

Newsletter No. 16, 3rd November 2011

Welcome back to term 4 – a very short but busy term ahead of us all and it will be all over in a flash! A special welcome to our new families and good luck to families who have left our district.

CCC STARS

Week 8

Week 9



Rebecca Aston

Nicole Williams

Outstanding Demonstration of the 3C's, both inside and outside the classroom

REUNION NEWS

Well, it's over! A great success and although numbers were down, the people who went had a fantastic time, great food, great music, (Tim Armstrong & his band), and a great feeling in renewed and new friendships. Special thanks to so many people, firstly, to our staff all of whom worked so hard with the children creating fabulous classrooms which were of great interest to their past pupils! Thanks also to the students who helped us on the day. We had a lot of visitors through on the Saturday and the school was buzzing! Thanks also to Blair Stanbridge and his orchestra for providing entertainment, Brian Telfar and the drumline students for providing an amazing drumming demonstration. Another thankyou, to those who helped us out with service on the Friday and Saturday nights. Parent, Bronwyn Burnell and her helper who decorated the Memorial Centre beautifully, it looked amazing and created a beautiful atmosphere for our party goers! We are still lucky enough to have some of the flowers to show off in the office. Thanks also to Ms Dunham, Mrs Stiles and Mrs Dunham, for their untiring work preparing our school hall and foyer area.

Thank you mostly, to those who registered and took up the opportunity to enjoy all there was to offer. We had a number of first day teachers who came along on the Friday night too which was great, some of whom are getting on in age these days, but going well! A number of people also from the South Island, Australia and as far away as Hong Kong. Four Seasons generously loaned some of their beautiful plants to help enhance the Memorial Centre. Baigent Motors who loaned us their vans to provide transport for our participants for the weekend. Our small team worked very hard and were very tired, but happy, when it was over. We still have Reunion magazines for sale for \$5, if you would like a copy, please contact the school office, (07) 888 7221. Last but not least, thankyou to Rob Hesketh, our caretaker, who worked very hard making our

school grounds parklike, many comments were made about our school environment.

Matamata Intermediate is in great hands and we are indeed fortunate to have such a great school in our community.

FPS NEWS

We've done it again – two teams went to Auckland over the weekend, coached by Avon Hansen and accompanied by Avon and Debbie Currie – and our two teams have come back with trophies. **USA HERE WE COME!**

The boys' Yr 7 team took 3rd place in the Jnr B Division, Global Issues Problem Solving and the Year 7 Girls' team came 1st in the Jnr B division of Dramatic Presentation and 1st in the Jnr B Division, Global Issues Problem Solving – results which have gained them a place at the World Championships at the 2012 International Conference June 7 - 10 @ Indiana University, hosted by Indiana FPS.

Yr 7 Girls – 1st & 1st in NZ and Yr 8 Boys – 3rd in NZ, what a fantastic result, with up to 600 teams being involved to this point. **GO MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE!**

Founded by creativity pioneer, Dr. E. Paul Torrance, Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI) stimulates critical and creative thinking skills, encourages students to develop a vision for the future, and prepares students for leadership roles. FPSPI engages students in creative problem solving within the curriculum and provides competitive opportunities. Future Problem Solving Program International involves thousands of students annually from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, and the United States. 2011, Turkey is welcomed as a mentored area.

Yr 7 girls' team:

Awhina Pearce, Talia Parker, Chelsie Park, Nicole Butterworth

Yr 7 Boys' Team:

Jack Trower, James Raymond, Andrew Schweizer, Luke van Gog.

EAST WAIKATO SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

WOW, what great results we had at this event held at the end of last term –

- Overall top school
- 5 golds
- 3 silver
- 4 bronze
- 2 commendations

The following entries were winners in their division:

Laticia Johnson, Daisy Wills, Nicole Butterworth, James Raymond, Jessica Smitstra, Daniel Lansdaal (Jnr Cup for best technology entry), Lauren Drysdale, Jacob Lawrence, Thomas Raymond, Tayla-Jay Dearlove (Merit for Excellence), Chelsie Park, Andrew Schweitzer, Bailey Mackie & Rebecca Brosnan.

