

**Interim Report Interviews**

Parents have an opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss the Interim reports on **Wednesday 1st April 3.30—6.30pm.**

Teachers will be stationed in various rooms around the school. Parents should report to the hall on arrival to collect an information sheet about where teachers can be found. Parents should also bring the report with them.

**We are encouraging students to accompany their parent (s) to these meetings as it is important that the students hears the message that the teacher is giving to the parent and join in the dialogue.**

These meetings need to be limited to 4—5 minutes. If parents have major concerns that need longer than this to discuss, they should make a separate appointment with staff via the main office.

There are no set appointment times for these interviews. For the next interviews following the mid year reports we intend trialling an on-line appointment system. More details to follow.



**8-8-80**

The new rallying cry for level 1 NCEA students is “**8—8—80**” This is the academic focus for them for the year. This rallying cry means that they need:

- 8 Literacy credits
  - 8 Numeracy credits
  - 80 credits overall
- } Achieve Level 1 NCEA

NCEA Level 1 is a Gateway Qualification that every student who puts in a decent effort all year is capable of achieving.

It does require all students to work steadily throughout the year; to attend school regularly; to prepare themselves well for tests and assignments; to meet deadlines; and to give everything they do their best shot.

In these tough economic times, qualifications become even more important. Gaining Level 1 NCEA is the bare minimum every student needs.

**School Athletics’ Results**

The recent school Athletic Champs featured some good performances from a large number of students. We had to bring the final day forward because of the predicted foul weather for the scheduled final day and thank goodness we did! The blustery and cold conditions on the finals’ day meant that no records were broken but several students pushed close despite the difficult conditions.

**Championship Winners**

	<b>Junior Boys</b>	<b>Junior Girls</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Lucas Broyden George Kittow	Nicole Settle	
<b>2nd</b>		Cassidy Jones	
<b>3rd</b>	Morgan Steiner	Jaide Garland	
	<b>Int Boys</b>	<b>Int Girls</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Shane Stafford Mitchell Green	Kelsie Wills	
<b>2nd</b>		Chandre Koole	
<b>3rd</b>	Scott Hilliar Thomas Kittow	Kimberley Tiddy	
	<b>Senior Boys</b>	<b>Senior Girls</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Sean Tuhakaraina	Chloe Autridge	
<b>2nd</b>	James Jobe	Kirstie Autridge	
<b>3rd</b>	Kieran McPherson	Kelly Dawson Sarah Baker	

**Thames Valley Athletics**

A feature of this day was the fact that Matamata College won all the girls’ relays plus the Intermediate Boys’ and was 3rd in the Junior and Senior Boys’ relays. Winners at Thames Valley were.

**Junior Girls**

Zaena Marino	Shot Javelin	Nicole Settle	Discus
Cassidy Jones	200m		

**Int Girls**

Shannon Whitten	100m Discus	Ashleigh Steiner	H Jump
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**Senior Girls**

Chloe Autridge	100m Long Jump Triple Jump		
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**Junior Boys**

Morgan Steiner	100m Long jump	Bradley Stevens	100m
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**Int Boys**

Mitchell Green	400m Discus	Shane Stafford	200m
Luke Smith	800m		

**Senior Boys**

Sean Tuhakaraina	400m	James Jobe	H Jump
Beau Wills	Walk (open)		

**Waikato/BOP Athletic Champs**

About 18 students represented Matamata College at the Waikato/BOP Champs. As you can imagine the standard of competition at this level is very high but several of our students had excellent results:

Chandre Koole	1st	IG Javelin
Lucas Broyden	1st	JB Javelin
Katherine Scott	2nd	IG High Jump
Kieran McPherson	2nd	SB 3000m
James Jobe	2nd	SB High Jump
Sean Tuhakaraina	2nd	SB Discus
Nicole Settle	2nd	JG Discus
George Kittow	3rd	JB 800m
Zaena Marino	3rd	JG Javelin

**Corrections**

1. In the last Contact I listed the students from last year’s senior class who had gained Scholarship passes. I neglected to include **Ashley Child**, who gained a Scholarship pass in Maths with Statistics.

2. In the article on the College Games successes, I omitted some medal winners in shooting:
- ⇒ **Teagan Storey**—Gold—Ind Girls’ Points Score Gold—Girls’ Team
  - ⇒ **Brittany Hobart**—Gold—Ind Girls’ Single Rise Bronze—Ind Points Score Bronze— Girls’ Team
  - ⇒ **Maria Dunnett** Gold—Girls’ Team Bronze—Ind Girls Single Barrel
  - ⇒ **Ashley Payze**—Silver—Girls’ Team 50 targets

## School Social

The first school social for the year is to be run by Weka House and will be on **Wednesday 8 April. The theme is "School Uniform"**. Socials start at 7.30pm and finish at 10.30 pm. Tickets cost \$5 and there will be drinks and confectionery for sale. Permission slips will be available at Student Reception closer to the day. Students whose behaviour and/or attendance in Term One have not been satisfactory are not permitted to attend this social and parents of these students will be advised by letter.



