

## Newsletter No. 13, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### STUDENT FORUM NEWS

As a result of work done by the Student Forum, we now have a school scarf and beanie. They are in royal blue with our 3C logo on them. For those students who would like to purchase them to wear this year, even though we hope spring sunshine has replaced those frosty mornings, they are available from the student office this week before school. After this week, they can be purchased through the uniform shop on a Wednesday and Friday morning 8:30 – 9:00am.

The polar fleece scarf is \$14 and the beanie is \$9. The beanie is the only one to be worn with school uniform and while it can be worn in the playground on cold days, it is to be taken off in the classroom.

The students have now sent off 160 old cell phones for recycling. This project has resulted in 2 free cameras for classroom use and we only need 5 more phones to obtain another free camera. Thanks to all those people who have sent phones in to us. Please ask around your friends and send in a few more so students in every classroom can have ready access to a digital camera which they use in their learning experiences.

### DAFFODIL DAY

Silk daffodil sales - \$94.00.

### BUS ROUTE CHANGES

Most parents of bus students will be aware by now that there will be some changes to bus routes and pick up and drop off times from the start of term 4. Each bus student will be given a letter in the next few days clearly indicating any changes to their bus timetable. Please wait until you have this letter, before you ring the school, then feel free to contact Mrs Stiles about any queries that you might have about buses.

### REUNION UPDATE

Registrations are coming in steadily. A reminder to you all that 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept is our closing date at this stage, although depending on numbers, we could be looking at extending that a little.

We have a very entertaining programme sorted and all ready to be enjoyed by you all – come along and enjoy catching up with your old friends who live out of town.

Friday night is Platter & Chatter, in the school hall – finger foods and alcohol will be served. We have even organised sky for those of you who just can't miss the World Cup bronze final! Saturday morning bus trip unfortunately, has had to be cancelled due the filming of The Hobbit going on, meaning we are unable to visit Hobbiton, so you might need to arrange to meet your friends for brunch on Saturday. School is open on Saturday from 2-5pm, for a walk around. During this time there will be students around the classrooms (ready to show you today's learning environments), an item from our Rockbands, an art exhibition, and more – year group photos will be taken at 3p.m., so make sure you are there in time for that!

The Saturday night dinner/dance which is to be held at the Matamata Memorial Centre, consists of drinks from 6-7pm, sit down dinner at 7p.m. In between courses, we will have a

speaker, and the floorshow (Stars in Your Eyes winner & ex pupil, Tony Wellington – aka Roy Orbison). Following the dinner it will be time to dance and party with Tim Armstrong's band – a guaranteed good time to be had!

**HELP** – we are looking for helpers for the reunion to set up, clean up and serve food on Friday night along with washing glasses, etc. If you are able to help on the night, please phone 888 7221 – we would really appreciate your support.

### MUSICAL MUSINGS

We have had a very busy term so far and have more to do before the term ends.



In Week 2, ten of our students attended a two day Intermediate School Music Day held at Te Awamutu Intermediate where we all learned a few techniques of the African Drums and Marimba with Christoph Maubach and his wife Star from the University of Waikato, we learned a few vocal skills with Dr Julie Jackson-Gough (who has trained choirs all around the world but now lives in Hamilton as a freelance Choir trainer) and we had Mr Mason from Peachgrove Intermediate teach us how to improvise on our instruments in the Orchestra. A huge thank you to the Parents who helped transport us to Te Awamutu and back on both days.

The same week, two of our Rock bands, MIS Rockers and The Jokers, performed at Pulse (Battle of the Bands) at the Gateway Christian Centre in Hamilton against 20 other Intermediate School Bands. The MIS Rockers performed Kelly Clarkson's 'I do not Hook up' and the Jokers performed George Thorogood's 'Moving on Over'. Benjamin Kingston was placed in the top 3 Male vocalists and Aimee Tarry and Wiremu Tana were in the top 3 Drummers with Wiremu taking out the best Drummer Prize. Both Bands performed to the best of their abilities and comments from the Judges afterwards were that Matamata were up there with the best of the bands and we should be proud of them.

Last week, 31<sup>st</sup> of August, Mr Stanbridge took a group of 27 Choir students to the Friendship Circle at the Matamata Baptist Church. We were very well received and the boy's group that sang, (Daniel Lansdaal, Lewis Deed, Christopher Reichmuth and Sam Ross), impressed the audience so much that they were asked to sing twice. Well done boys. We have a very strong group of boy singers and for that I need to thank our singing tutor, Loretta Wilkinson, who comes in on Mondays and works tirelessly with our students.

We are currently working the Junior and Senior Concert bands towards the Primary School Band and Orchestra Festival on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November which involves around 70 musicians from our school. Preparations are going well for this. Also we will be performing at the Celebration Concert for Faye Harbottle at the Memorial Hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September and the School reunion in the next holidays.

