

Swimming Sports

The school was privileged to watch some outstanding swimming at this year's College Swimming Champs. Ten individual records were broken and some of these records dated back to the 1980's. Record breakers were:



Matt Stanley (SB)

- 1 length backstroke
- 4 stroke medley
- 3 lengths freestyle
- 1 length butterfly
- 3 lengths backstroke



Jake Smith (SB)

- 1 length breaststroke
- 3 length breaststroke
- 3 stroke medley



Luke Smith (IB)

- 1 length freestyle
- 3 lengths freestyle



Swimming Champions

Junior Boys

- 1st** Wyatt Johnston
- 2nd** Todd Dimmock
- 3rd** Morgan Steiner

Intermediate Boys

- 1st** Luke Smith
- 2nd** Bradley Hilliar
- 3rd** Shaun Deed

Senior Boys

- 1st** Matt Stanley
- 2nd** Jake Smith
- 3rd** Beau Wills

Junior Girls

- Riannan Bardoul
- Rachel Hilliar
- Marine Viljoen

Intermediate Girls

- Kendall Johnston
- Charlotte Atherton
- Emily Baker

Senior Girls

- Hayley Clarke
- Alicia Caitlin =
- Chloe Autridge =

House Champions Weka

Scholarship Successes in 2008

Five of our senior class of 2008 gained seven Scholarships between them in the NCEA exams last year:

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| Sarah Parry | English & Media |
| Dannielle Tappin | Accounting & Economics |
| Naomi Pettigrew | English |
| Holly Park | Statistics |
| Sigrid Wightman | Physical Education |



Year 12 Scholars' Group

Congratulations to the following year 12 students who have been selected for the Scholars' group for 2009. These students were selected based on their Grade Point Average for 2008 and the purpose of this scholars' group is to give them the support and encouragement they need to excel at level 2 NCEA.

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| Monique Alexander | Danielle Arts |
| Katie Bird | Elisabeth Brown |
| Alice Clothier | Sophie Frew |
| Kylie Gillingham | Thomas Kittow |
| Lance Knyvett | James Norris |
| Brittany Park | Harriette Tanner |
| Hannah Woods | |



New Zealand College Games

These College Games are held every four years and late last year several Matamata College students participated in the games in a variety of sports. This year's Deputy Head Girl, Erin Hawe, was chosen to read the Athletes' Oath at the opening ceremony and several of our students achieved notable successes at these prestigious games. Students who won medals were:

Brittany Hobart	Gold	Shooting	Single rise
	Gold	Shooting	Point score
Maria Dunnett	Gold	Shooting	Team
	Gold	Shooting	50 target Ind
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Teagan Storey	Gold	Shooting	50 target team
Louis Wright	Gold	Cycling	Under 16
Rebecca Kingsford	Gold	Triathlon	Under 19
Matt Nicholls	Silver	Athletics	SB High Jump
	Silver	Athletics	SB Long Jump
Maria Dunnett	Silver	Shooting	Team 50 target
	Silver	Shooting	2 day high gun
Ashley Payze	Bronze	Shooting	Teams
	Bronze	Shooting	50 target cont
Brittany Hobart	Bronze	Shooting	Teams
Teagan Storey	Bronze	Shooting	2 day high gun
Scott Darroch	Bronze	Squash	Under 15
Ashley Payze	Bronze	Shooting	Team 50 target
Kendall Johnston	Bronze	Swimming	15 50m back-stroke



Matamata Mitre 10 – Matamata College Sports' Club Fun Run

Sunday 15th of March.

- RD1 Matamata—5km walk*
- Metso Minerals—5km run*
- Harcourts Kevin Deane Real Estate Ltd—10km walk*
- Magill Earl and Co.—10km run*

The Matamata College Sports' Club Fun Run and Walk takes place this **Sunday commencing at 9.30am**. Registration is from 8.30am. It would be great to have a large number of entries for this event which is the Sports' Club major fund-raiser for the year.

The Sports' Club committee has worked very hard to make this event bigger and better than last year and there are some fabulous spot prizes up for grabs.

I would especially like to see a large number of students supporting this event as the money raised is used to support all students playing sport for the school. Students will earn House Points by entering in this event.

If there are parents who can help as volunteers to act as marshalls or help at drink stations, please contact our Sports' Coordinator, Donna Gaskell at 07 881 9018 ext 229.

Attendance

Just a reminder that every student absence from school must be covered by a parent/caregiver notification to the school. This can be done in a number of ways:

- ⇒ By sending a note to the form teacher when the student returns to school
- ⇒ By phoning the dedicated absence line on 881 9033
- ⇒ By emailing the school (office@matamatacollege.school.nz)
- ⇒ By using the school-links absence module to send an email to the school.
- ⇒ By phoning the school office (07 881 9018) to report an absentee. This needs to be done before 8.30am please as we start chasing unexplained absences at 8.45am each morning.

