

Term 3 has simply flown by, and it is very scary to think that for many of our senior students there is only four to five weeks of class before they leave school! The Year 9 and 10 students seemed to really enjoy having the place to themselves during senior exams. It was great to see the large groups of juniors inventing games and taking over the school grounds in the seniors' absence.

The senior exams went very well, and results from them should give students and parents/guardians valuable feedback and feed-forward as students prepare for the fast approaching end of year externals. Please discuss your sons/daughters results from the practice exams. If you have concerns or queries about their progress and how they are tracking with NCEA, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Deans and staff at school. Students need to watch the notices and take advantage of the many tutorials and study sessions on offer in preparation for the end of the year. They are extremely lucky that some of our wonderful staff are prepared to go the extra mile to help them achieve the results they are capable of.

Arts Fortnight - Talent Quest and Fashion Show

Arts fortnight was a blast. It was great to see the student body participate fully in the many activities and events. From Circus Arts, Dance, Theatre Sports, Year 10 Physical Education class Dance competition, an awesome Fashion Show, to an amazing four lunchtime heats for the Talent Quest. The school was a-buzz with entertainment and "arty" fun. Highlight of the fortnight has to be the brilliant Talent Quest finals night. The bar seems to be raised every year, and those who attended could not help to be impressed with the talent on display. The Year 13 students, and in particular Head Girl Chloe Autridge and Music teacher Miss Brandon, did a great job organising this showcase event.

The standard this year was extremely high - for the record the Talent Quest results were...

- **Best soloist** - guitarist Maria Dunnett
- **Best Group** - The Brothers and the Sisters (James and Emma Jobe, Georgia Drysdale Dunn and Jake Smith)
- **Best Dance** - Aspire Group (Megan Robinson, Lucy Kranenburg, and Abbey Greenwell)
- **Overall winner** - Georgia Drysdale-Dunn. Georgia was a deserved winner with a brilliant vocal performance of "Autumn Leaves" by Eva Cassidy.

Another highlight of the Arts fortnight was the Fashion Show jointly organised with Mata-mata Rotarians. The students, under the direction and tutorage of Mrs Frew wowed the audience with their creations. The fashion display was supported superbly with a huge range of musical items from the school's Music Department. It was great to see the College Concert Band in action and this evening was very much a celebration of the Arts.



Whakatauki

"E mua kaikai, e mura kaihuare"

(Early arrivals get the pick, but the late comers may only get the spittal)



"Taniwha" by Haley Marchant-Bullen 9CMA 2009

CAREER PATHWAYS

Many thanks to all those students and caregivers who attended our very informative Career Pathway evening on August 13. Next year this event will be on Thursday August 12 and will be even bigger and better !!

On Tuesday September 8, a group of our students attended an Engineering for Women day at Longveld Engineering in Hamilton. This is just one example of the many opportunities available for our students to attend open days taster courses to help them decide on future pathways.

We have an exceptional group of Year 13 students this year. The vast majority are organised to achieve great things next year. The small number who have not got themselves organised need to see Mr Murray urgently and we will see what we can do to assist you on to the next stage of your life.
Mr Murray Careers Department.

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted on International Exchanges:

Chris Fotheringham - America 1 year
Kylie Gillingham - Japan 1 year
Juliana Brown - Denmark 1 year
Alice Clothier - Belgium 1 year
Jessica Samuels - Northern Italy for three months



This is the most students that we have on exchanges at one time. They are going with Rotary, Education First (EF) and AFS. What an amazing opportunity for these students and they certainly have an exciting time ahead of them. If students want to find out more about International Exchanges please see Mrs. McGonagle.

We also welcome here **Ana Sofia Arcanjo** from Portugal on an AFS exchange and **Amelie Hendrickx** from Belgium on an NZIUI exchange. **Mayra Leal** from Chile completes her Rotarian Exchange here this year.



“Taniwha” by Mitchell Brown 9GWG 2009

Do you want to keep track of your sons/daughters’ attendance? Receive email communications from school—including school newsletters? Then please register for School Links.



