

SMITHY!

"Every School has a Smithy, but after this Smithy, you may not have a school!"

This is the musical of the school play - a riotous parody of the annual nightmare...Miss Byrde is a fresh-out of -college Drama teacher and Smithy is the teachers' nightmare. She has had four years training and he has had at least ten - recognise the situation? Every student, teacher and parent will identify with this musical! ~ Great songs. A hilarious storyline. Great entertainment.

Tuesday 23—Friday 26th June

7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm)

Adults \$12

Students \$6

Tickets available from school office or at the door.

NCEA Fees 2009



Fees for Domestic Candidates

Enrolment	Fee
Any NQF standards and up to 3 Scholarship subjects	\$75 per candidate
Additional Scholarship subjects (more than 3 subjects)	\$75 per subject

Note: For any number of NQF standards a maximum fee of \$75 will apply.

Fees for International Fee Paying Candidates

Enrolment	Fee
Any NQF standards	\$375 per candidate
Scholarship subjects (additional to NQF fees)	\$100 per subject

Note: For any number of NQF standards a maximum fee of \$375 will apply.

Some students will be eligible to apply for financial assistance. These are students whose parents or guardians:

- ⇒ Receive a work and income or Study Link benefit (benefit-based application)
- ⇒ Are entitled to a Community Services card (income based application)
- ⇒ Have *more* than one child in the family undertaking NCEA qualifications in the same year, regardless of income and the total fees to pay are higher than \$200 (multiple candidate applications)

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 for NCEA will not be eligible for multiple candidate financial assistance.

Application forms for financial assistance may be collected from the Matamata College office. The application forms should be completed and returned to Matamata College by **Friday 28th August**.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on **Wednesday 17th June at 7.30pm** in the staffroom. Mr Billingham will talk about Internet and Cyber Space safety and the Principal will present a school report. Everybody most welcome.

Junior Reports Parent Evening

The Year 9 & 10 half year reports will be posted home next week.

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to follow up these reports on interview night on **Wednesday 1 July from 3.30—6.30 pm**.

These interviews will be by appointment only.

Parents/Caregivers can book appointments with teachers by going to the website **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz** and entering the code for Matamata College which is **P7Q2R**

Once you have logged in you will be asked to fill out your details and email address and then you can select which teachers you would like to see and then select times for these interviews.

The interviews are scheduled for 10 minutes each. If a time slot has already been booked, the programme will not allow you to book that time.

Once you have completed all your bookings, a timetable will be emailed to you with your schedule for the evening on it.

Bookings can be made up until 5pm on Tuesday 30 June when the booking process will be closed.

Parents or caregivers who do not have access to a computer or the internet, can ring the school office and the office staff will be able to make bookings for you.

Please note that all appointments for Wednesday 1 July must be pre-booked using this system.

Uniform Issues

Students wearing incorrect shoes to school are still causing us concern and wasting a lot of precious staff time.

School shoes must be black and must be shoes—not jandals, slippers or boots. For some reason some girls have taken to wearing boots as part of their uniform. Boots should not be worn to school and I would ask all parents/caregivers to ensure that your son/daughter has the correct footwear to wear as part of the Matamata College uniform.



Influenza Advice

The best things you can do to stop the spread of any type of influenza virus is to:

- stay at home and away from others if you are sick
- cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- put used tissues into a rubbish bin
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth – germs spread that way
- be careful to wash hands often with soap and dry them thoroughly
 - **hand hygiene is critical:** even when you start to feel better there is still a risk of infecting others, so keep to the 20/20 rule – 20 seconds washing and 20 seconds drying
- keep surfaces clean at home, school and work.
- **Anybody experiencing warning signs of severe influenza illness such as rapid breathing, difficulty breathing, chest pain, severe vomiting or if a child is not responding or is difficult to wake up, should get urgent medical attention.**



School Donation Fee

A gentle reminder to those who have not yet paid this school fee donation of \$125 per student (or \$200 for two or more) that the BOT would welcome your support for the school. Donations are tax deductible and make a huge difference to the BOT's ability to resource the school properly.



