



Matamata Intermediate

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

18th September 2025

As we come to the end of this term, I've been reflecting on what has been a busy but truly rewarding ten weeks. There have been so many highlights to celebrate, and I am incredibly proud of our students who have consistently demonstrated our 3Cs, including the commitment to achieve their best.

At the moment, I am writing to you from Japan, where I am fortunate to be with a group of our students experiencing education immersed in a different culture. It is inspiring to see how our learners embrace new opportunities and broaden their perspectives. I'm sure they will be full of stories when they get home!

Looking ahead to next term, our learning will be centred on our big idea of **Whakapuāwai**. The whakataukī that underpins this is:

"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini."

Success does not come from the work of one, but the work of many.

Whakapuāwai invites us to think about the future with optimism and purpose. It challenges us to shift from a linear to a circular economy and provides a rich platform for learners to explore popular culture, dominant economic mindsets, and the innovation needed to shape a better future.

Through this lens, ākonga will be encouraged to see themselves as active citizens. They may grapple with complex ethical questions around technology and artificial intelligence, while also uncovering the opportunities these tools provide for solving societal problems and creating exciting new career pathways. I am looking forward to seeing how their literacy and numeracy skills develop within this context.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school over this last term and been involved in empowering and inspiring our students. I wish you all a safe and restful term break, and will see you all in October.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Debbie

Principal

UPCOMING DATES

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

Friday 10th October
Whānau Games

Wednesday 22nd October
Matamata Kapa Haka Festival

BOT ELECTION RESULTS



Matamata Intermediate School Board Triennial Election
10 September, 2025

DECLARATION OF RESULT

Parent Representatives (5 vacancies)

Kylie Maree Gibson	118
Jennifer Anderson	105
Roger Renata Iharaia Marino Whakaruru-Thompson	94
Catherine Scelly	83
Bill Aubrey	76
Amanda Clothier-Mason	74
Benjamin Ferreira	64
Peter James Teo Timi Paul	38
Macky Quantas Ngamoanaiwhitia Horotini	30
INVALID VOTES	0

There being 9 candidates and 5 vacancies, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Kylie Maree Gibson, Jennifer Anderson, Roger Renata Iharaia Marino Whakaruru-Thompson, Catherine Scelly, Bill Aubrey

DP APPOINTMENT

We are extremely excited to announce the appointment of Emma Lockett as a second deputy principal, joining Shannon (current deputy principal) and Debbie (principal) as part of the senior leadership team for 2026.

Ngā mihi maioha ki a Emma. Me mahi ngātahi tātou kia rongō ai i te hau o te angitū i te tau 2026, ā, ka whai tonu ki tua.



RURAL HOCKEY

We had the pleasure of taking a group of students to the Rural schools hockey day in Hamilton. We were really fortunate with the weather holding out until the drive home. This bunch of students were absolutely amazing as they were a combination of 2 teams that had not played together prior to the day. They really connected and played seamlessly, like they had been a team all season!

We had a lot of fun but also came away with 3 wins out of 4 games.

7.0 against Raglan, 8.0 against Puketaha, 4.2 loss to Home School Tigers and finished with a 6.0 win against Morrinsville.

Thank you to Mrs Hopkins for managing and Mrs Kershaw for support and both of them for photos as I get too distracted with the game. We had an absolutely fantastic day.



CONCERT BAND

On Thursday 21st August, the concert band went to the Waikato Junior Band and Orchestra festival and placed Silver! They have worked so, so hard to get to this standard and have put a lot of effort and time into polishing off these pieces. We celebrated the week after by watching back our performances as a movie with popcorn. Mahi tika ana, tīmā! Awesome work team!



LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL VS TEACHERS



The champion basketball teams took on the MIS Staff dream team. The winning streak continues for the Staff as they narrowly beat the boys 10-8 in overtime, and followed it up with an 8-2 win over the girls.

