



Matamata Intermediate

30th November 2021

A student told me today that we now have “11 days of school left, which is 55 hours!”

Where did the year go? Despite the disruptions and uncertainty we have faced at times, we have had so many highlights. I look back through newsletters and our Facebook page and see so many happy faces of students learning and enjoying time together. It hasn't always been easy and some of us have been impacted in different ways, but I hope these last few weeks (55 hours) together will be a highlight in both learning and social development for all our students. Whilst we carry on with our end of year celebrations, I want to assure you we are still planning and developing processes in the event of a Covid case in our school. Late last week, Matamata Principals attended a Ministry of Education Zoom meeting which identified that if we have a confirmed Covid case there will be a cross agency approach.

We have met as a cluster of schools and want to assure you we have a clear process in place following the mandated government guidelines.

Throughout this process, the aim is to keep schools open to minimise impact on our school community. If the Ministry of Health identifies a confirmed case within our school the principal will be informed and the following things will happen:

- Our school community will be informed and close and casual contacts will be identified. At this point the principal will provide you with detailed information of next steps moving forward.
- The intent of the Ministry is not to close schools. Schools will only be closed if the Ministry of Health deems this necessary.

As a group of principals, we are proactively working together to ensure our community is getting consistent messages and to support each other as we move forward to keep our tamariki safe.

Let's hope and pray that our last few weeks of Beach Education Days, Year 8 Celebrations and Virtual Prize Giving are uninterrupted and create special memories for those students who will be leaving Matamata Intermediate to go onto the next stage of their education pathway.

Ngaa mihi nui
Debbie Currie

IMPORTANT DATES

29th november - Student Forum Shout out week

3rd December
-Poetry/Prose Finals

6-10th December - Beach Education Days

8-14th December - Year 8 Whaanau Celebration week

15th December - Last day of School

PRIZE GIVING

Virtual End of Year Prize Giving will be held on **Wed 15th December at 11.15am**

Details on how to access this event will be shared later next week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

We are offering Individual, or group, PARENTING SESSIONS via Zoom. Eight one hourly sessions, weekly at a time convenient to you, available evenings.

Topics covered include:

- Communication,
- Empathy,
- Setting Limits,
- Quality Time,
- Consequences,
- Choices,
- Redirection,
- Give and Take,
- Problem Behaviour,
- Praise vs Acknowledgement,
- Time In vs Time Out,
- The Pause,
- Erickson's Stages of Growth,
- Personality Types and how it affects your children.

WINZ funding assistance where eligible.

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