

Vision

To empower each individual to achieve their personal best in an environment of courtesy, common sense & consideration.

Another year gone by - if anyone finds it, please don't bother giving it back! Anyway, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very good 2011 and send a special welcome to our new families, especially those who are new to our community. We know you will be very happy as Matamata and surrounding districts is a GREAT community.

Thank you to all of our parents who have their students organised with uniform, stationery, etc., Being organised is giving your child the best advantage to say nothing of helping us as well. Thank you again.

We begin 2011 with 388 students and 41 staff. A special welcome to our new teachers - Blair Stanbridge (Music Specialist), Anita Muter with a special welcome back to Krystal Workman who has been teaching overseas for 2010. Our staff are rested, enthusiastic and ready for a good year again this year.

UNIFORM & STATIONERY

Thank you all so much for your support with school stationery & uniform shopping again this year. I know there was a bit of a wait for some as it was very, very busy, but all worked out in the end.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30-9:30am for purchase of uniform items. We would appreciate these times being noted please.

SCHOOL FEES & DONATION

A huge thank you to those of you who have already paid school costs, stationery, etc. We appreciate your support. While we are aware that this is not a compulsory payment, we are thrilled that last year's contributions have enabled us to provide roller blinds in rooms which are fantastic! If you pay by the end of March you will be in the draw for a \$100.00 refund!

BUS SAFETY

All bus students have a copy of the school's Code of Conduct for bus students' (supplied with the Prospectus/enrolment documentation). Thank you for your co-operation with these expectations. We would also like to point out that if you are dropping your child off or picking him/her up from school, please arrange to do so either at the front gate (Smith St) or the Allenby Rd gate. **We ask that you do not drive into the school grounds as this is a safety issue for all pedestrians in the school.** When you park on Smith St to let your children off, please park along the gate side of Smith St, not across the road, as crossing the road with buses parked alongside the school and lots of passing traffic is very dangerous. Thank you for your support on this matter. **Please also ensure, if you are dropping off/picking up your child from Smith St, that you do not park across our neighbours driveways.**

ATTENDANCE AT MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE

We have an expectation of at least 94% attendance at school from all students. This equates to 2-3 days absence per term only. For your child to become involved with learning successfully, they need to attend school on a regular basis.

Please support us to ensure your child achieves their academic potential by attending school every day. While our attendance figures are better than the national average, I believe we still have some children being disadvantaged due to unnecessary time off school. We reward full attendance with certificates and ribbons at the end of each term, etc. If your child is going to be away, we expect a phone call prior to school starting (8.50a.m.), we have a message system which allows you to report non-attendance. If your child's absence is unnotified, please do not be offended when we contact you about the whereabouts of your child, their safety is paramount.

Matamata Intermediate is part of 'Rock On' a national police/schools & CYFS initiative which has been set up to deal with truancy. This process involves outside agencies alongside the school to deal with truancy in our community.

SWIMMING SPORTS - Friday 11th February - TOWN POOLS

We will endeavour to have the first races (100m Freestyle heats / finals) start at 9:45. From there the running order is Breaststroke (finals about 10:45), Butterfly (finals about 11:30) Backstroke (finals about 1:00) and Freestyle (finals about 2:00) with House relays to finish the day. Please remember that students are to bring their own lunches and a drink. Shade will be provided but a hat is compulsory also. The students will be encouraged to wear their house colours. Spectators are very welcome but please remember the times above are only estimated. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you on Friday (tomorrow).

Pupils who live in town may walk home from the pools, bus children, unless being taken home by their parents, must return to school and catch the bus home.

PTA will be selling fruit drinks, watermelon and holding a sausage sizzle.

Non participants are to stay at school (this is not a day off) unless otherwise organised with the Principal.

We are seeking help from parents to help with time keeping please!! If you are able to help, could you please send a note with your child to Mrs Raymond, karen@theraymonds.co.nz, or ph: 888 7236 (home). Thankyou! (Swimming tomorrow!)

Students to bring lunch and plenty to drink (not softdrinks please). **The \$1 charge for the use of the town pools is still owed by a number of students - payment tomorrow am please!**

PHOTOCOPYING/LAMINATING SERVICE

We are happy to do photocopying and/or laminating for you - A4 photocopies (black & White), .20, A3 photocopies (black & white) .50, A4 laminating .50c/page, A3 laminating \$1/page, multiple laminating \$9/metre.

