



Matamata Intermediate

4th September 2025

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

This week, we wish our students representing Matamata Intermediate at the AIMS Games the very best. We are so proud of the dedication and commitment they have shown to their sport, and we know they will represent our school with pride. At the same time, we are excited about the learning happening back at school, with students diving into their new inquiries around 'Movies' (a little bit of Hollywood) and continuing to strengthen their skills in literacy and numeracy. Whether on the sports field or in the classroom, the wellbeing of our students always comes first. We ask for your ongoing support to help keep everyone safe during drop-off and pick-up times.

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 10th September
Rural School Hockey

Wednesday 10th September
BOT Voting Closes

Friday 12th September
Whānau games

Tuesday 16th September
Inter-Intermediate Ki-O-Rahi

Friday 19th September
End of Term 3

Monday 6th October
Start of Term 4

Wednesday 8th October
Ag Day

Thursday 9th October
Immunisation Dose 2

- Avoid driving down the school driveway if possible. If you do, please keep to the 10km/h limit and stay alert for students walking nearby.
- Do not park on yellow lines, as this blocks visibility and creates hazards for children crossing.
- When passing school buses, slow down to 20km/h and be especially mindful of students entering or leaving the buses.

Thank you for showing care and consideration for our students and wider community. Together, we can ensure our learners are safe, supported, and thriving both in and out of the classroom.

Ngā mihi

Debbie

I am incredibly proud of all our students and staff who are representing Matamata Intermediate at the AIMS Games this week. The dedication of practices leading up to the event and the commitment to do their best during this week have been evident. This is a significant feature of our sporting calendar, and for those who attained a medal at this high level, this is an outstanding achievement.

I would also like to send a BIG thank you to the staff, parents and community members who have enabled this event to be such a success. We wore our sponsored uniform with pride and I know the hours staff have put into this extracurricular activity have been significant. Ngā mihi nui.

A special congratulations needs to go to the following medal winners:



- Yr 7 Girls Slalom champion Lilith won Gold
- Yr 8 Girls Slalom Tatum won Silver
- Lilith/ Eva / Lisa got bumped into Yr 8 Girls teams and won Silver
- Alex/ Corby/ Max won Bronze in Yr 7 Boys teams
- Max got awarded by his team the Sportsmanship medal
- Matamata Intermediate Canoe Slalom team came 2nd overall School in points.

Todd won a Gold medal for overall points trampolining and a Silver in Overall Boys Recreational Gymnastics.

Our Year 7 girls Lisa, Eva, and Lilith have won silver in the teams canoe sprint race.

Our Futsal girls have bought home a silver medal this year. They won 7 games, drew 1 and lost the final to Berkley. Scoring 50 goals across the week and only conceding 8!



IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE - CHICKENPOX

We would like to inform our school community that cases of chickenpox are currently circulating. Chickenpox often begins with fever and tiredness, followed by an itchy rash that turns into blisters.

If your child gets chickenpox, please keep them at home until the blisters have dried (usually about a week). They can return sooner if the spots can be fully covered and they're feeling well enough for school.

We appreciate your support in helping to keep our rangatahi and wider community safe and healthy. If you need more information, please contact your GP, Healthline or Public Health Nurse.

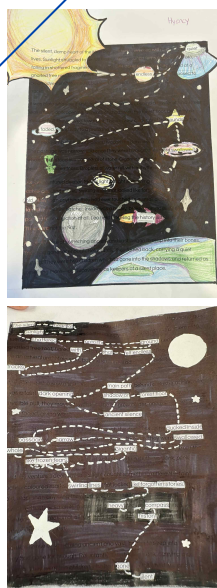
BOOK BATTLE

On Friday, a group of 8 keen readers headed to Hamilton for Book Battle! Students had ten rounds based on seven books, plus some general knowledge. It was a pleasure to take such an enthusiastic and respectful group, and to see them have fun! Thank you to Jess for helping transport us there



BLACKOUT POETRY

Waihou - Rm 1 has been exploring a creative twist on poetry called blackout poetry! Using pages of text, students highlighted powerful words and phrases, then "blacked out" the rest to reveal their very own unique poems. This activity encouraged them to think critically about word choice while letting their creativity shine through. The results are both thoughtful and visually striking - ka pai Room 1!

