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CONTACT NEWSLETTER

8 July 2022

Principal's Message

Teena koutou katoa.

What a busy term it has been, with lots of curriculum-related trips, busy sports schedules, leadership and career-related opportunities both at school and off-site, and whole school theme weeks!

I hope that you all enjoyed the recent Matariki long weekend. It was a great opportunity for many of us to connect with loved ones and to refocus on our goals for the future.

As you know, the partnership between parents/whānau and the school is a vital one, to ensure that each of our students receives the support they need to thrive. With this in mind, I ask for your help, please.

Matamata College has been working hard this year to improve how students wear our uniform, and we have also been focusing on improving the overall behaviour standards. Unfortunately, our staff are spending a disproportionate amount of time having to follow up on uniform breaches, and also when dealing with a small number of students who struggle to follow our school rules.

As parents/whānau, you have a responsibility for ensuring that when your children leave home, they do so in the correct uniform, which includes wearing the correct footwear. The uniform expectations are very clear. Once again, here is the link to the guidelines: <https://www.matamatacollege.school.nz/parents/uniform/>

If the extra cost of ensuring that students have the correct uniform items is going to add unreasonable financial strain for your family, please remember that we have a hardship fund that can be accessed if there is a genuine need. To apply for this, please contact the school by emailing uniforms@matcol.nz. The expectation is that all students turn up with the correct uniform for the start of Term 3.

Another concern is vaping, which is a nation-wide problem. This is also a concern that was raised in the recent community consultation feedback. In a recent New Zealand Herald article titled [Vaping: Survey shows one in five Year 10s taking up habit as school fits hidden detectors](#), it highlighted some troubling trends. The article, written by Wyatt Ryder and published on 18 June, stated that "aggressive marketing and evolving technology has left schools battling a vaping 'epidemic'... A University of Otago professor, meanwhile, says punishment and education can only do so much while the devices for inhaling enticingly flavoured nicotine remain so widely available."

The article goes on to highlight research showing that one in five (20.2 per cent) of Year 10 students in New Zealand schools were regularly vaping.

Not only is vaping a breach of Matamata College's school rules and policies, as a smoke-free and vape-free school, but it is also illegal to vape on school grounds or on school transport. Students caught vaping face disciplinary processes, but we also take an educative approach, in addition to the punitive consequence. We are currently exploring a range of options for how we can better address this issue, in addition to the staff who we already have out on duty before and after school, and during break times. Unfortunately, our staff cannot be everywhere all of the time, and students have to take some responsibility for their own behaviour.

One of our approaches has been to proactively engage with a counsellor from Youth Intact, a specialist alcohol and drug service funded by Waikato District Health Board, who is available to work with our students and whānau. This service will be available in the school for one half day a week. If you feel your child would benefit from this service for any drugs or alcohol issues, including vaping, please contact Student Reception.

As part of the home-school partnership, parents and whānau also have a role to play by supporting the school. This can be done by talking to your children about the impacts of vaping and

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TERM DATES

Term 3 Begins

Mon 25 July

Term 3 Ends

Fri 30 September

Term 4 Begins

Mon 17 October

Term 4 Ends

Tue 13 December

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open by appointment only. For any uniform enquiries please contact Angela in Student Reception (extension 232 or uniforms@matcol.nz). Uniform orders, payments and collection can be made through Student Reception. Payments can also be made via online banking to the school account. Please use your child's student ID number as a reference. Uniform order forms and price lists are available on the school website.



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making sure that they do not bring vapes to school in the first place. The following website is brought to you by the Ministry of Health and Te Hiringa Hauora/Health Promotion Agency, and it gives some tips on how to talk to young people about vaping: <https://www.hpa.org.nz/programme/education/young-people-vaping>. For such a complex issue, it will take a multi-pronged approach to effectively address it. Your support in trying to prevent your child from taking up vaping altogether or supporting them to give up vaping if it is already an issue, is one way that you can help us with this concerning trend.

While I am on the topic of Health and Safety, I would like to extend a gentle reminder that, while we love having you come into the school for events, such as watching evening or weekend sports, it is important that you only park in designated car parks. Please avoid parking on the grass areas, and please be mindful that there may well be students, staff, and other spectators nearby when you are reversing. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Principal, Mrs Julie Bain

Staff Changes

Resignations—Craig Taylor and Andrew Skipworth

It is with mixed feelings that we announce the departure of one of our deputy principals, **Craig Taylor**. It is always sad to lose such a talented and dedicated school leader. Our only consolation is that Craig is leaving to embark on an exciting new journey as the Principal of Aurora College in Invercargill. We are very proud of this achievement!

