

WHANAU TAUTOKO HUI

To be held in the school library on Tuesday, 15th March, 7p.m. in the staffroom. Please come along and support our group and your children. A great opportunity to have our say and be informed about your child's school life!

ANNUAL SCHOOL TRIATHLON

Next Friday afternoon we will be holding our annual Triathlon here at school. It begins at 1.50 with the individual competitors and then at 2.00pm for the teams. It is a simple run around our school block, a cycle track inside the school grounds and ten lengths of our school pool. Students are to bring their bikes Friday morning and leave them on the grass area outside Rooms 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Parents and caregivers are invited to watch and also to take part if they so wish, come along and race your children, they'd love it!. Our local Police already have a team in. All cyclists need a road worthy bike and must cycle in shoes and helmet, oh shirt & shorts would be good too!

INTER-INTERMEDIATE CRICKET

Our cricket team competed in Hamilton on Tuesday and played three 15 over games against Te Awamutu, Melville and Faield. We suffered a close loss to Te Awamutu but then had two nail biting wins against the other two sides. The boys played very well and their fielding and bowling was tremendous. We are looking forward to our Milo Cup games coming up soon. Our Saturday side has had two very good wins as well.

Thanks Mr O'Neill.

NETBALL

Netball trials are almost completed and we are very close to naming the teams. We have had fantastic parent/community support – thank you one and all, great to see such an interest being taken in the students sport. Reminder for netball fees - \$55.00 plus \$54.00 for Year 7 students to purchase their netball dress.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

Theo Wright recently competed in the junior Surf Life Saving nationals held at Mt Maunganui over four days. Surf Life Saving clubs from all over NZ compete in this annual event with the age groups specific to 10-14 year olds. Theo competes for the Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club and trains with this team over the summer season. **THEY WON GOLD** in the mixed beach spring relay with Theo also sinning a bronze in the individual diamond event (involving a board race, swim & run).

A FANTASTIC EFFORT THEO!

MATAMATA COLLEGE SPORTS CLUB FUN RUN/WALK

Friday evening, 25th March

Entries close 21st March, 2011.

Your child will bring home an entry form with this newsletter. Please complete and hand in at the College office or Mitre 10 if you wish to take part.

Enquires: donnag@matamatacollege.school.nz

SPOT PRIZES WITH EVERY COMPETITOR RECEIVING A GOODY BAG.

Westpac Matamata Home Buyers Information Evening

- How to use kiwisaver to buy your first home

- Local real estate market update

- Options with less than 20% deposit

When: Thursday 24th March, 5.30pm

Where: Westpac Matamata

Drinks and nibbles provided

Phone 888 4550 for more information

COURSES FOR PARENTS/HOT TIPS EVENT for parents & teens.

Also included with this newsletter is information on an information evening coming up on Thursday, 31st March being held at Matamata College, 7-9.15pm.

TINY MIGHTY POWER

We have recently changed our power company and have signed up with TINY MIGHTY POWER (Cambridge based) as they are able to offer cheaper power than our current supplier. They have done all the work for the conversion, we've had to do absolutely nothing. Your child will bring home a flyer with this newsletter giving details about Tiny Mighty Power, giving you the opportunity to investigate as to whether they may be cheaper than your current supplier too! If you do join, please mention that the information you have received is through Matamata Intermediate and we receive a small discount off our bill too! A win/win situation. Well worth looking into.

PARENTING COURSE

A useful parenting course giving practical methods in dealing with parent/child relations of all ages.

When: Every Wednesday evening for 7 weeks, starting Wednesday 30th March – 7-9p.m.

Where: Railside by the Green (opp NZ Post)

Who: Run by Mary van Huysen, mother, teacher, trained facilitator of S.T.E.P. course

Cost: \$40.00 (couples encouraged)

A MINIMUM OF 8 PARENTS AND WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REQUIRED.

Bookings essential – ph Alison at Railside (888 8876) or Mary (888 5715), or email:

railsidebythegreen@xtra.co.nz

ALTOGETHER AUTISM MEETING

This meeting is open to all people with an interest in ASD

Friday, 11th March

Matamata Memorial Centre, 9.30 – 11am.

The meeting will cover the following:

- Find out about the Altogether Autism service, its development to date & meet some of the team
- Feedback issues and gaps in services
- Network with others and make connections
- Raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorders

Please invite anyone you know who would be interested. No charge. RSVP (07) 848 1362, or email: waikato@parent2parent.org.nz

FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

Firth Primary School, Wednesday 13th April, 9.30-2.30pm

50th REUNION – 21/22 OCTOBER 2011

(Friday & Saturday of Labour Weekend)

Just a reminder, to let your friends know that on the Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night of Labour Weekend this year we are celebrating 50 years! Registration is now available on our website (www.matamataintermediate.school.nz). We have a great 2 days planned (look online for our programme) and have already had a number of enquiries with regards to the reunion, so is going to be a huge success!

Come along and celebrate with your friends!

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Our school culture is represented by our poppy symbol. We would like to share with you extracts from Chelsie Park's explanation of this symbol.



The very foundation of the poppy is a book. This symbolises how the foundation of learning at Matamata Intermediate depends on your learning skills and your knowledge of learning.... The leaves of the poppy are in the shape of a koru. This is because the koru is seen when a fern is blooming and breaking out of the plant. This represents the way that a Matamata Intermediate student breaks out of their shell and becomes themselves right here at our school. A koru is also considered to represent new beginnings and new growth. The words on the korus are all essential skills that our country encourages and values...

The stem of the poppy is made up of the three C's, courtesy, consideration and common sense... These C's are considered to be important virtues. They hold us up. They are strong and powerful. They are guidelines for our education and our lifestyle.

Written up the three C's is "achieve my personal best." The three C's are all linked together in a chain. This represents the way that all of the C's go together. When you use one of them, you use all of them. The stem is the part of the plant that is strongest. It holds the rest of the plant upright and supports it, just like the three C's...

In the middle of the poppy is the word "empower." ...To "empower" is to give someone the power or authority to do something. This represents the power and authority that a student of Matamata Intermediate has for their education... They are responsible for their actions and their learning.

To conclude, a poppy always looks towards the sun, the light, in order to grow. In this same way we must always look towards the positive and leave our negative experiences behind us, in order for us to grow...

So at the end of the day it comes down to these simple things. Stand out from the crowd, don't be afraid to do your own thing....

Will you be a tall poppy?