Some Recent Student Successes

- **Louis Wright (Cycle); Luke Smith (Swim) and Kieran McPherson (Run)** - easily won the Waikato Sec Schools' Team Tag triathlon at Karapiro recently. The boys now have their sights set on the NZ champs.
- **Kelsie Wills**—has been selected in the NZ Under 19 Beach volleyball team to travel to the World Championships in Turkey later this year.
- **Mitchell Green and Ryan Wilson**—both scored centuries for the 1st XI Boys' cricket team in recent games. **Lance Knyvett** took 5 wickets against Te Aroha College to win the game for Matamata.
- **Beau Wills and Travis Scott**—played in 18's and under for Waikato at numbers 1 & 2 in an inter-provincial Tennis Tournament recently. The Waikato team won all its matches against Hawkes Bay; Western Bay and bay of Plenty. Both boys have been selected for the Waikato Men's Tennis team along with former pupil Mark Hedley. Beau recently competed in a NZ money tournament gaining 5th place and picked up his first I.T.F. points in Canterbury winning through to the 3rd round of an international tournament.

Uniform Issues

We are having a battle with some students who are not following the school's uniform code. Incorrect shoes is the biggest problem - students wearing jandals and wearing sandals with the straps down or coloured footwear..

Students have a choice of wearing **black shoes with socks or sandals with a back strap**. Jandals are not an option - even for Year 13 students.

Boys may wear a **white** tee-shirt under their college shirt - no other colour.

We try to keep the uniform code as simple and easy as possible and students should realise that the College is a place of work where a uniform is required to be worn properly - just like The Warehouse, McDonalds or New World.

Doctor's Clinic

Dr Fiona Campbell has asked me to remind parents and students that her clinic at school should be for urgent and relatively serious cases. Students with "normal" health issues should still be taken to their own doctor at the medical centre.

Lateness

Classes start at 8.30am. Too many students are signing in late with pathetic excuses like "Slept in" and besides missing the important start of period 1, their lateness is a severe disruption to others.

School Links

Have you registered for school- links yet? Help us improve our attendance stats by going on-line and registering. It's easy and it will enable us to send you texts and emails when your son/daughter is absent from school with no explanation.

The site is www.school-links.org.nz.

1. Click on the "Register" box
2. Type "M" in the top box and then select Matamata College from the drop- down menu.
3. The registration code is *matamata-parent*.
4. This will take you to your registration form which can be filled in on-line. Remember that you will need your unique password which must be different from the registration code you have used to get to the registration page.
5. Email the school (office@matamatacollege.school.nz) if you are having trouble registering on this site.

PTA meeting

The next meeting of the College PTA group will be on **Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm** in the staffroom. It will double as the AGM for the group.

Representatives of the College Sports' Club will talk about their work and the Principal will talk about school news including work on the Revised Curriculum.

Te Rangimarie Hui

The next meeting of the Te Rangimarie Parents' group will be held on **Monday 6th April at 6pm in the Wharenui**.

Te Rangimarie is a parent group that meets regularly to support Maori students and Teachers in the school. Its kaupapa is to raise the achievement and retention rate for Maori students at Matamata College.

Come along and support your child to get the most out of his or her years at college.

Nau mai. Haere mai.

Winter Sports' Codes Managers and Coaches wanted

Are you able to help with a winter sport? Matamata College is proud of the opportunities it offers students in sport but we need your help to continue doing this.

We need coaches and managers for all our winter codes. Interested in knowing more?

Phone the Sports' Co-ordinator, Donna Gaskell on 07 881 9018 ext 229 to find out more.

Donna would also appreciate the help of any parents who might be able to assist her in putting together first aid kits and gear bags for all our winter sports' teams.

Calendar of up-coming events

Thu 12 Mar	TV Athletics
Sun 15 Mar	Sports' Club Fun Run
Tue 17 Mar	TV Triathlon
Wed 18 Mar	PTA 7.30pm
Thu 19 Mar	HPV immunisation
Sat 21 Mar	Waikato/BOP Athletics
Sun 22 Mar	Touch Zones
Wed 25 Mar	Waikato Swimming
Fri 27 Mar	Interim reports mailed
Mon 30 Mar	NZSS Volleyball—all week
Wed 1 April	Interim reports parent evening
	TV Tennis
Sat 4 April	NISS Athletics

G. C. Rowsell

Principal

Help!