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS



Thank you to those who participate in the Fuel for Schools programme by Fern Energy and have chosen to support our school. Through this programme we recently were able to get 2x new sports kits, some of which is seen in the photos above, along with the wonderful Cates whānau, who participate in the Fuel for Schools programme.

How does this work? And how do you become involved? Well it's simple ...Customers of Fern Energy can nominate a participating school to receive 50 cents for every 100L of bulk fuel they have delivered. Check out the link for more details. [Fuels for Schools - Fern energy](#)

INTER-INTERMEDIATE KI-O-RAHI



On Tuesday 16th September, Matamata Intermediate proudly hosted 10 schools from across the Waikato for our annual WIMS Inter-School **Ki-O-Rahi** event. Ki-O-Rahi is a fast-paced, dynamic Māori ball game that combines teamwork, speed, strategy, and skill. It's a sport that celebrates culture while challenging players to think quickly and work together.

Our students represented Matamata Intermediate with pride, demonstrating our school values of **Common Sense, Consideration, and Commitment** both on and off the field. They showed great sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination – and most importantly, they had a fantastic time!

A huge thank you to all the schools who joined us, and to everyone who helped make the day such a success.

ENROL FOR 2026

Check out our website for enrolment information and subject choices.

Welcome to

Year 9

2026
Enrolment

PLEASE ENROL
NOW

Matamata
College

Matamata College are asking for all remaining Year 8 students to enrol for next year. Please head to their website and fill out the online enrolment.

<https://www.matamatacollege.school.nz/>



AG DAY

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8TH

AG DAY ENTRIES close this Friday.

You still have time to enter your Ag Day Goat, Lamb or Calf.

If you have not yet entered please do so this week as Ag Day is the first week back after the holidays and entries need to be in by Friday 19th September.

[Enter Here](#)

BEGINNER & ADVANCED

CODING LESSONS



CODINGNZ

Learn coding, a valuable skill in our increasingly digital world!

Wednesday lunchtimes at Matamata Intermediate



SIGN UP FOR A FREE TRIAL
codingnz.com/enrol

We are continuing to run coding club next term, Get involved, sign up for the free trial.
<https://codingnz.com/enrol>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MATAMATA *Athletic Club*



Athletics Club Facilitators Wanted

We're looking for 8–10 enthusiastic students to help run our Athletics Club for Term 4, 2025 – Term 1, 2026 (and ongoing each year).

When: Tuesdays, 5.30–7.00pm (starting 14 October 2025)

Pay: This is a paid role.

Ideal for Year 11–12 students, but all enthusiastic students will be considered, this role is a great opportunity to:

- Gain experience in sports, health, and fitness
- Build leadership and teamwork skills
- Support the local community
- Strengthen scholarship and university applications

We're seeking students who are:

- Confident, reliable, and enthusiastic
- Keen on sports education, fitness, or health
- Interested in developing leadership and community skills

Experience with track and field events is desired but not essential, training will be provided.

[If this sounds like you \(or someone you know\), we'd love to hear from you!](#)

MATAMATA TENNIS CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY
JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING
SESSIONS AT 3.30PM (PRIMARY) AND 4.20PM
(INTERMEDIATE AND COLLEGE) \$90PP

BUSINESS HOUSE TENNIS
TEAMS OF 4 (2 MALE 2 FEMALE) \$200 PER TEAM
6 OR 7PM START

REGISTRATIONS/QUERIES VIA MATAMATA TENNIS
CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

STARTS 8th October, 2025

SPRING SCREEN BREAK

"This Spring, take the opportunity to reset your digital habits—just like Dry July or Veganuary. By joining a collective experiment, we can create a movement and build momentum for real change."

Discover how to break free at
www.springscreenbreak.com

**SEPTEMBER
21ST-28TH**

Warriors & Wildflowers Youth Group NZ

Waikato Chapter
(Ages 3-16)

Founding member
enrolments open NOW!
(spaces limited)

ONLY \$5-\$8 per week

Family-led activities -
Community events - Online
Support - Quarterly activity
packs - Awards - Family
camp- and so much more...

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