

PARENT INTERVIEWS

As you all know, we held our parent interviews yesterday, 1-8pm and have had about a 75-80% attendance. **Thank you so much to those parents/caregivers who took up this opportunity to speak with your child's teachers and familiarise yourselves with where your child is with their learning.** Classroom teachers will catch up with parents who were unable to take this opportunity, an active partnership between teacher and home is essential for learning.

*<http://enlightenededucation.edublogs.org/> is a great blog for parents of teenage girls. This has great information about body image, self-esteem and the future of our girls.

MUFTI DAY, 22 JUNE

The money for this day will go towards our CCC programme. Participation is optional but students taking part need to bring their \$2 donation on the actual mufti day.

TEACHER ONLY DAY, 17th JUNE

Our school, together with other schools in the district, will be closed to allow staff to attend an ICTPD Cluster Conference hosted at Matamata Intermediate. Please use this day to take your children to the Field Days so they do not miss class learning time.

40 HOUR FAMINE

Congratulations to those students who went "hard out for the hungry". We are proud of the way you are making a difference for the children of East Timor. To date we have banked \$2,922.80 and we expect all money to be banked by tomorrow. All books must also be returned even if your child did not end up doing the famine. Thank you for your support in helping your child meet this deadline.

OLD CELLPHONES

We have quite a collection of old cell phones in our recycling box now. This is a great chance to support Starship Hospital Air Ambulance, dispose of digital technology in a responsible way and the school gets equipment as a thank you! This is a great win-win arrangement. Please clean out your drawers, ask your friends and neighbours and send any old phones to school.

ROAD SAFETY

Having lost two of our students in past years due to road accidents, we are very concerned about the safety of students at our front entrance, we experienced a shower of rain the other day at the end of our day and due to children being picked up from inside the gate, we were made very aware, again of the possibility of an accident, it was chaotic! 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.**

PTA AUCTION NIGHT – FRIDAY, 8th JULY Plans are coming along very nicely for this upcoming fun night which your PTA are all working very hard toward.

The purpose of this potentially fun night is to raise funds for a much needed Adventure Playground for our school.

\$10 ticket, includes supper.

Added to the auction, part of the night will also include a quiz – so please gather your friends together and come along & take part – 4 persons per team - test your general knowledge!

(Teams need to be booked by 6 July please – phone office, (07) 888 7221)

Spot prizes throughout the night.

Lucky ticket draw.

Start: 6.45

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Further information phone Heather Reid, 027 3382715

ROOMS 3 & 8 CAMP FUNDRAISING/FIREWOOD & GROCERY RAFFLE - WINNERS

1st prize – Firewood – McDonald Family, Te Poi

2nd prize – Grocery Hamper – G. Tims, Matamata

Prizes have all been delivered, thank you to all who supported our raffle and congratulations to our winners!

TALENTED NETBALL UMPIRES

It appears that a number of our girls are shining at various levels of umpiring netball, notably Natasha Murray & Danielle Pearce who are umpiring their first senior game on 11 June and Courtney Old who was the most improved umpire last year and has taken up the challenge to step up and umpire in the senior competition. Coincidentally on the day there were 2 reps from the Waikato Regional Umpire Panel watching another umpire on another court and as a result of assessing Courtney (brought to their notice by Carol Tarrant, the Coordinator) they have passed her on her practical, so Courtney is now a fully fledged local badged umpire – **congratulations to you all who have taken on the challenge of umpiring netball – who knows where this may lead!**

50th REUNION UPDATE

We are beginning to receive registrations for this event being held 21st & 22nd October this year – along with many enquiries. We now have about 20 registrations only, so please if you are intending to come along, make sure you register so we have some idea of numbers well before the weekend of the event! Will be a great 24 hours as we have a very good programme organised, so please make that commitment and urge your friends to do the same! The committee are meeting regularly to ensure that things are in place and will run smoothly, we cannot believe how quickly the date is creeping up on us!

Registrations are available online:

www.matamataintermediate.school.nz, click on 'Reunion' and register online, or hard copy forms available from the office. Just phone and we are very happy to send one out to you – (07) 888 7221.

NZAIMS GAMES

With more than 4300 middle school students set to participate in this annual week long sporting championships in Tauranga, there is great anticipation about this not only being the largest AIMS Games tournament to date, but also the most competitive! **Our teams are all underway with practising and hopefully all individually taking responsibility for their own fitness & skills too!**

As quoted by Kevin Anderson who is Murrays Bay Intermediate School Director of Sport 'AIMS provides an opportunity for our kids to compete at a national level and experience a national sporting event'.

24HR FUNDRAISING 2011

Our final banking for this event was \$16,899.40. Part of these funds have been spent on repairs and maintenance to our flagpole, sunfilter blinds in staffroom (teacher's work area), new data projector for the hall, display boards for upcoming exhibitions (to come), new rugby posts. 30% of funds raised goes to all classrooms which is used for classroom resources and activities.

Thank you so much for your support in this event.

HONOUR AN INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER or LEADER

NEITA (national Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Awards) NZ are calling for nominations for the 2011 awards. Teachers and leaders make an important contribution to the lives of our young people and help shape the future of our country, yet there are few opportunities to recognise and acknowledge their outstanding commitment to our community. This awards programme gives our community – Boards of Trustees, individual parents, parent associations, community organisations, etc. – an opportunity to publicly recognise and encourage inspirational teachers and leaders who contribute excellence.

Nominating is easy – you can go online at www.neita.co.nz, or obtain forms from school, or local library or by calling NEITA on (09) 3080576, or emailing neita@asg.co.nz.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your outstanding teachers and leaders nominated.

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.

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.

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, 7,8,9 JULY

10AM-8PM Thursday & Friday, 10AM-4PM Saturday.

Venue: Matamata Bible Chapel

Admission: \$5, children gold coin.

In aid of 'Pohlen & Child Cancer Charity Group'. The floral society, patchwork society and other groups will have courts, - MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE ALSO HAVE A GROUP WHO ARE TO PERFORM ON THURSDAY, 1.30PM. ENQUIRIES: Kath Coppard, (07) 888 7034.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TEACHER ONLY DAY – DISTRICT WIDE – Friday 17th June

MUFTI DAY – Wednesday, 22 June/CCC

PTA, PPF DISCUSSION, 15th JUNE, 7PM

PTA AUCTION/QUIZ NIGHT, Friday 8th JULY

PTA MEETING – UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S PPF

Next meeting 15/6/2011, 7pm in the school library.

Discussion with the Principal and D/P will be around understanding your child's Personal Profile Folder (PPF) which comes home with your child each term and contains work samples, test results and other items of interest. A great way to keep an eye on your child's levels of learning and standard of work.

For catering purposes, we would like some idea of numbers at this meeting, could you please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Tuesday, 14th June.

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Name: _____

I/we will be attending the PTA meeting on Wednesday, 15th June at 7p.m.

Number attending: _____

Marion Henriksen

PRINCIPAL