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

Senior Ball

My congratulations to the senior ball committee lead by **Courtney Tiddy and the Senior Leaders** for the wonderful job they did organising and running this year's senior ball.

It was a splendid occasion in every respect. The students looked great in their formal attire and their behaviour was impeccable.

Thanks too must go to Mr Kilham, the Year 13 Dean, who supported the committee so well.

It is a privilege to attend such school social functions when students treat it with the respect they all showed on this occasion. Well done to everyone concerned.



Parent Satisfaction Survey

Have you returned this to the school yet? The BOT is keen to get as many responses as they can from a good cross section of our parents and caregivers.

The survey was sent home with the last newsletter. A copy can be found on the school website or there are spare copies at the main school office.



Thames Valley Cross Country Results

	Senior Boys
Kieran McPherson	2nd
Beau Wills	6th
Blair Holmes	7th
Nick Stafford	8th
Jordan Hicks	10th

	Junior Boys
Christy Drysdale-Dunn	9th

	Junior Girls
Riannon Bardoul	4th

	Intermediate Girls
Kimberley Tiddy	4th

	Senior Girls
Sarah Baker	8th
Erin Hawe	10th

	Team Places
Senior Boys	1st
Junior Girls	2nd
Junior Boys	3rd



Doctor's Clinic

I have been informed by the Matamata Medical Centre that because of funding issues, the Doctor's clinic at the College will cease at the end of Term 2. I appreciate the efforts that the Matamata Doctors and staff at the Medical Centre have gone to in order to provide this service and to try and keep it running so that our students can benefit. It has been a very successful initiative and I am particularly grateful to Dr Fiona Campbell for her work at the College. We are currently trying to find alternative sources of funding so that we may continue this clinic in the future.

Studyit!

Studyit (www.studyit.org.nz) is a free on-line resource set up to help students succeed with NCEA exams.

In addition to providing everything they need to know on their NCEA mission, students who sign up can contact expert subject teachers out of school hours and during holidays, and receive encouragement from other students through safe on-line forums.

The site contains revision notes, key tips, practice questions and links to other useful websites.

I strongly suggest that students have a look at this site as I am sure it would be of great assistance to every student undertaking NCEA study this year.



Special Olympics

Matamata College was privileged to once again host the Special Olympics Soccer day recently. Mr Freeman and his team worked very hard to make it a successful day and it was wonderful to see the large number of students supporting our special Olympians on that day.

The Matamata team came first overall – a wonderful achievement. The team was: **Connor Capener; Clannie Hermans; Thomas Houlahan; Cameron Irwin; Roger Knyvett; Kimberley Milburn; James Shin; Ethan Simpson-Brown; Daniel Turner**

Thanks must also go to the senior students who helped run and organise the day and who catered for our guests. They did a superb job.



Some Recent Student Successes

- **Sarah Harrison**—winner of the Waikato Under 15 Squash Championship
- **Ben Rush**—runner up in the Waikato Under 17 Squash Champs
- **Scott Darroch**—representing Waikato Squash in Malaysia Tournaments
- **Girls' Squash Team**—winners of the Thames Valley Sec Schools' Squash Champs. The team was **Lilli Mathews; Sarah Harrison** and **Christine Smith**
- **Nick Stafford**—selected for the Air Force Challenge - one of 40 successful applicants from over 190 who applied.
- **Rhys Wilcock**—selected in the Waikato Under 19 Golf Team

Principal's Sabbatical

I have been granted a sabbatical for all of term 3 and will be using it to visit 25 schools in NZ to look at their programmes in literacy and transition and also how they are using ICT to better teach students. In my absence Mr Munro will be Acting Principal.

Staff News

We are farewelling the following staff who leave us at the end of term 2

- **Miss Olsthoorn** is taking up a teaching post in the Middle East
- **Ms Morris**—moves to Fairfield College in Hamilton
- **Mrs Abbit**—to Waikato Diocesan School
- **Mr Pim**—to a teaching position in the Middle East (although he will stay on for a while until his replacement can start)

Thanks to these teachers for their contribution to Matamata College and very best wishes for the future.

G. C. Rowsell

Principal