ATHLETICS – THIS FRIDAY, 4th NOVEMBER

Please note the following programme for Athletics. All parents & caregivers more than welcome to come along and cheer your participating student in their event:

9:00a.m. 1500 finals **champs & non-champs**

Field events

Discus – Jnr Girls

High jump – Jnr Boys

Shotput – Snr Girls

Long jump – Snr Boys

10:00a.m. 100m semi-finals **champs**

Field events

High jump – Jnr Girls

Shotput – Jnr Boys

Long jump – Snr Girls

Cricket ball throw – Snr Boys

11:00a.m. 1000m finals **champs & non-champs**

Field events

& non-champs

Long jump – Jnr Girls

Cricket ball throw – Jnr Boys

Discus – Snr Girls

High Jump – Snr Boys

12:00 noon

100m eliminations finals

non-champs only

Field events

& non-champs

Cricketball throw – Jnr Girls

Discus – Jnr Boys

High jump – Snr Girls

Shotput – Snr Girls

12:30p.m. – 200m semi-finals

champs

1:00p.m. – House Cheer competition

1:15p.m. –

200m eliminations finals

non-champs only

Field Events

& non-champs

Shotput – Jnr Girls

Long jump – Jnr Boys

Cricket ball throw – Snr Girls

Discus – Snr Boys

1:45p.m. 200m finals **champs**

2:05p.m. 100m finals **champs**

2:20p.m.

House Relay – JG, JB, SG & SB

Flying squad relay – Students vs Staff vs Parents

Class relays (if time)

HOCKEY WINNERS!

Matamata Gold Hockey team won the A grade intermediate Hockey final at the end of last term, against Cambridge Middle School. Matamata had a tough battle on their hands playing the Cambridge all boys team. Determination and great team hockey playing from the goalie through to the forwards, paid off with a 3-2 win. We could not have had a better finish to the season. All season Matamata Gold team have shown great sportsmanship and team playing!
Great effort Matamata Gold!

OUT OF SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Talya Berry, Griffin Brown and Aaron Stephens, three of our Matamata Intermediate students who have been very successful competing as a team in the St John Youth Competitions. They gained the 1st Aggregate Medallion at the St John Youth District Coms & went on to compete at the Regionals where they were awarded 4th Aggregate Medallion. Teams are normally made up of four cadets and so these three young cadets did exceptionally well. Well done team, keep up the good work, a great skill to have for everyday life.

TALENTED SINGER - Kaitlyn Tyler won the singing talent contest at the recent Waikato Show – well done Kaitlyn!

MUFTI DAY

We are having a mufti day for Jorjia Weck next Thursday, 10th November. Jorjia writes:

“As the winner of the Junior Rider of the Year title at the New Zealand Horse of the Year Show, I am heading to Australia on the 27th November to represent New Zealand at the EFA National Horse and Rider Championship show. I will be competing against the best riders in Australia. Please come in mufti next Thursday, 10 November, as the school has been very generous and allocated this special mufti day to contribute to my trip. My Family and I really appreciate this support.”

COMMUNITY THANKS – ALLENCO MARINE

Many thanks to Harvey Allen who did a great job of welding the aluminium to make our new display boards now being used to display our amazing art work for the Tech Arts night. The school will make great use of the boards to showcase children's work for many years to come.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LAING SWIM SCHOOL

Term 4 starts Tuesday 24th October, only 8 weeks in the term, therefore the cost will be \$72 for preschool and afterschool lessons. Monday lessons \$63 and babies \$40 or \$35 for Mondays.

For more than 2 children in one family, the 3-5th are \$50 per child.

All fees to be paid within the first 3 weeks of term, for further information phone 027 4455767.

FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE

24th November, Firth Primary, 9.30-2.30

13th December, Mtm Primary, 9.30-2.30

TE POI SCHOOL OMAHINE FUN RUN

Saturday, 5th November

A 2km flat walk/run, suitable for all ages and fitness levels, 10.30am start OR the Omahine Gut Buster! – a more challenging 4km run/walk with a steep hill, approx.. 11am start. Follow the main road from Matamata toward Tauranga for 10km and look for the sign. Parking and race start finish off Omahine Rd, Te Poi.

Fantastic spot prizes! Goodie bags until they run out, so register early. Food & drink on sale. Adults \$10pp, school age, \$5pp, pre-schoolers free. Contact Te Poi School for further details, 07-888 2704.

MATAMATA ROSE SOCIETY – INTERMEDIATE SECTION (8-12 years)

Class 64 – arrangements of roses and flowers with any foliage
Class 65 – vegetable/fruit sculpture – use your imagination
Class 65 – Wild flower arrangement
Trophies up for grabs.

Ring Joy Hawes (888 8517) before noon Thursday, 24th November to enter & get instructions as to what to do.

SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC 12 noon – 5pm, 25th November.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Athletics – Friday 4th November, 9am start, all welcome
Mufti Day – Thursday 10th November, \$2 donation
Yr 7 & Yr 8 Prose finals, Noon, 14th November
Year 8 Graduation Dance – Tuesday, 13th December
School certificate awards – 11am, Wednesday, 14th December
School prizegiving – 15th December, 12.30pm
Last day of term – Friday, 16th December