

Petria and Rebecca Martin

We were all shocked to learn of the tragic deaths of former Matamata College students **Rebecca and Petria Martin** in the recent Samoa Tsunami. Both girls are remembered with much fondness by staff and their positive attitude and zest for life made them a pleasure to teach and they were ideal students in every respect.

It was an honour for the College to host the girls' funeral service and our deepest sympathy goes out to Kerry and Lynne, Zoe and Kristi and all their friends and family at this very sad time.

We are also thinking of former student Jodi McGlashan, who was also caught up in the Tsunami tragedy.

Scholarship Successes

Several of our senior class students have recently been successful in gaining prestigious and valuable Scholarships to attend Tertiary Institutions next year:



- **Travis Scott**—Auckland University Scholarship. This is Auckland University's most prestigious undergraduate Scholarship and will pay for Travis' fees for the first three years, plus academic mentoring for one year. This Scholarship is worth up to \$50,000.
- **Matt Stanley**—Massey University High Achievers' Scholarship (Sport)
- **Nicholas Stafford**—Massey University High Achievers' Scholarship (Academic)
- **Jamie Simmonds**—David Johnstone Trust Scholarship—Wintec
- **Nicholas Stafford**—David Johnstone Trust Scholarship—Waikato Uni (Sciences)
- **Petalla Kapua**—David Johnstone Trust Scholarship—Waikato Uni (Teaching)
- **Jonelle Lubbe**—Sir George Seymour Tourism College Scholarship
- **Kurt Gaskell**—Lincoln University Future Leaders' Scholarship

Congratulations to these students and my thanks to all the staff who supported the senior students by writing references and testimonials. I know that there are several more scholarship applications in the pipeline and hopefully I can announce some more Scholarships in the next newsletter.

Auckland University Summer Science School

Three Year 12 students have won selection for the Auckland University Summer Science School to be held in December.

Harriette Tanner, Hannah Woods and Katherine Bird will spend a week at Auckland University attending lectures and labs and mixing with other top young scientists from around New Zealand.

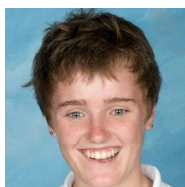
It is some achievement to get selected for this programmes and I trust the girls will really enjoy the challenges of this Science School.

Senior Speech Competition Winners

There were some excellent speeches delivered in the senior speech competition this year—a reflection of the emphasis placed on oracy in our curriculum.



Travis Scott
1st Place



Georgia Drysdale-Dunn
2nd Place

Future Problem Solving Successes

I am delighted to report that Matamata College has enjoyed considerable success in the National Future Problem Solving Competition

Our senior team of **Kylie Gillingham, Lance Knyvett, Alice Clothier and Harriette Tanner** has won through to the finals to be held in Auckland this coming weekend. There are only four teams from throughout NZ in the finals, so to get this far is an awesome achievement.

Year 9 student **Beth Hampton** has also won through to the finals in the Individual section—a great achievement in a very competitive competition.

Very best wishes to these students and coach, Mrs Hancock, for the finals.



Kylie Gillingham



Lance Knyvett



Alice Clothier



Harriette Tanner



Beth Hampton

Waikato University Philosophy Successes

Six senior class students have been studying a Philosophy paper through Waikato University in their own time as part of extension work offered to seniors through the STAR programme. I was delighted to be informed of their success which reflects their hard work and depth of understanding and insight.

Emma Wylie	A	Jamie Simmonds	B+
Paige Cavanagh	A-	Michael Robson	B
Stephanie Grange	A-	Bryce Ranson	B-

Science Fair

Year 9 student, **Tim Hampton**, won a gold award and the Environment Award at the East Waikato Science Fair with his invention of solar panels that are much cheaper and smaller than the commercial ones.



Tim sourced the components on the internet and imported then from the USA to assemble the finished product.

Well done on a very fine achievement, Tim.

National Young Designer Competition

Four of our Year 12 students gained places in the various sections of the NZ Young Designer Competition recently:

- **Rebecca Jones**—4th and 2nd place in the Quilting section
- **Kylie Gillingham**—4th
- **Lucy Kranenburg**—4th
- **Danielle Arts**—4th

Year 10 Vision Screening

On Tuesday 3rd November all year 10 students will be involved in a vision screening programme in the school hall. This is a regular programme run by the Waikato District Health Board. Information will be coming home to you via your son/daughter. If you do not wish to have your child part of this vision screening programme, please contact Ms Mathews at the college.



Shooting Team Success

Our shooting team competed in the North Island and New Zealand Sec School Champs at the start of the last holidays.

