



Matamata Intermediate

26th January 2023

Teena koutou e te whaanau
Welcome to 2023.

Now that school is about to head back, no doubt, the weather will come right and the sunshine and warm temperatures will make us thankful for our school swimming pool and air conditioning.

We are starting to get excited about having our students start the year and getting learning underway. This newsletter contains details around the beginning of the year, including some key dates and information to help with navigating the start of the year.

Shortly, you will also receive a beginning of the year email from your classroom teacher, who will be your first point of contact, once the school year is underway.

I am looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Ngaa mihi nui

Debbie Currie
Principal

2023 TERM DATES

TERM ONE

1st February - 6th April

TERM TWO

24th April - 30th June

TERM THREE

17th July - 22nd September

TERM FOUR

9th October - 15th December
(prizegiving)

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 6th February -
Waitangi Day (No School)

Thursday 16th February -
School Swimming Sports

Monday 20th - 24th February -
Whaanau connections week

Monday 27th February -
School Photos



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



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COMMUNICATION AT MIS

NEWSLETTER- our school newsletter comes out fortnightly. It is emailed to caregivers and uploaded into the Skool Loop App and Facebook.

SKOOL LOOP - this is an app you download onto your phone (if you already have the app for a primary school, you can select a 2nd school). We use this app for sending out important or urgent notices and uploading the newsletter, you can use it to notify us if your child is going to be away also later in the year, for booking teacher/parents Learning Conferences.

STUDENT NOTICES - our student notices are on KAMAR which is our Student Management System. Details on how you access this, including your personalised password, will be emailed to you.

FACEBOOK - we post highlights, share successes and day to day updates on Facebook. Note: we do not use Facebook messaging as a form of 2 way communication.

EMAIL - If we have your current email address, you will receive the newsletter and contact with your classroom teacher, via email.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY
1ST FEBRUARY
8:50am - 3pm

REMEMBER TO BRING:

- Correct uniform (including PE gear) please ensure all uniform items are labeled
- Stationery
- Drink bottle and lunch
- Togs and towel
- (if your child is unable to swim, for medical reasons, please provide a note or email the classroom teacher)
- If your child travels on a bus, please make sure they know their home address, as we will hold a bus assembly to explain how the bus system works at MIS.

SMITH STREET ENTRANCE

As you may be aware, there is currently some significant roadworks happening on Smith Street which means the road is closed to through traffic. The buses will be running as normal, but the council have asked if pedestrians and private vehicles please use other access points. We do have a gate in Allenby Road, however please be conscious this can also become very congested. We recommend parking on Farmers Rd. As adults, modelling our 3Cs, please show consideration to our neighbours and other traffic, whilst keeping our students safe.

CCC VALUES

You will notice on our uniform, in our shield, on the van, in the school song and in the language we use, the **3Cs - Commitment, Consideration and Common Sense**. These are the 3 values we, as a school, have long held as the foundation of our way of being at Matamata Intermediate School. Over the first few weeks, we build a shared understanding of what these values look like in action and this is continually revisited throughout the year. Keep an eye out for our regular feature highlighting members of our school community who are demonstrating these values.

COMMITMENT

Karen Nicholls: Karen is one of our school leaders who has undertaken the commitment of Masters Study for 2023. She is modelling for our students' commitment to her ongoing learning.

CONSIDERATION

Margaret Neilson is a former staff member at MIS. She has graciously volunteered her time to run the Community Op Shop everyday this week.

COMMON SENSE

Darryl Tebay our caretaker has been busy this week ensuring our school is ready for us all to arrive on the 1st February.

UNIFORM

All students require the unisex school polo shirt. Students then have the choice of the black shorts, trackpants or skirt, whichever is preferred.

All students also require the top and shorts of the PE Uniform.

Students are expected to wear plain, fully black shoes with black socks or a black sandal which have a back strap. Slides, jandals or Birkenstock type shoes are not acceptable school shoes.

The school hat is to be worn during term 1 and 4.



UNIFORM AND STATIONERY
PACKS AVAILABLE FROM THE
WAREHOUSE MATAMATA

thewarehouse



HELPFUL INFORMATION

DEVICES AND PHONES

- Students are assigned with a school email address allowing them access to the Google Apps for Education Suite. This is an essential component of Digital Learning in our school to enable students to work individually and collaboratively in a safe online environment.
- Students are able to bring their own devices to school to use as a learning tool. A chromebook or HP Stream are ideal, cost effective options.
- Phones, if brought to school, must be handed into the teacher to be locked away as soon as the student arrives.

ABSENT?

What to do when your child is away from school



- Record your child's absence using the Skool Loop App. Fill in the required information and **submit before 9am**. *If you have children attending other schools, please ensure you are submitting your absences to the correct school.*
- Or call the office and leave a message on the absentee line. Leave your child's name, room number and the reason for their absence.

If you inform your child's teacher of their absence please be sure to **still contact the office** by either of the methods mentioned above, the teacher is not always able to relay this information before the absentees are processed.

If the school receives no message regarding your child's absence a phone call will be made home to ensure your child is accounted for.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Subway delivers to Matamata Intermediate daily.



Log into subwayexpress.co.nz and you can select your school - please remember you include your child's name and room number so their lunch can be delivered to them.

When ordering with the SubwayExpress app, you need to have your orders in before 8am on the day of delivery.

SWIMMING

Swimming is an important part of our school curriculum, during term 1 and 4. It is expected that students bring their togs and towel to be involved in class swimming sessions.

- Swimming Sports will take place in Term 1 (16th February)
- Lunchtime swim - Our school pool is open for a 'free' lunchtime swim.

WHAANAU CONNECTIONS WEEK

In week 4 of Term 1 (Monday 20th-24th February), we have our whaanau connections week. This involves each of our 4 school whaanau having an overnight stay, at school. The purpose of this is to build connections and create a pathway plan for the year ahead.

You will receive detailed information about this overnight stay, next week, once school is underway.

CAMP - This will take place in Term 4