

### Welcome to Term 3

Term 3 promises to be busy as ever with many activities and events to keep students and staff on their toes. The calendar is looking very full with many field trips, the Arts Fortnight, Winter Tournament week and of course Senior Exam week to look forward to. Hopefully over the holiday break students have had the chance to rest up, get over last terms coughs and colds and are refreshed and ready to go.

It is a huge term for all students and for many it will be make or break time as they need to settle down to work so they can achieve the results they are capable of. In particular senior students should apply themselves and make the most of their time here as they are effectively 2/3rds of the way through their courses. If you have a child sitting NCEA this year please talk with them to check their progress and support them to stay on track. Please also see the important 2009 NCEA entry information later in this newsletter.

If you have concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Deans and staff here at school. Senior Deans have already targeted and begun work with students in need of extra guidance and support.

#### Requirements for NCEA Certificates

##### Level 1

**80 credits** at any level including  
8 in literacy  
8 in Numeracy

##### Level 2

**80 credits**  
A minimum of 60 must be at level 2 or above

##### Level 3

**80 Credits**  
A minimum of 60 must be at level 3 or above and  
20 from level 2 or above

### ACE Club winner Term 2

Winner of the Stanley Group and Matamata Veterinary Services sponsored ACE (Achieving Excellence) Club laptop for Term 2 is Taylor Drummond of 9.2. Achieving eight Excellence grades across a range of subjects Taylor is a very deserving winner. Taylor was drawn from the draw which included 121 Junior Students who between them amassed over 400 Excellence grades in assessments throughout the term. There is still one more laptop up for grabs for senior students gaining excellence grades later this year. Thanks to the Stanley Group and Matamata Veterinary Services for their ongoing sponsorship of the ACE Club.



### Whakatauki

**He manako te koura i kore ai.** -  
(Crayfish are scarce when they are expected - Don't count your chickens before they hatch.)

*"Learning to read and write well comes largely from doing reading and writing, the more the better"* T Launder, Karen Lochbaum, ad Scott Dooley in *Theory and Practice*, Winter 2009.

### Entries for NCEA 2009

A statement for the NCEA entry fee for each student is included with this newsletter. NCEA entry fees should be paid to Matamata College by **Friday 28th August**.



NCEA entries will be submitted for each student based on the subjects recorded on the fees statement and on the reports that have recently been sent home. It is important that the fees statement is checked carefully so that the NCEA entries for each student are correct.

### Financial Assistance for NCEA Entry Fees

Application forms for financial assistance may still be collected from the Matamata College office. To be eligible for financial assistance the applicant (normally the parent or guardian of the candidate) must be the fee payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link Benefit. (**benefit-based applications**)
- Have a joint family income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card. (**income-based applications**)
- Have *more* than one child undertaking these qualifications in the same year, irrespective of income and the total fees to pay are higher than \$200. (**multiple candidate applications**)  
International fee paying students are not eligible for financial assistance.

	Eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance	Not eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance
<b>One child who is a candidate</b>	\$20.00	Full fees (\$75.00 for NQF and 3 Scholarship subjects)
<b>More than one child who are candidates</b>	A maximum of \$30.00 per family	Where fees are payable for more than one candidate, a maximum of \$100.00 per child and \$200.00 per fee payer

Candidates will pay \$75 except if they enter for more than three Scholarship subjects or are international students. This means that most fee payers with two candidates assessed against NQF standards this year will not be eligible for multiple candidate financial assistance.

Completed application forms for financial assistance must be returned to the College office by **Friday 21st August**.

If you have any queries about the NCEA entries or entry fees you should contact the Matamata College office.

### Achievement Voucher Awards

At the end of Term 2 we also drew the winners of the Terms Achievement Voucher awards. Achievement Vouchers are issued to students for positive work and behaviour and every voucher means one chance on the draw. If a student receives 10 vouchers in a term they also get a \$5.00 Canteen voucher. Congratulations to winner of the draws main prize, TLC student Kim Milburn.