The team shot very consistently on the Saturday in the Nth Island champs and took out 2nd place. Things didn't go their way in the NZ champs on Sunday but there were some outstanding individual performances:

- **Maria Dunnett**—top girl overall for the championship.
- **Teagan Storey**—selected for the North Island Girls' Team that defeated the South Island.

Te Wairere Awards Evening

Our annual Te Wairere Maori Students' Achievement Awards evening will be held on **Wednesday 4th November commencing at 5pm.**



This is a ceremony where we celebrate the achievements of our Maori students in Academic, Cultural, Sporting and Leadership fields and the Te Wairere Student Council is working very hard to make this ceremony a memorable one.

So come along and enjoy the occasion and support our students who deserve to be celebrated. The ceremony will be held in the G L Whyte Memorial Hall.

Nau Mai, Haere Mai.

Sports' Awards Evening

The 2009 Sport Awards Ceremony will be held on **Tuesday 10th November** in the G L Whyte Memorial Hall.



The evening will start at 7pm with drinks and nibbles and the ceremony itself will commence at 7.30pm.

The ceremony culminates with the announcement of the major sport awards—Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year, Most Persevering Sportsman and Best All—Rounder.

Come along and support our students as we celebrate the year in sport at Matamata College.

Senior Class Leavers' Dinner

All parents/caregivers of senior class students should have received an invitation to the Senior Class Leavers' Dinner to be held at the Memorial Centre on Thursday 12th November commencing at 6.15pm.



This is always a memorable occasion when staff and parents/caregivers gather with the senior students to acknowledge the end of their secondary schooling and to celebrate their contribution to Matamata College. There will be a lovely dinner, some memorable valedictory speeches and entertainment provided by the students.

Tickets are \$35 per person (\$100 for three) and can be purchased at the Student Reception. It would be lovely to see all the Year 13 students and their parents/caregivers at this function.

PPTA Paid Union Meeting

I have been informed by the Post Primary Secondary Schools' Union that teachers at Matamata College who are PPTA members will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on **Friday 13th November from 1.30—3.30pm.**

As most of the teaching staff are PPTA members, classes will not be held on that afternoon and school will finish at the end of period 4 (12.50pm)

I would request parents/caregivers to arrange transport home for Year 9 & 10 students. Some staff will be available to supervise students who are not able to go home at 12.50pm. Buses will run at the normal time.

Metso Art Awards

Each year Metso generously sponsors an Art competition that is open to all students. The company collects all the entries and displays them in their offices and invites its staff to comment on the entries and vote for their favourites.



Once the place getters have been chosen the Company hosts an afternoon tea where the winners are announced and presented with their substantial cash prizes and also donates \$800 to the school as its commitment to fostering Art in the school.

The winning entry is then framed and hung in the offices at Metso and it is great to look at all the years' fabulous winning art work displayed on the walls and they tell me that they attract lots of positive comments from visitors to the Metso offices.

Prize winners this year were:

- 1st** **Chloe Autridge**
- 2nd** **Katherine Bird**
- 3rd** **Georgia Drysdale-Dunn**

My thanks to Metso for its continued generous support of Art at Matamata College

Australasian English Results

Year 9

High Distinction	Distinction	Credit
Lydia Veltman	Victoria Bowers-Mason	Crystal Clothier
	Taylor Drummond	David Exton
	Beth Hampton	Haana Gaskell
	Rachel Hilliar	Emily Lawrence
	Liam Nelson	Jessica Schweizer
	Ellen Osborne	Alicia Stewart
	Stephanie Williams	

Year 10

Distinction	Credit
Ashley Walker	Amy Bolt
	Christy Drysdale-Dunn
	Bethany O'Reilly
	Katherine Scott
	Liam Brown
	Rhys Robinson
	Alice Tanner

Scott Darroch excels

Year 10 student Scott Darroch is a Squash player on the rise. He was placed 3rd in the NZ Under 15 National Champs and represented Bay of Plenty in the National Under 19 teams' competition.



Scott has also been selected in the NZ junior development squad for 2010.

Te Rangimarie Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Maori Parents' Support group, Te Rangimarie, will be held in the Wharenui on **Monday 2nd November at 6pm.**



Whaia Marcella will present her draft version of a vision for Maori student success and achievement at Matamata College. *Nau mai, haere mai.*

ERO Report

The latest ERO report on the College can be found on the school's website or at www.ero.govt.nz. I will send the community summary page home with the next newsletter.

G. C. Rowsell

Principal