Craig joined Matamata College as a Deputy Principal in March 2020, and during his time with us, he has been an invaluable member of our Leadership Team and school community. Craig has done a superb job of building relationships, helping to initiate and embed change, and leading the school, both in the Deputy Principal and Acting Principal roles.

Craig will take up his new role on 29 August 2022. Matamata College will now go through another robust recruitment process to fill the vacancy that Craig leaves.

On behalf of the entire school community, we wish Craig and Michelle all the best for this next chapter.

We also have to announce the resignation of PE Teacher, **Andrew Skipworth**. Andrew joined the Physical Education Department in November 2011. Andrew has recently been taking Parental Leave to look after his young family but is going to be joining the teaching staff at Matamata Intermediate. He is a wonderful teacher, with much to offer and will be very much missed by all who worked alongside him and had the fortune of being taught by him at Matamata College. We wish him all the best.

Introducing New Staff—Sunita Deo and Danielle Arthur



Kia Ora, I am **Sunita Deo**. I am originally from Fiji and have taught for more than 15 years. I graduated from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji, majoring in Accounting and Economics. I teach Accounting and Y10 Social Science. I like cooking, reading, and playing volleyball. I am excited to teach at Matamata College.

If you would like to contact Mrs Deo her email address is:

do@matcol.nz

Welcome Mrs Deo!



Hello, My name is **Danielle Arthur**, I am the new Teacher Aide who has recently joined the Totara Learning Centre team. This is my first position as a Teacher Aide. I have transferred over from the health sector where I have previously worked as a Maternity Aid, Activities Coordinator and Healthcare Assistant in hospital level care. I am very creative and have a multitude of hobbies which include art, photography, baking, and gardening. I am looking forward to being able to share my knowledge and experience and further my education and the students within my new role.

Welcome Miss Arthur!



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Community Consultation Feedback

Many thanks for those of you who attended our recent community consultation evening. Also, thank you to those who took the time to provide feedback online. As outlined, the voice of our community is critical as we continue to shape the current and future direction of Matamata College.

We asked you four questions:

- What is Matamata College doing well that you would like to see us continue?
- What areas would you like to see Matamata College improve on?
- What opportunities exist that you would like to see at Matamata College that we are not currently offering?
- Is there any other information that you think we should know?

Some general themes, where feedback highlighted that we were doing well, included our focus on communication, behaviour and uniform. Positive feedback also highlighted the increased visibility of school staff, and the leadership and direction being provided by teachers and management alike. One theme also highlighted the importance of the school and the community being in partnership. We echo this sentiment also. For Matamata College to be successful, the community partnership is essential.

Areas where feedback highlighted we could improve included on some aspects of student behaviour, on encouraging all students to participate in extra-curricular activities and on continuing to push our students academically. This feedback can be confronting. However, as per the recognition of the areas where we are doing well, understanding your concerns enables us to direct our focus.

There was a real theme of performance, in the feedback, about the opportunities the community wants Matamata College to provide, with a focus on supporting students to perform to their potential, be it academically, or in the sporting or cultural areas, such as music and the arts. 90-minute periods came up as an area where you told us you wanted more information. There was also feedback about parent teacher interviews, and whether the school can look at doing these differently to engage more families.

Overall, we were really pleased with the feedback provided. Thank you. Again, we cannot overstate how important the community voice is as we continue to shape the future of Matamata College.

He waka eke noa – we are all in this together.

Matamata College Board of Trustees

Important Up-coming Events for Thursday 28 July—School will close early at 1pm

Thursday 28 July will be a very busy day. Photolife will be in school all morning taking individual student photos. Please make sure your child comes to school in the correct uniform. There will not be a catch up day so if they miss having their photo taken on this day there will be not be another opportunity for them to get their school photos taken again as in previous years. You will be sent information from Photolife on how to order photos.

The School Day will also be finishing early on this day as Learning Parent Conferences will be commencing from 2pm at the Matamata Memorial Civic Centre. You should have received an email regarding information about how to book your parent teacher interviews.

If you have not received this email follow these instructions to book appointments:

Go to <https://parentinterviews.co.nz/book/go/RXAGP3BK>

1. Enter your name, contact information, and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
2. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
3. Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
4. Continue until you've made bookings for every teacher you'd like to see.

Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking My Interviews at the top of the page. You can also print a copy of your timetable to take to the event.

Before your bookings you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any bookings, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.



