Contest winner: Jamie

2nd runner up: Janelle

Year 7 speeches:

Contest winner: Bella

Contest winner: Maeve

2nd runner up: Kory

3rd runner up: Ainsley



ANTIHISTAMINES

With summer allergies popping up, please note we don't have antihistamines at school. If your child needs any, please pop a couple in their bag.



NOTICES

KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK.

Matamata Schools Kapa Haka Festival

Matamata College Hall

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 10am-2pm

Intended Teachers Strike

If strike day is confirmed for Thursday 23rd October
Our Board of Trustees will be closing the school.
School will not be open for students on this day.

OLD PHONES

Many of us have old mobile phones lying around that we no longer use. Instead of letting them gather dust, let's ensure they are disposed of in an eco-friendly way.

Donation Drive Details:

What: Donate Your Old Mobile Phones or any tablets/iPad's

When: Whole month of October.

Where: Drop them into the Matamata Intermediate Office.

NZ Recycling Week
20th - 26th October

Donate any old mobile phones or
iPads/tablets and support
Sustainable Coastlines



RE:mobile
make your next call - recycle



Email: recycling@swapkit.co.nz



Te Miro Mountain

Bike Clubs

Thursday Night Summer Race

Series is proudly sponsored by

Riverside Adventures Waikato!

Racing runs from the 30th of October to the 11th of December 2025 & the 22nd of January to the 12th of March 2026.

20th Nov, 29th Jan, 26th Feb will be **ENDURO RACES**. (Courses will be advised week of the enduro, your best 2 races will determine the enduro winner).

Rego opens at 5:45PM, closes at 6:20PM.

Racing starts at 6:30PM.

3 XC tracks to choose from. Tracks for all skills, ages & fitness levels. Race last for 60 mins. Your best 10 races will determine this years summer series winners!

Free for Te Miro club members. \$10 non members.

Please pre-register for your first race by 4:00PM using the link provided or on our website under events.

<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=408938>

Any questions please email temiromtbevents@gmail.com or contact 027 236 3778 A/H

John
Parsons



A few video links following on from our visit from John Parsons last term.
Take a look.

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO USE MOBILE PHONES

<https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/815168696736973>

LEAVING PRIMARY SCHOOL

<https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/611498169867650>

CHILDREN & ONLINE GAMES - A NOSY PARENT IS A LOVING PARENT

<https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/653756001863893/>