Our school is now using School-links new 2.0 version web-based communication portal that helps us communicate with you and enables you to:

- Receive time-critical two-way TXT and email alerts for all general communications such as school closures, sport cancellations or ground changes and school emergencies.
- Receive TXT and email alerts when your student is marked absent.
- Book your parent-teacher interviews online.
- Notify us of your students’ absences 24/7.

We will also use School-links to enable the continuation of communications between school and home if we need to close the school in the event of a pandemic or emergency. You will need to sign up before you can receive these communications.

Please sign up to our new School-links portal now:

- Go to www.school-links.org.nz
- In the blue area labelled ‘Find Your School’, type our name then click “Find School”
- On our school portal page, click the “Sign Up Now!” link on the right hand side
- Enter your name, e-mail address, and other details in the fields provided.
- Once you have finished, click ‘Register Now’ to submit your details.
- Any personal data you supply to School-links

is used for school purposes and will be visible only to our administrative staff.

Next Step:

Once we have your submitted details, we will enable your new School-links accounts, and in due course you will receive an email confirmation from School-links containing a username and password you may use to gain access to our school portal.

Study Centre and Tutorials

It was great to see the many students take advantage of the Study Centre held in the College Library during Senior Exam week. If the demand is there - we will look to open this again closer to external exams in Term 4. We encourage all students to take advantage of this and to watch out for the extra classes and tutorials that will be offered in preparation for exams.

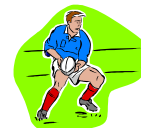


Maori Student Sport and Cultural Exchange with Morrinsville

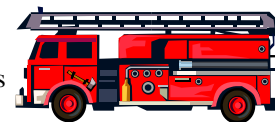
The annual Maori Sport and Cultural Exchange was held on Thursday the 17th of October at Morrinsville College. This was a wonderful day celebrating all things Maori. Teachers in charge of the day, Whaea Manihera-Rolls and Whaea Morris, report that the students represented and acquitted themselves well in all activities.

For the record - Matamata narrowly lost the Rugby by one try, just failing to score the winning touch down in the final seconds. We also lost narrowly in the Kapahaka competition by just four points. Satisfyingly the Netball teams cleaned up both at junior and senior levels to ensure we returned to Matamata with at least one trophy.

Our Te Wairere committee would like to thank Whaea Manihera-Rolls, coaches, Matua Bevo Tuhakaraina (Rugby) and Whaea Tania Morris and Whaea Winnie Wilson (Netball) and all the parents who travelled and supported us on the day.



SADD - It was our pleasure at last week’s assembly to host representatives from the Matamata Fire Brigade. Year 13 student



and SADD co-leader Troy Joule is a volunteer Fireman and we were able to present him and a colleague a cheque for \$1,000.00 from a Mufti Day held to support the brigade. The SADD crash re-enactment at lunchtime a few weeks ago would not have been possible if it weren’t for the input from the Fire Brigade, the Police and other services. We thank them for this and acknowledge the sterling work that these groups do in our community.

Tournament Week Report Back

Co-curricular programmes at Matamata College are extensive and provide a wonderful vehicle to instil key values in our students that help them become better people. The most pleasing aspect of feedback from Tournament week was the reports of how well the various teams represented the school. Not only was their behaviour first rate, but all teams competed with enthusiasm and so I'm told, were a pleasure to take away. All players involved are to be congratulated for their efforts. A summary of our teams results from the week are:

