

Matamata Intermediate School

Newsletter 13



Teenaa koutou, teenaa koutou, teenaa koutou katoa, Ngaa mihi arohanui ki a koe me to whaanau.

As I am writing this newsletter, a lot of planning and thought is going into 2020 and what this will look like for Matamata Intermediate. During this year, we have asked for feedback on a number of aspects of school and we really appreciate those of you who took the time to respond. As we confirm our strategic plan for 2020, we will be sharing how your feedback has informed our decision making.

One of the key changes has been our increasing roll. Next year, we will be opening 2 new homeroom classes to decrease our class sizes. I am happy to announce the appointment of Catherine Small Bone and Michael Lilo to these teaching roles.

Because research for Middle School years shows that consistency with the homeroom teacher has a significant impact on student learning, we try to keep students in the same class for their 2 years at Intermediate. The opening of these 2 new classrooms does mean that, for 2020, there will be some movement of students as year 8's. Students will be informed of their 2020 class next Monday, 18th, and on Orientation Day, for year 6 students, which is Wednesday 20th. On this day, students will meet with their 2020 teacher and visit their classroom as part of our transition process to Intermediate. We also have a parent meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 20th which has a focus on what learning looks like at MIS and sharing key information around being part of our school. This might be of interest to new families to our school, so please feel free to extend the invitation to anyone you know, who may like to come along.

Ngaa mihi
Debbie



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Congratulations to our Athletic's Day Placegetters.



daily notices

We have Daily Notices, which are shared with students every morning. You might like to check these to keep in touch with what is happening at school each day.

[Click here to see Daily Notices](#)



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Group Day results

Congratulations to all our students who took part in Group Day.

Congratulations to:

Olivia Brewster - J Scatchard Cup for Champion Call Follow and Run (Most Obvious Pet)

Stephane-Rose White - Challenge Cup Reserve Champion Leading Lamb



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Government School Donations Scheme for 2020

You may be aware that there have been some changes to funding models for schools. The following statement is based on the response made by Matamata College and aligns with the decision the Matamata Intermediate School Board of Trustees has made.

Over the last few months, the Board has discussed at length whether to take advantage of the Government's school donation scheme. If schools' opt in, they cannot ask for any donations for curriculum related costs. Over the last few years our School and BOT have been proactive in this space increasing our curricular spend and reducing what we have asked for in donations. A recent key decision by the Education Minister Chris Hipkins, to allow schools that joined to ask parents for donations towards school camps, helped sway our decision to opt in.

As we have opted into the scheme our BOT will not be asking for curriculum related costs in 2020 unless there is an "agreed to" take home component next year. We have done so with the intention of keeping costs for our community down. **This decision differs from our 2020 prospectus which included a request for a donation. This request is no longer valid and is therefore retracted as we have opted into the Scheme.**

While an extra Government contribution toward school funds at first glance is attractive, common sense suggests we simply could not offer school camps and/or overnight field trips if we were unable to ask for donations towards such trips. We think it is reasonable to ask for a parental contribution and hope our parent community agree and appreciate that without this support such trips may be at risk of not taking place.

Teachers are currently planning their 2020 class camps and information will be coming home over the next few weeks. Camp will take place for all classes during the week of 2-6th March and will have a cost of \$150 per child.



FREE EPIPEN OPPORTUNITY



MEDIA RELEASE

10 November 2019

Allergy NZ and Pub Charity Provide Free EpiPen® Auto Injectors to Kids in Need

Many New Zealand children with severe allergies will receive free, life-saving EpiPen® auto injectors in the next year, thanks to FundaPen™ - a ground-breaking collaboration between Allergy New Zealand and Pub Charity.

From Monday 11 November, 2,500 free EpiPen® auto-injectors will be available to young people, who have a doctor-diagnosed allergy and are at risk of anaphylaxis.

The FundaPen collaboration follows numerous attempts in the last 15 years to have EpiPen® auto-injectors publicly funded through PHARMAC. It will directly benefit children between the ages of 2 and 18 years who are Māori, Pasifika, live in a quintile 5 region or hold a Community Services Card.

"The initiative should provide some relief for families who currently struggle to buy an EpiPen® at a cost of \$120 to \$350 each year," Allergy NZ Chief Executive Mark Dixon says. "We have been doing all we can to have EpiPen® auto injectors funded and while this is by no means the ideal way, we hope it will help many families in the short term."