### The following rules apply to all socials :

- Doors open at 7.15pm and close at 7.35 pm
- No student to leave the hall before 10.30 pm
- Only Matamata College students allowed to attend
- All students attending must have a signed permission slip from a parent or caregiver
- Normal school rules apply in regards to behaviour, smoking, drugs, and alcohol
- Students may be breath tested at the door
- No chewing gum to be brought into the hall
- Parents are to meet students outside the hall doors at 10.30pm or arrange for the students' safe travel home.

## Cell Phones

Unbelievable as it may sound, we are still having issues with some students who flaunt our school rule about the use of cell phones at school.



Our school policy on cell phones is unequivocal and non-negotiable. Cell phones may not be used while the student is at school (this includes lunchtimes and intervals). Phones must be kept in bags or pockets and must be switched off.

Students who use cell phones while at school will have them confiscated and they will only be returned to parents on **Friday afternoon between 3.15 and 4pm**.

At the moment we have about 10 phones in the safe that have been confiscated this year. I am amazed that some students continue to flaunt this very clear and simple school rule and then sometimes get upset and verbally abusive when it is confiscated.

Despite what students may tell you, they do not need to use them at school and parents who want to contact their child can do so through the school office.

Parents could help us considerably in this matter by either not allowing your student to bring a cell phone to school or, when it is confiscated, not coming to collect it for a few weeks until the message gets through that we are serious about this rule.

I would also request parents not to text their child during school hours.

## Sports' Club Fun Run

My thanks to all the students, staff and parents who supported the Sports' Club Fun Run recently. The beautiful weather and the great organisation by the Sports' Club committee made it a most enjoyable event. Thanks to Adrienne Wilcock and her team for making this event run so well.



I am also grateful to the sponsors of the event who once again supported the college so well. Special thanks to major sponsor **Matamata Mitre 10**.

## Volleyball Report

Both our Girls' and Boys' A Volleyball teams have had a very busy season playing in various competitions and aiming to qualify as high as they can for the National Champs.



The Girls' team met Hillcrest High School, one of the powerhouse teams in NZ, in the final of the Waikato Competition last Saturday. In a tense, hard fought thriller, the girls won the 4th set to claim the Waikato Title. Coach Mr Kilham praised the resilience and mental toughness of the girls who had to come from behind to win this game. Congratulations to the girls in the team: **Monique Alexander; Chloe Autridge; Emily Baker; Carolyn Davidson; Rebecca Hilliar; Emma Jobe; Alice Kranenburg; Danielle Merry; Kelsie Wills**.

The Boys' Team met Fraser in a must-win game with a place in the top 40 at the Nationals up for grabs. Being in the top 40 gives the team the chance to qualify for Division One. In an absolute thriller, the boys won the final set 15—13 after being down two sets. Coach Mr Jamieson said he was proud of the way the boys all lifted for this game and kept hanging in there when it looked like Fraser was getting on top. The team is: **David Candy; Mitchell Green; James Jobe; Kane McIntyre; Jake Smith; Luke Smith; Kyle Storey; Ryan Tuhakaraina; Beau Wills**.

Both teams travel to Palmerston North for the Nationals next week and I wish them all the best for a suc-

## Some Recent Student Successes

- **Chloe Autridge**—won the Fashion in the Field competition at the Tauranga races recently.
- **Beth Hampton**—Won a \$2000 prize for winning the Innovative Solutions category at the "Realise a Dream" competition in Wellington. Beth invented a stretchy tent bag for the event.
- **Luke Smith**—came 3rd in the 50m freestyle final at the NZ Age Group swimming champs recently. He was also a member of the Waikato Relay Team which won the gold medal and he made the final of the 100m freestyle. Matt Stanley and Kendall Johnston also swam at these nationals.
- **Michelle Montague**—has qualified to compete in the world Champs for BMX in July in Adelaide. Michelle qualified by being ranked third in NZ for her age group last year.



## Shooting Successes

Two of our College shooters recently enjoyed considerable success and have been selected for NZ Shooting Teams.

**Maria Dunnett** was selected for the NZ Open Team after being the highest qualifying woman shooter for the McIntosh International Shoot in three events—Single Barrel, Single Rise and Points Score. In the course of qualifying, Maria beat the current NZ Women's champion.



**Joel Hobart** was selected for the NZ Under 21 team and, like Maria, shot for NZ in the World Postal Shoot competition.



## Board Wanted

Monday—Friday for 14 year old Year 10 male student attending Matamata College. Ph 021 051 7790