- **New World College A Netball** at Upper North Islands-won 5 lost 4 drew 1
- **Hockey Girls' 1st XI** at Kate Trolove Cup -finished 6th, an improvement on 9th place last year
- **Hockey Boys' 1st XI** at Woolaston Cup in Stratford coming 4th.
- **Soccer Boys' 1st XI** at Malcolm Cowie Tournament in Hamilton. 24 team draw. Played 8 games; in pool play won 4 of their 5 games to finish 2nd. This put them into the top 8 playoffs. In the first crossover, boys were looking really strong until an injury tested our strength up front. The boys did not win any of the three so finished 8th overall. A creditable performance by them. Two other Waikato teams, playing in a higher division of the Waikato competition, finished below us at the tournament.
- **Soccer Girls' 1st XI** at Central Satellite Tournament in Papamoa. 24 team draw. Played 8 games: Pool play finished 3rd with 1 loss; 2wins and 2 draws. This put them into playoffs for 9 – 16th. In these crossovers, they won 1 and lost two to finish 12th. As in the Waikato competition, draws have cost this team dearly. Interestingly, both teams MVP of the tournament were the goalies, **Alisha Dare** and **Kyle van Waveren**.
- Our **Indoor Bowls** team comprising of Phillip Hughes and Craig Millar in the **NZSS Nationals** in Hamilton finished **3rd** after losing to the eventual tournament winners in the semi-finals. Craig was selected at the tournament to represent the Northern Zone against the Southern Zone selection. This is just a continuation of some outstanding results for our bowling team in other competitions. Craig for example won the Waikato Secondary Schools singles title and another Matamata College student Daniel Turner was third. Craig also competed recently in the Tauranga Junior Open Championships winning the singles and combined with older brother Bryce, a recent Matamata College student to win the pairs.



either cutting off ponytails and/or getting their heads shaved in support of Cancer Research this Friday afternoon at Railside by the Green. Part of the proceeds of this weeks Mufti Day will go to support this worthy cause. This is a project that Chloe has been working on for two years in memory of a dear friend Sally-Anne Cooke who passed away 5 years ago. Others have joined, in support of loved ones who have also been affected by cancer. Teacher Mr. Garrud is supporting the cause and will have his head shaved at this weeks Assembly.

Ex Matamata College Students Graduate from University.

Congratulations to the following Matamata College old pupils who have graduated from University this past year. It is always a pleasure to hear of former students going on to experience success beyond school.

Recent Graduates from Victoria University between June 2008 and May 2009.

- **Carolyn J. Corderly** - Bachelor of Commerce and Administration with Honours, Doctor of Philosophy
- **Ronald J. Crawford** - Bachelor of Arts
- **Rowan M. Magill** - Postgraduate Certificate in Health
- **Andrew J. Putwain** - Bachelor of Arts
- **Matthew C. Scott** - Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Recent Graduates from Otago University from September 2008 and September 2009.

- **Caitlin M. Magill** - Bachelor Physical Education with Honours
- **Tracy A. Payne** - Master Arts (Geography)
- **Paul R. Wright** - Bachelor Surveying



"Taniwha" by Jacob Pratt 9GWG 2009

Haircuts in support of CANCER

Head Girl Chloe Autridge and Deputy Head Girl Erin Hawe are just two of the 40 students who are

Important Dates

- Huia/Kiwi Social Thursday 24 Sept.
- End of Term Friday 25 Sept.
- **Term 4** begins Monday 12 Oct.
- Year 8 Option Assembly at 12.20pm Mon. 19 Oct.
- Year 8 Parents Evening Tues. 20 Oct. 7.30pm
- Year 8 Entrance Exam Thurs. 22 Oct.
- **LABOUR Day Holiday** Monday 26 Oct.
- Sports Prize Giving Tuesday 10 Nov.
- Week 5 – **Seniors Last day** Weds 11 Nov.
- Senior Dinner Thursday 12 Nov.
- **NCEA Exams begin** Monday 16 Nov.
- **Yr. 9 Camp and Yr. 10 EOTC** - 16 Nov
- Junior Exams - Thurs 26 Nov - Tues 1 Dec
- NCEA exams finish Tuesday 1 Dec.
- Senior Return Day Thursday 3 Dec.
- Senior Prize Giving Thursday 3 Dec.
- Yr. 10 Touch Sports Ed. Tournament Friday 4 Dec.
- Yr. 9 Softball Sports Ed. Tournament Tuesday 8 Dec.
- Junior Prize Giving and **End of School** Thursday 10 Dec.

Hockey Final full of Tension.

If you love sport for the tension, the edge of your seat anticipation and down to the wire pressure - then it just does not get any better than this! The 1st XI Girls' Hockey team made their parents and supporters sweat right through to the very end - and then some! Against competition favourites Otorohonga College, who had previously beaten them in round-robin play, the Matamata girls were largely outplayed for most of the first half.