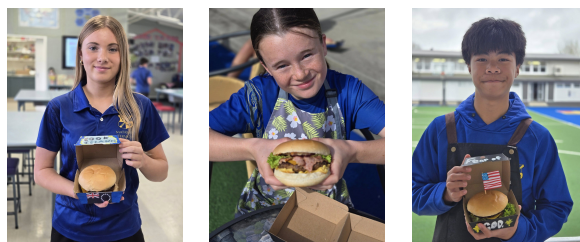


SPECIALIST SUBJECTS

In Performing Arts the students are learning to play the Guitar. Initially it can be challenging but by the end of the module they can play 7 chords and strum along to most songs. It is very rewarding for the students to see the progress they make during their time in PA.



Food Tech students have recently created a recipe for their own burger. They used herbs, spices and other seasonings they tried out while making dishes from around the world. They also designed their own burger box which had to represent their taukiri (identity) in some way.



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



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sept-Oct 2025 Holiday Programme

8:30-3:00 \$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.

Supported by MSD



Monday 22 HALFLING HOLIDAY Celebrate this special day for halflings. Maybe even have second breakfast!	Tuesday 23 ROTORUA POOLS Bring your togs for a fun day at the Pool!	Wednesday 24 SPACE JUNK ROCKETS We're off to the library to see what we can build	Thursday 25 TENPIN BOWLING STRIKE! We're off to Motion for some bowling.	Friday 26 THE UNEXPECTED GAMES Calling all halflings to compete in our games! Who will be victorious?
Monday 29 MAD SCIENTIST Get your lab coat on and come join us for more science experiments!	Tuesday 30 SPACE CENTRE Te Awamutu beckons! Let's go explore the vastness of space!	Wednesday 1 WEARABLE ART Create your own unique wearable masterpiece	Thursday 2 ROTORUA POOLS Bring your togs for a fun day at the Pool!	Friday 3 PIZZA MAKING Pizza is great - Even better when you make it yourself!

Venue: Matamata Christian School.
91A Smith Street, Matamata.

OSCAR Subsidies are available

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

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School Holiday Event Advertisement



Event Title: Megaland is Coming!

Dates: Wednesday October 1st - Sunday October 5th

Time: 9am - 5pm (hour long sessions booked every hour)

Location: Mystery Creek, 125 Mystery Creek Rd, Hamilton, 3881

What's involved: A great way to have fun with friends and family and burn off plenty of energy! Come and complete NZ's largest obstacle course!

Age Group: From ages 3 up. We recommend ages 3-8 need a 18+ ticket holder with them on the course at all times.

Cost: Kids \$22 Adults \$26

Buy Tickets: www.megaland.co.nz

Additional Information:

- Cafe onsite
- Parking available

For full information please go to our website www.megaland.co.nz

MAUNGAHAU LODGE PRESENTS

WALK FOR A CAUSE

3KM OR 10KM CROSS COUNTRY WALK



PROUDLY SUPPORTING

TICKET SALES:

Participants 14 years and older:

Early Bird \$60

Standard \$85

Late Entry \$100

Children under 14 years old \$15



Maungahau Lodge presents a scenic cross-country event, where every dollar raised supports the vital emergency service of the Waikato Westpac Rescue Helicopter - saving lives across the Waikato, King Country and Coromandel regions. Get your tickets today!



18TH OCTOBER



WHAREPUHUNGA, SOUTH WAIKATO



EMAIL: MAUNGAHAU.LODGE@XTRA.CO.NZ, PHONE: 0274888969

WWII Historical Re-enactment

Whether you're a history enthusiast, a family looking for an outing, or someone curious to discover more about our region's past, this event has something for everyone. Enjoy the museum grounds, meet passionate re-enactors, and connect with the stories that helped shape our community.

Saturday 20 September 2025

10am-3pm

Firth Tower Museum, Tower Road, Matamata

Regular entry fees apply

There will be a sausage sizzle and coffee cart available on the day to provide food and drinks, or you can bring your own picnic.



FIRTH TOWER
MUSEUM