

Te Wairere Kapa Haka Group Excels

I had the privilege of watching the College’s Te Wairere Kapa Haka group perform at the Tainui Regional competition in Huntly recently.

This was the first time since 2005 that our group has performed at this prestigious competition and their performance was most impressive.

The group was at a disadvantage with only 5 boys on stage but these 5 boys backed up by the superb girls certainly made an impression, vocally and physically. The group gained a third place in the Moeteatea section and was placed 8th overall—a very creditable achievement for a group that is re-building.

The group looked and sounded superb and I want to congratulate all the students and their tutors Taki and Sheryl Peeke and assistants Wini Wilson and Gayle Wharawhara and Manager Whaia Tania Morris for doing us all proud with their performance.

Parent Satisfaction Survey

The BOT is in the process of reviewing its strategic goals for the next five years and reviewing key aspects of the school’s effectiveness.



As part of this review the BOT would like parents to take 10 minutes to fill out the *Parent Satisfaction Survey* included with this posting and return it to the College Office as soon as possible.

It is important that the BOT get a good number of responses back from a cross section of its parent/caregiver community, so please take the time to complete the survey and return it to the College.

Senior Reports—Booking Teacher Interviews

Parents can make appointments on-line to talk to teachers about the senior reports on **Wednesday 3 June 3.30—6.30.**

For these interviews we are trialling an **appointment only format.**

Parents and caregivers can book appointment times with staff by going to the web-site www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and entering the code for Matamata College which is **GFYSD**



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 2 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 3 June must be pre-booked using this system.

We will also use this system for the junior report follow-up evening on Wednesday 1 July but bookings for this evening will not open until after the senior report night.

Careers Expo in Hamilton

The biggest Careers’ Expo in NZ runs in Hamilton Sunday June 7 and Monday June 8 at the Claudelands Event Centre in Hamilton.



We encourage students and their parents to attend on the Sunday.

In response to the Get a Life Waikato campaign being run in May, Matamata College, Mimico and Railside by the Green have organised a bus to run to the Expo on Sunday 7th June.

The bus will leave Matamata College at 10.30am and return by 4.00pm. Cost is \$5 for students and \$10 per family. Parents are encouraged to attend this expo with their children.

To book your place on the bus please pay at the Student Reception by Friday 29 May.

Any questions, please contact Mr Murray 8819018 Ext 223

Smoke Free Run for Health Results



	Junior Girls	Junior Boys
1	Keziah Hofmann	Christy Drysdale-Dunn
2	Riannan Bardoul	George Kittow
3	Jennifer Leech	Ryan Moorehead

	Int Girls	Int Boys
1	Kimberley Tiddy	Scott Hilliar
2	Tessa Froger	Luke Smith
3	Kendall Johnston	Shaun Deed

	Senior Girls	Senior Boys
1	Chloe Autridge	Kieran McPherson
2	Sarah Baker	Blair Holmes
3	Courtney Tiddy	Beau Wills

Winning House Weka

More NZ Representatives!

⇒ **Beau Wills**— selected for the NZ Under 19 Volleyball Team to tour Australia in July



⇒ **Louis Wright**—selected in the NZ Under 19 Cycling Squad to compete in the Junior Kowalski Tour of Canberra in July



⇒ **Matt Stanley**—chosen for the NZ Under 17 Swimming Team to compete in three meets in Australia in July



Senior Ball

I want to wish all the seniors attending the school ball on Saturday 6 June all the best for a memorable and wonderful night.

The organising committee has worked very hard to make the ball a successful social occasion and deserve to have everyone who attends the ball treat the occasion with the respect the organising committee deserves.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to come to the Memorial Centre to watch the students arrive between 7.15 and 7.45. and to pop in to see the decorations in the hall.

Home Stays Required

Have you got room in your home for a student from Japan for 11 nights - 29 July - 9 August?



Matamata College is hosting approximately 25 students from Kaichi High School in that time and we need 25 families to host a student each. The students will be taking English lessons and joining in normal school routines while at Matamata College and there will also be some touristy things arranged for them.

Hosting an international student is a great way to get to know another culture and students studying Japanese at college would especially benefit from this experience.

Home stay hosts will receive a reasonable remuneration for hosting these students.

If you can help us out or want more information, please phone **Denise Williams (Homestay Manager)** on **07 888 8764**

Girls' Touch Team Australian Tour

Miss Johnson took 11 girls from the Girls' Touch Team on a 10 day tour to Australia in the last holidays.

