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CONTACT

12 February 2021

Welcome to Term 1, 2021 at Matamata College

Term 1 has started really positively and it has been fantastic to see so many smiley faces around the school.

This first issue of our Contact Newsletter is just a brief two-pager outlining the immediate up and coming events. Next week a longer newsletter will go out with heaps more information so watch this space.

Year 9 Parent Information Evening

As signaled on our KAMAR Calendar and Matamata College Facebook page, we are looking forward to meeting with our Year 9 cohort's parents at our annual Year 9 Parent Information Evening to be held this **Monday, 15 February at 6.30pm.**

This is an opportunity for parents to meet key people in the school including your daughter's/son's Group Teacher who is your main point of contact this year.

You will also receive up-to-date information about school life at Matamata College and hear from a variety of speakers including:

- Matamata College Board of Trustees
- The School Senior Leadership Team
 - ⇒ Including a presentation on how to access the Parent Portal
- Parent Teacher Association
- Year 9 Dean, Ms Lucia Ablett
- The School's Guidance Counsellor, Mrs Gayna McConnell
- The School's Sports Coordinator, Mrs Kirstin Atkinson

You will also be introduced to our Heads of Learning and then will have a chance to connect with our Year 9 Group Teachers and see where your child begins their school day three times per week.

My staff are very pleased with the positive way in which our Year 9 cohort have embraced their start to the school and how they responded to our revamped Orientation programme which focused on whanaungatanga, manaakitanga and our school values. We are also appreciative of how parents/whanau have supported our students to wear their uniform with pride. We look forward to seeing you on Monday evening.



2021

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS

February

Monday and Friday
8—8.30am

Wednesday
8—8.45am

Looking Ahead

Monday 15 February
Y9 Parent Information
Evening

**Thursday 18 February &
Friday 19 February**
Y9 Turangawaewae Trip

Wednesday 24 February
Thames Valley Show-
jumping / Thames Valley
Tennis

Thursday 25 February
3 Length Swim Races (P3
& P4)

Friday 26 February
Whole School Swimming
Sports

Monday 1 March
NCEA Information Night
Shooting Challenge

Tuesday 2 March
PEB200 Avanti Drome
Field Trip

Wednesday 3 March
School & ID Photos
Waikato Secondary
Schools Individual Tri-
athlon



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NEW STAFF 2021

The College is pleased to welcome the following new staff to our school this year and look forward to the positive difference they will make for students.



Mr Clarke joins our Physical Education & Health Learning Area and holds a Bachelor of Sport & Recreation from AUT in Auckland and completed his Teacher qualifications at Waikato University.

Mr Kalra Joins us from teaching in Tokoroa and Whangarei as well as some lecturing at Toi Ohomai in Tauranga and has joined the Mathematics Learning Area. Mr Kalra holds numerous qualifications including a Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Science, a Bachelor of Economics and he also holds an MBA or Masters of International Business from the University College of London.



Mrs Kurth joins the Totara Learning Centre. Those of you who went through Walton Primary School will know Mrs Kurth well. We are very pleased to have attracted such an experienced teacher who holds a Bachelor of Teaching Primary from the University of Waikato.

Miss Carpenter joins our Science Learning Area and holds a Bachelor of Science from University of Auckland majoring in both Biology and Chemistry and completed her Teacher qualifications at Massey University.



Mrs Warena, originally from the North shore, holds a Bachelor of Arts majoring in English and completed her Teacher qualifications at the University of Waikato.

Miss Stickland undertook apprenticeship training before deciding to switch to Art and holds a NZ Certificate of Allied Trades and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Uni-

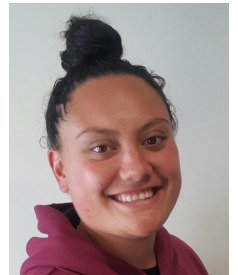


versity of Canterbury and completed her Teacher qualifications at the University of Waikato.



Mr Tomlin joins us from a career in engineering and computing working in both Japan and Australia before deciding to become a teacher. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Melbourne University and a Bachelor of Engineering (with honours) and completed his Teachers qualifications at the University of Canterbury.

In addition to this we welcome back to the Health & Physical Education Learning Area **Mrs Joyce** (formerly Palmer) who rejoins us after a year teaching in Tokoroa.



UNIFORM SHOP & STUDENT RECEPTION INFORMATION

The Uniform shop and Student Reception duties are a combined position within the support staff at Matamata College. The position is job shared by Angela Townson and Sue Miles. Angela and Sue need to cover between them access to the uniform shop for our school community and be available in student reception for students, staff and our parent community from 8.30 am to 3.30 pm.

- Shop hours for the remainder of February - Monday and Friday 8- 8.30am and Wednesday 8 - 8.45am.
- From 1 March until the end of Term 1, Friday 16 April, the shop hours will be Wednesday 8 - 8.45 am.

Outside of these times, if you need uniform items please call at student reception where you can place your order and pay for your items. The uniform will be supplied the following day, by calling your student to collect from the shop during opening hours or at intervals or lunchtime or after school from student reception.

Times can be arranged for students to "try on" if needed.

You can also pay online by DC to school bank account 12 -3438-0024895-00 and email uniforms@matcol.nz with your requirements. We thank you for your understanding and know that you will receive the best possible service from our lovely Support staff, Ang and Sue.