A well thought out team talk by Assistant Principal and team coach Ms. Mathews had them back on track when the second half began. However, Otorohonga were first to score. This really sparked our girls into action. Led by team Captain Amber Trower and fellow Year 13 player Courtney Tiddy we started to really attack the goal line and a short passing game began to worry the opposition. At the defence end, with Goalkeeper Melissa Caird, Ingeborg ten Houde de Lange and Georgia Drysdale-Dunn in outstanding form, Otorohonga were beginning to be shut out of the game. Otorohonga began to falter under pressure and after attack after attack Matamata eventually scored with just five minutes remaining. There were tense moments as both teams rallied to try and get the winning goal. Full-time score 1-1.

Penalty shoot outs followed with five players from each side asked to have one shot each from the penalty spot. This was heart in mouth stuff as one after another the girls took their shot. Melissa Caird proved the difference as the final three players awaited to take their shots. Brilliant work by Melissa kept the Otorohonga girls at bay with Matamata taking out the penalty shoot out 2-1 much to the relief of team management and supporters and jubilation for the Matamata team. This really was a fantastic final and a fitting way to end a great season.

**Student Success**

We received wonderful news that Year 13 student **Ben Hollier** has been awarded a \$5000.00 Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Academic Excellence for 2009 to attend Waikato University. This is a very prestigious scholarship and an outstanding achievement by Ben. We congratulate him and hope that this is just the first of many scholarships that our leading seniors will be awarded this year.

Congratulations to the following students who gained recognition in the New Zealand Association Language Teachers Vocabulary Olympics 2009 competition: Silver Medallist (top 5%) **Jessica Turner**. Bronze Medallist (top 10%) **Ashley Redgate**. Credit Certificates (top 20%) **Kimberley Tiddy, Samuel Evans, Jacqueline Louw, Brittany Park, and Sophie Frew**.

Year 12 Student and budding artist, **Nicole Troost**, recently gained second place in the Morrinsville Art Gallery Charitable Trust Secondary Schools Photo Competition.

Girls Hockey have had an outstanding year with both the **Girls 1st XI** and **2nd XI** taking out their respective divisional championships in the Waikato Secondary Schools Competition.

Girls 1st XI squad - **Amber Trower (Captain), Melissa Caird, Chelsea Came, Alex Child, Georgia Drysdale-Dunn, Kelsey Froger, Tessa Froger, Kristen Goodwin, Abbey Greenwell, Bridgette Mair, Tayla Roa, Kylie Stutt, Ingeborg ten Houde de Lange, Courtney Tiddy, Hannah Woods**
Girls 2nd XI squad - **Debra Brocklesby, Tania Brocklesby, Hannah Clare, Courtney Cooke, Danielle Cooke, Janae Gaskell, Beth Hampton, Hayley Marchant-Bullen, Lisa McKenzie, Ellen Osborne, Nina Reichardt, Christine Smith, Evelynne Stichbury, Paige Tappin, Claire van der Goes, Holly Witherford.**

Our Soft Technology students have been recognised with awards from the recent Fashion Awards Show in Morrinsville sponsored by Annah Stretton, owner and designer of Annah S. Fashion and Design Company. In the Secondary School Section the following students received awards:

1st - Courtney McCormack

2nd - Celene Howell

3rd - Leanne Nicholson

Runner-up to the overall winner was **Celene Howell** and **Kylie Gillingham** received 3rd prize in the Wearable Art section.

Year 10 student **Scott Hilliar** has been selected for the Waikato U. 15 Soccer Team, and nominated for the Federation Trial Team Waikato/BOP for the NZ under 15 Champs in March 2010.

Staff News

I am happy to report as the end of year approaches staffing is very stable. Mr. Rowsell will be back with us in Term 4 when he returns from his sabbatical. We look forward to having him back in charge and will be very interested to hear the ideas he has picked up from visiting schools from around the country over the last 10 weeks. Congratulations to long serving staff member Mr. Brookes who has been awarded a PPTA sabbatical for 2010.

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Acting Principal