"We continue to hope that EpiPens® will eventually be publicly funded, as they are in Australia."

Pub Charity CEO Martin Cheer says, "Pub Charity was delighted to support the FundaPen™ initiative and help young people with severe allergies to have the life-saving medication they need."

The \$300,000 Pub Charity donation is strictly for the purchase of the EpiPen® auto-injectors from Allergy Pharmacy, who in turn will purchase them from

Mylan NZ Ltd. Allergy New Zealand will not receive any financial benefit from the donation.

Miranda Munn said she was delighted that her daughter, Alanah would be receiving a free EpiPen® this year. "I know we have to have a current EpiPen® available for Alanah but finding that much money is very difficult. We also have other medical bills, including those for Alanah's asthma."

To obtain one of the free EpiPen® auto injectors, families will need to visit their family doctor.

Allergy NZ is a 35-year old national charity that aims to improve the quality of life for New Zealanders living with allergies by providing evidence-based information and support.

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For more information, or to organise an interview, please contact Michele Hider on 0275513458 or email michele@prioritycomms.co.nz. Further information about FundaPen™ is below.

FUNDAPEN™ Key Facts

- EpiPen® auto-injectors are available through the FundaPen™ initiative from Monday 11 November, 2019.
- 1 FREE EpiPen® per eligible patient.
- To obtain a FREE EpiPen® auto injector, families will need to visit their family doctor.
- The exclusive distributor is AllergyPharmacy.co.nz.
- Every patient eligible for this offer needs to be doctor-diagnosed with an allergy that puts them at risk of anaphylaxis.
- Each recipient needs to receive an Action Plan and education in the use of the EpiPen® and how to manage their allergy to avoid anaphylaxis.
- AllergyPharmacy.co.nz will dispense each EpiPen® back to the GP who prescribed it under the FundaPen™ programme, NOT direct to the patient as they would normally.
- We are able to fund 2,500 EpiPen® auto-injectors under this initiative. Because of the challenges of access, this initiative is specifically targeted at children between the ages of 2 and 18 years who are Māori, Pasifika, live in a quintile 5 region or hold a Community Services Card.

MATAMATA COMBINED CHURCHES PRESENT

Christmas at the Park 2019

A CHRISTMAS CAROL SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER

BEDFORD PARK
— 4pm - 10pm —
Gold coin donation

RIDES & FOOD TRUCKS
from 4pm
ENTERTAINMENT kicks off
at 6.30pm
— FAMILY FUN!! —

LATE 80'S MERCEDES sponsored by **PROPERTY BROKERS**
HOBBITON MOVIE SET fireworks display!
SOUND AND LIGHTING sponsored by **BENNETT HOMES**

HOBBITON MOVIE SET
St John's Matamata pikio creative NZ Scene Rotary Matamata ALLIED security stuff

Property Brokers
Bennett Homes
Mitre 10
John's



2020 Pre-season Training MATAMATA – Yr3-6, U13/U15

Waikato hockey will be running a preseason training camp for junior players.

The programmes main goal as always is to upskill our players, in particular preparing them for the 2020 season and giving them a head start going into school and rep trials.

- Year 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (U15 on 1st Jan 2020)

> Tuesday's, 11th February 2020 – Tuesday 7th April 2020

> 4:00pm - 5:00pm

> Matamata College Hockey Turf

*strictly year 3-11

9 week training's

- \$100

(Whether you attend all sessions or not, the same fee applies)

Please go the following link to register your children

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1_aaxG7KXjMrtBUXRfnmxzHHOQCRIWQs-UPSbkimiVhaa0g/viewform

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact Stu:

stuart@waikatohockey.org.nz

The image shows a woman smiling and holding two young children. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'Parent Help' with the tagline 'For Parents and Family Support'. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with white and orange text.

Parent Help For Parents and Family Support

FREE PARENTING HELPLINE www.parenthelp.org.nz
ALL ISSUES ALL AGES **0800 568 856**

EAR CLINIC INFORMATION

This is to inform you that the scheduled **Children’s Mobile Ear Clinic** venues stated below is **CANCELLED**

- 1. **Raungaiti Marae at Waharoa** scheduled for 13th November
- 2. **Pohlen House- Matamata** scheduled for 14th November

The mobile has had some hydraulic problems and needs fixing over the next few days.

We will be returning at Raungaiti Marae on 4th Dec and back at Pohlen 16th January.

Apologies for the inconvenience this may cause some whanau.