The team played four games:

Lost first game against Palm Beach.

Won 9-0 against AB Patterson.

Won 6-5 against Elanora

Drew 5-5 with Benowa.

Highlights for the team included Movie & Dream-world, and the place they stayed at.

Miss Johnson reports that it was a great learning experience for the girls because the style of Touch played in Australia is so different from how we play it in NZ and also Touch is a major sport in a lot of the schools they played against.

The girls wish to thank all the parents for their support and give a special big thanks to Miss Johnson.

Waikato University Scholarships

The following members of the senior class of 2008 have been awarded School Leaver Scholarships worth \$3000 in recognition of their achievement at Level 3 NCEA:

Rebecca Ellis	Kerry Arts
Nicole Freemantle	Sanne Kleven
Chantelle Van Waveren	Brett Saddleton
Danielle Tappin	Holly Park
Alexandra O'Reilly	

Holly Park and Danielle Tappin have also been awarded a Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Academic Excellence and **Ryan Clark** has been awarded a Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship.

Waikato Sec Schools' Tennis Results

Megan Storey & Kelsie Wills—Winners Senior Doubles

Paige Gaskell & Emma Jobe—Winners Consolation Int Doubles

Beau Wills—Winner Consolation Senior Singles

Blair Holmes & Kyle Storey—Winners Consolation Senior Doubles



NZQA Fees for 2009

The 2009 NZQA fees have remained the same as last year. **Basically it is \$75 per candidate (domestic students)**

Scholarship Students will pay \$75 per subject after the first 3 subjects.

We will be sending out notices and collecting the fees in Term 3.

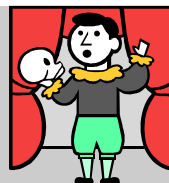
Smithy is Coming!

This year's school musical production is "Smithy!" and it will be staged the week of 23—26 June (week 9)

Smithy is the main character in the play. He is a bit of a hard-case and the terror of all his teachers. He decides he would like to play Romeo in the school production because the girl that he fancies, Belinda, is playing the role of Juliet and Smithy thinks he might get "kisses and everything" if he can land the Romeo role.

Naturally things don't go to plan and what ensues is a hilarious and entertaining 2 hours of mayhem and chaos as Smithy wreaks havoc with the show. The music is very catchy and the show is suitable for people of all ages.

Put the dates in your diary now and don't miss "Smithy". **Tickets will go on sale and bookings will open on 8th June**



Recent Student Successes

- ⇒ **Erin Hawe**—named Waikato Golf Woman Junior and Senior Player of the Year recently. This recognises Erin's high achievement and consistency during the season. It is the second year in a row she has won the Senior Golfer of the Year title.
- ⇒ **Jordan Hicks**—completed his first marathon when he ran in the Rotorua marathon.
- ⇒ **Jacqueline Louw**—is through to the second round of the Brain Bee challenge to be held at the Auckland University Medical School soon.
- ⇒ **Luke Smith, Louis Wright and Kieran McPherson**—5th in the NZ Sec Schools' Team Triathlon.
- ⇒ **Joseph Freeman**—won the batting trophy for scoring most runs in the Year 9 Cricket competition at the Hamilton Junior Cricket Awards.
- ⇒ **College 9 Maroon Netball Team**—winner of the Open Day Tournament at the Matamata Netball Association. The team is; **Victoria Bowers-Mason; Danielle Cook; Aleisha Crowder; Emily Hill; Maegen Menhennet; Chantel Vale Alicia Pihema-Stewart; Samantha Redgate; Alicia Stewart; Paige Tappin;**

Winter Uniforms Urgently Wanted

The PTA Uniform Shop is in desperate need of winter uniforms—especially girls' tunics, jerseys and jackets. Uniforms for sale can be left at the main office in a plastic bag with your name and contact details and a suggested price.

ERO Review

The Education Review Office Team will be in school from the 8th—19th June.

As part of their review they would like to meet with parents and have scheduled two separate meetings:
All Parents/Caregivers Wednesday 10 June 2.30pm
Maori Parents/Caregivers Wednesday 10 June 2.30pm

I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend these meetings so that the ERO team gets to hear feedback about the school from a good cross section of parents.



Teacher -only Day

The Friday of Field Days (**Friday 12th June**) will be a teacher-only day to enable teachers to undergo Professional Development on the revised curriculum which will be implemented in 2010.

G. C. Rowsell

Principal