

Vision

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

A warm welcome to students and parents for the 2012 school year. We hope you all have a great 2012 and enjoy your association with our school. A special welcome to our new families and those new to the community. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our outgoing students all the very best for their College years, live by your 3C's, work hard and your dreams will eventuate!

We begin the 2012 school year with 375 students and 40 staff. A special welcome to our new members of staff, Miss Forsythe - room 3 teacher, Miss Chalmers - room 7, Miss Park - room 14 and Mrs Bennett who will support teaching and learning in room 14.

We very much appreciate the manner in which our parents have their students well organised to begin their learning at Matamata Intermediate School with correct school uniform and stationery.

Positive attitudes and a willingness to work hard will go a long way to help ensure success for your child at school. One of our key messages this term is; "Learning is hard work, it requires mental effort." The stronger the partnership between home and school the more likely we will achieve our key goal to "Create a Powerful Learning environment."

SCHOOL CULTURE

This term we are focusing on students using the 3Cs (courtesy, common sense and consideration) as well as demonstrating the virtue of commitment. We want each of our students to really focus on their learning and give their best effort every day. Our 3 key messages for term 1 are:

- *Learning is hard work and it requires mental effort. My brain should be tired at the end of the task.
- *There are some things that I have to do and learn in life that I don't like, in order to achieve my personal best.
- *I need to give something back to my family, my school and my community.

Students will be exploring how to be a successful learner at Intermediate

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. 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.

CANTEEN/SCHOOL LUNCHES INFORMATION

LUNCH ORDERING MENU 2012		
		Heart Tick
MINCE PIE	\$2.50	✓
MINCE/CHEESE PIE	\$2.50	✓
POTATO TOP PIE	\$2.50	✓
CALZONNE	\$1.80	✓
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$1.30	
SPAGHETTI VOLCANO	\$2.00	✓
PIZZA	\$2.20	✓
NOODLES	\$2.50	
AMERICAN HOT DOG	\$2.50	
SOUP & BUN	\$2.00	✓
ZING	\$1.90	
CALCIYUM DRINK	\$1.30	✓
JUICIE	0.90	✓
MOOSIE	\$1.40	✓
FRUIT BOX	\$1.50	✓
COOKIE	0.80	
POPCORN	\$1.00	✓

Lunches are ordered in the classroom before class commences in the morning. Students, if they do not have the correct change, are to come to the school office at

8.30am to change their money, as the correct money must be given to the classroom lunch monitor.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION UPDATE

Auditions for our school production, which is staged every two years, began on Tuesday. Mrs Hansen (the director) is hoping to have all parts confirmed by the end of the week. This year, we are presenting a really fun, musical called "Flapper" which is set in the 1920's, in New York, when life for the wealthy was care-free and decadent. If you want to get a preliminary glimpse of other peoples' performances of the show, and hear some of the music (which, is fabulous) then you can look it up on youtube.

DAILY SCHOOL NEWS!

Keep in touch with everything that is happening at school by checking out our daily 9 o'clock news. Just go to www.dailynotices.co.nz, type Matamata Intermediate in the box above the View Notices sign then just click on View Notices and the day's notices will be available for you to read.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT, 7-8pm on February 16.

Come along for just one hour, meet your child's teacher and see how you can strengthen the vital home-school partnership that is essential for your child to reach their potential. Find out about homework expectations, how you can know your child's learning is progressing, class camps and trips and more..... Even if you already know the teacher and have had children at Intermediate before, show your child their learning is important to you by coming along for this important hour.

Children are welcome to come with you. We just ask that they come to the hall with you first for the introductions and then they can choose to go to their classroom with you or to the hall where they will be supervised until you collect them.

SWIMMING CHAMPS - FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

PLEASE FIND THE PROGRAMME INSERTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR INFORMATION. OUR PTA ARE LOOKING FOR A LITTLE HELP ON THE DAY, WE ARE NEEDING HELP IN THE KITCHEN and AT THE BBQ. If you are able to help in any way, we would appreciate it very much. Please call Heather Reid, 888 8720.

The PTA will have sausages, juicies, sparkling mineral water and watermelon for sale. Students will still need to bring lunch and a water bottle with them.

We also need parents to help with timekeeping - no experience necessary! If you are willing and able to help out - please contact Karen Raymond Karen@theraymonds.co.nz ph 888 7236 (home) or 888 7221 (school)

DAILY SWIMMING AT SCHOOL

The school pool is open at lunchtime every day for students who would like to have a swim. Each class also has 3 swimming lessons a week and each child is expected to swim at all of these. Please make sure your child brings their togs and towels on the correct days and send a note if there is a

genuine reason why they aren't swimming. Please come and talk with us if there is a problem with your child going swimming.

CARNIVAL CARNIVAL!
Mark this date on your calendar!
Friday 30th March, 2012, 4-7pm.
It's the Matamata Intermediate Carnival!

We are fundraising for an age appropriate, challenging playground for our students. The carnival will be a fabulous evening of endless fun & entertainment, delicious food, prizes and competitions.

Can you and your family help us in any way? Be it goods, services, a pair of hands on the day? Please phone Heather 888 8720, or Barbara 888 4980.

Let's make this an event to remember!

SILENT AUCTION

We are looking for suitable items for our silent auction which will take place at the Carnival. If you have something stored away you will not require in the future and is appropriate for our auction, we would happily take it off your hands! Please phone Heather Reid, 888 8720.

MAKUHARI EXCHANGE VISIT

From 15th - 27th March 2012, we are hosting students from Makuhari Jnr High School in Japan. This is an annual exchange which our school has been involved in for the last 15 years. This exchange offers an opportunity for 6-7 of our students to visit Makuhari in September of this year.

We have had a great response from local families so far, but are still looking for families prepared to host a male student. If you are able to host a student, could you please complete the form below and return to the school office by Friday 17th February.

We are dependent on our community for ongoing success in this great exchange opportunity. Thankyou for considering the idea!

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Name of Student: _____

I would be interested in billeting _____ Japanese students between 15-27 March 2011.

Signed: _____

Marion Henriksen
PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 16th February, Meet the Teacher evening, 7-8pm
 Friday 17th February, Swimming Sports, Matamata Sports Centre, commencing 9.45am
 Tuesday, 21st February, BoT Meeting, 7.30pm
 Monday, 5th March, PTA AGM