SITUATION VACANT - TUTOR IN TE REO/KAPA HAKA

Kia mau ki to Maoritanga/ Hold fast to your culture

Would you like the opportunity to inspire our youth?

Are you passionate about today's children having knowledge of te reo, kapa haka & tikanga Maori?

If you have appropriate qualifications, we would love to hear from you. We have a part-time position available. Please call The Principal, (07) 888 7221.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our canteen is now open for business. Students must order their lunch, in their classroom with their lunch monitor in the morning before the bell at 8.50. The correct money must be given to the lunch monitor, so if your child requires change, they must come to the office which is open from 8:30a.m. each morning, to change their money, before bell. The following is a price list for the canteen.

Mince Pie	\$2.50	Heart Tick
Mince/Cheese Pie	\$2.50	Heart Tick
Potato Top Pie	\$2.50	Heart Tick
Soup & Bun	\$2.00	Heart Tick
Instant Noodles	\$2.50	
American Hot Dog	\$2.50	
Spaghetti Volcano	\$2.00	Heart Tick
Calzone	\$1.80	Heart Tick
Pizza	\$2.20	Heart Tick
Zing Fruit drink	\$1.80	
Primo	\$1.60	Heart Tick
Juicies	.90	Heart Tick
Moosies	\$1.40	Heart Tick
Cookies	.80	Heart Tick
Popcorn	\$1.00	Heart Tick
Muffin	\$1.30	
Fruit Box	\$1.50	Heart tick

SCHOOL TERM DATES

General Information:

School Hours

First Bell:	8.50am
Interval:	10.30 - 10.50am
Lunch:	12.40 - 1.40pm
Final Bell:	3.10pm

Term 1:

Begins: Tuesday, 1st February (Year 7 only)
Begins: Wednesday, 2nd February (whole school)
Ends: Friday, 15th April
(Easter - Good Friday, 22nd April, - Tuesday 26th April - occurs within holidays)

(Anzac Day, Monday, 25th April - occurs within holidays)

Term 2:

Begins: Monday, 2nd May
Ends: Friday, 15th July
(Queens B'day, Monday 6th June - occurs within Term 2)

Term 3:

Begins: Monday, 1st August
Ends: Friday, 7th October
(Labour Day Monday 24th October - occurs within holidays)

Term 4:

Begins: Tuesday, 25th October
Ends: Friday, 16th December

Teacher Only Days: Friday 17th June, another to be decided.

TOUCH - HELP!

We have a number of very enthusiastic students who wish to participate in the Touch Tournament coming up and Darri Neilson is needing a little help with this - we are looking for coaches please, games are held on Tuesdays, 4.30 or 5p.m. If you are able to help out, could you please get in touch with the school (pardon the pun!) - 888 7221.

PTA NEWS

Our PTA would like to take this opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU to TWO TONES CAFÉ** in town for their generosity in assisting with the savouries for the Year 8 graduation dance held in December.

Our PTA are a great group of ladies who meet only when necessary and are always looking for support! They often meet over a coffee at a local café, so if you have the time to join in, please come along to the next meeting - everyone welcome.

TUESDAY, 1st MARCH, school staffroom (upstairs in 2-storey building), 7p.m. - this is a great opportunity to meet other parents and be involved in your child's school.

2010 PRIZEGIVING APOLOGIES

Our apologies to Shonelle Eccles who was the winner of the Girls' Triathlon Cup for 2010. The cup now has her name on it and is in Shonelle's care. Our apologies to those affected by this mistake last year.

READING TUTORS WANTED!

We are looking for a group of 5 or more adults to hear some of our students reading on a daily basis - these students really benefit from daily reading practice with an adult - and this includes grandparents too!

Your involvement would be:

- giving 1½hrs of your time, one morning per week
- to guide & listen to 4-5 children read to you on a 1-1 basis for 15 minutes each during this time.

If you are able to help us out, there is training available which will take place over three sessions of 1½hrs each on April 4th, 6th & 8th from 9am-10.30am.

Please phone the school, 888-7221 if you are able to participate! This is a very rewarding time for both parties.

50th REUNION - 21/22 OCTOBER 2011 (Labour Weekend) - CCC YOU THERE!

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 will be 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!

Marion Henriksen

PRINCIPAL