### Pathways Evening

The option selection process for 2010 has already begun and the annual Pathways evening is established as a key part of this. All Year 10-12 students and their parents are encouraged to attend the Pathways Evening in week 4, Thursday August 13. In addition to teaching staff there are a huge number of outside providers including Polytechnic and University liaison officers, representatives from the services, and some local businesses. All subject areas will be represented and staff and Deans will be available to provide advice and guidance for you and your child as you consider pathways for them through and beyond school. If you are unsure or undecided about what subjects you will take in 2010 this evening needs to be entered in your diary now.



### PATHWAYS EVENING

Thursday August 13

6.30pm-8.30pm

Matamata College Hall and Library

### SPORTS CLUB Calf Fundraiser.

The Matamata College Sports Club Committee would love to hear from anyone who would like to either donate a calf or graze a weaner. If you can help with this please ring Adrienne Wilcock on ph: 888 3830



### Doctor's Clinic is Back in Business

Thanks to the efforts of the Matamata Doctors and staff at the Matamata Medical Centre I am pleased to announce that the Doctor's Clinic is back in business. They have gone to extraordinary lengths to gain further funding so this very successful initiative can continue at the College. We are extremely grateful for their ongoing support for the health and welfare of our students. Students take note that the Doctor's clinic will resume every Thursday lunchtime in the Sick-bay area of Student Reception.



### Fashion & Variety Concert Wed 19th August 7.30pm

In conjunction with the Matamata Rotary Club the College students are putting on a night of Variety, Fashion, Music and Dance. This is to raise funds to finance Matamata College students selected to attend the Young Designer Awards in Christchurch on the 23rd of September.

**Nibbles and drinks available**  
**Cost \$20.00 for adults**  
**\$10.00 for students accompanied by parents**



### PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on **Wednesday 19th August at 7.30pm** in the staffroom.



### Uniform Issues

It is great to see more students taking steps to wear their uniform properly. There are, of course, a few that are letting us down and I appeal once again to parents to play their part in ensuring their son/daughter is in correct Matamata College uniform.

A few things that bring the standard down are beanies and caps and sweatshirts worn either on top of or under jerseys. Also students who are in sports teams with sponsored Tracksuit jackets are reminded that these are for sports commitments only and are not to be worn as everyday wear.



### Student Success

Congratulations to **Year 9A Netball** who recently took out the Thames Valley Year 9 Netball League. The team is coached by **Mrs. Pauro** and consists of **Grace Buckhurst, Haana Gaskell, Karen Hooten, Baylee Jackson, Kelsey Langlands, Jahnaya Pauro, Nicole Settle, Marine Viljoen and Rebekah Watkin.**

Hockey players selected in Representative Teams and who played in National tournaments in the holidays are: **Brad Knyvett** selected Counties Hockey u18 Boys, **Melissa Caird** Waikato U16 Girls and **Tessa Froger** Waikato U16 Development team.

NEW WORLD College A Netball players **Brittney Coates** and **Janine Bailey** were recently named in a National age-group tournament team. These two midcourt players who gained this achievement while playing in the Hamilton U.17 B team, in games against the best talent from around the country over six weekends.

COMAG 1st XV captain and prop **Levi Henare** selected for Waikato Harlequins U.17 team.

The student group led by **Emma Wylie** and **Hayley Clarke** raised \$6,000.00 for World Vision from their Shanty-town 40 hour famine project.

Year 13 students **Alicia Catlin, Brendan MacDonald, Jackson Greenwell, Michael Wilson, Renee Veen** attended snow-craft OPC camp during the holidays thanks to sponsorship from Hinuera-TePoi Lions.

### Staff News

We welcome to Matamata College the following staff and thank them for choosing Matamata College. **Miss Ashley Woofe** teaching Media Studies and English. **Miss Joeline Gwynne** who joins the Physical Education Department. In two weeks time we welcome **Mr. Benjamin Sarma** and **Mrs. Debbie Bernier** who join us from Canada to take up vacancies in the English Department. We are also very fortunate to have gained the services of **Mrs. Barbara Graham** (formerly DP of Tokoroa High School) who along with HOD Maths **Mr. Kevin Kent**, are stepping up to support the Senior Leadership Team while Mr. Rowsell is on sabbatical this term.

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Acting Principal