### NZ AIMS

Overall, a very successful and exciting week for those involved – with our school bringing home the **Team Mates Cup for overall excellence!** Did you see that great photo in Scene? What a great prize to bring home and a reminder to us all of what a great group of students we have at our school. We are very fortunate that they are encouraged by their parents to participate in the opportunities they have around them.



Our golfers did particularly well proudly displaying a silver medal each for 2<sup>nd</sup> place team (Dayna Morrow-Wilson, Jack Trower, Dallas Mattock and Sam Weatherley) as well as Jack winning an individual silver medal in the Stableford and Dayna individual silver medals for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Gross and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Girls' Stableford

**A fantastic effort from all of our golfers, thanks to Lyall Wilson for his time & effort with these talented players.**



A very special thank you to those parents who made the huge commitment to our children in coaching, managing & supporting the various sports in which we participated – some of whom had been coming to the school for weeks beforehand, actively training our students in Rugby 7s (Bevo Tuhakaraina), Multi sport (Adrian & Pauline Ball), Basketball (Gilly & Ross Alexander and Manwell Haumu), Golf (Lyall Wilson), Netball (Kim Buckhurst & Rebecca Carter), Girls' Football (Anita Muter & Malcolm Raynel), Boys' football (Laura Fisher), Cross Country (Darri Neilson) and, swimming (Karen Raymond). Thank you and congratulations to you all, especially our students. There were 4600 students and 120 schools participating in this year's competition from both islands. Matamata placed 29<sup>th</sup> on the medal table. We look forward to competing again in next year's tournament -9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### DRUMMING ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Rhys Dickinson who sat grade 2 Rockscool Drumset exams in Hamilton recently and passed with DISTINCTION. Mr Telfar is thrilled with this result. CONGRATULATIONS RHYS, a great pass! Please make contact with the Principal, now, if you are interested in coaching a team for next year.

### R6 RAFFLE/FUNDRAISING

In November, Room 6 are off to Ngatuaohoa Lodge (14-18 November) – to this end they have two raffles and a scrap metal collection underway. Raffle No. 1 – grocery hamper \$2 per ticket (2 prizes) and No. 2 – 2 x 2hr ride on a Harley Davidson motorcycle (as a passenger!), all gear supplied - \$3 per ticket.

Tickets can be purchased through Room 6. Students will also be selling numbered tickets in the community. Scrap Metal – any unwanted scrap metal would be appreciated. To determine what metal qualifies and to organise drop off, please phone Mr & Mrs Dudley, 880 9956.

### CALF CLUB NEWS

Ag. Day is being held on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September with judging starting at 10am. Students are to wear mufti and covered in footwear (ie, no jandals/sandals.) A copy of the Group Day rules and resources is available to borrow from the school if they wish. Parent help on the day would be appreciated. All cups won last year should now be back at school.

AgriSea NZ are proud sponsors of Calf Clubs in NZ Schools offering their product, a high quality liquid seaweed Animal Health Tonic, which delivers a high nutrition boost for calves, cows, sheep, goats and all animals. The recommended dosage is 5mls per day per animal. Rainbow Springs Kiwi Wildlife Park in Rotorua are also offering all calf club entrants free entry to Rainbow Springs with one paying adult. Take a look at [www.rainbowsprings.co.nz](http://www.rainbowsprings.co.nz).

### KIWISPORT FOOTBALL - MATAMATA

VENUE: Headon Stadium, Pohlen Park, Matamata  
DATES/TIME: Fridays, 16, 23, 30 Sept & 7 October  
AGE: 3.45-4.45, School years 5-8 (9-12 yr olds)  
BRING: Water bottle, trainers (boots & shin pads if you have them). Parents & caregivers welcome to go and lend a hand. Under cover in wet weather. To register: Text-021807634 or email: [football@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:football@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz)

### HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP MATHS WORKSHOP FRACTIONS

**WHO:** Stage 4 'Targeted Maths Learning Group' – parents, caregivers and children

**WHEN:** Tuesday 27 September, 7-8pm

**WHERE:** Matamata Intermediate School-Staffroom

**WHAT:** An evening focused on 'Fractions'. Learning about knowledge and strategy games and activities.

How you can help your child at home.

Maths resources/games to take home that will be fun for everyone.

Tea/coffee and light supper provided.

Queries: Contact Anita, 0211247097.

### HELP REQUIRED – TOUCH REFEREES

**For this season – starting next Tuesday (running until week 2 term 4)– please contact the school if you are able to help.**

[www.wicked.org.nz](http://www.wicked.org.nz) is an engaging, quality-assured, bilingual online learning environment for students in Years 3 to 8. It has a strong literacy and numeracy focus and has new activities added weekly. Students can participate in online forums and ask questions of celebrity guests. There is also a parents' area. This is an ideal site when students claim they don't have any homework!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

16 Sept – School wide Literature Quiz

17 Sept – Great Waikato Spelling Bee