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School Board Parent Election 2022

Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for **5 School Board vacancies**. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15th July 2022**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon. Election day is Wednesday 7th September.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson

Returning Officer

CES

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MATAMATA COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2023		
<p>Goal 1. To achieve high levels of <u>Collaboration</u> <i>We value input and partnerships with all stakeholders in our community</i> At Matamata College...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 We honour Te <u>Tiriti</u> o Waitangi 1.2 We acknowledge and collaborate with <u>Ngāti Haua</u>, <u>Ngāti Raukawa</u>, <u>Ngāti Hineraangi</u>, and <u>Tainui</u> 1.3 We seek feedback and active participation from students, staff, <u>parents</u> and the wider community 1.4 We operate with <u>Ako</u> and value reciprocal relationships 1.5 We actively participate in the Matamata <u>Kāhui Ako</u>. 	<p>OUR MISSION STATEMENT "Quality Education for All"</p>  <p>OUR VISION "All students achieving educational success as confident, connected, lifelong, resilient learners"</p> <p>OUR VALUES <u>Te Whakaute</u> - Respect "We uphold our <u>mana</u>" <u>Manaakitanga</u> - Caring "We care and look after ourselves, others and the environment" <u>Ngaakau Tapatahi</u> - Integrity "We do what's right even no one is looking" <u>Te Kawenga</u> - Responsibility "We meet expectations and take ownership of our actions"</p>	<p>Goal 4. To achieve high levels of <u>Manaakitanga and Culture</u> <i>We ensure the school values and vision underpin the actions in the school to promote wellbeing...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 We have and support a culture of wellbeing for all where we know who we are, where we belong, and acknowledge diversity 4.2 We have a culture of honesty, taking challenges head on and a culture of improvement 4.3 We encourage curiosity and risk taking to develop resilience 4.4 We have consistency and transparency in all that we do 4.5 We ensure student voice and community supports the design of teaching / learning programmes 4.6 We actively monitor wellbeing and provide <u>systems</u> to respond to wellbeing issues
<p>Goal 2. To achieve high levels of <u>Accountability</u> <i>To be accountable to, and improve, to meet the needs of our students and all members of the community</i> At Matamata College...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 We are accountable to our students, staff, family, whanau and community through clear strategic direction and planning; policies and procedures that are understood and applied; a commitment to providing the best possible learning environment; and honest reporting 2.2 We have meaningful, open communication where we promote and share the strategic direction of the college 2.3 We all take ownership of challenges and opportunities and are responsible for our own and others' actions 2.4 We are engaged in meaningful ongoing purposeful review for improvement 2.5 We are committed to meeting equitable and excellent outcomes for all students 	<p>Goal 3. To achieve high levels of <u>Engagement</u> <i>To improve student engagement by connecting the curriculum to students' wider lives and community</i> At Matamata College...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 We have meaningful connections with all stakeholders 3.2 We are committed to genuine mana whenua partnership 3.3 We have a relevant curriculum and culture of learning and improvement 3.4 We are developing a future focused, relevant, contextual, localised curriculum that is clearly communicated 3.5 We have a high proportion of students attending regularly 	<p>Goal 5. To achieve high levels of <u>success for all</u> <i>We work with students and staff to identify their goals and aspirations enabling them to reach their potential...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 We provide opportunities for all students and staff to achieve their goals 5.2 We challenge and extend students and staff at all levels 5.3 We celebrate success across all levels of the curriculum 5.4 We provide successful pathways through school so that our students become confident contributing members of a thriving community



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Student of the Week Awards

(for students who display our Core Values)



Izzy Tebay (Y9) - Manaakitanga

She always asks her teacher and her peers how they are going and helps her peers when they are stuck.

Patrick Cinas (Y10) - Respect, Integrity and Responsibility

Patrick always comes to class ready to learn and puts in 100% effort into his work. He manages to do all of this and have a great sense of humour. A true role model!

Blake McLaren (Y10) - Manaakitanga

Being kind and inclusive towards students in his new HPE class.

Emma Lowe (Y11) - Manaakitanga and Responsibility

Always on task and constantly encouraging and helping other students when they need it without being asked.

Heavenly Murray (Y11) - Responsibility

Always asking for clarification around work set and consistently does all of the learning from homework.

Xavier Louch (Y12) - Responsibility

Taking action with his work in DVC by taking the extra time to learn a new design programme to improve his design outcomes.

Caleb Leadbeater (Y13) - Respect, Integrity, Responsibility, Caring

Caleb is an example of how to live out all of the school values. He is always kind and respectful in class and he manages his workload well along with doing his work experience every week.

Congratulations to all our students who won Students of the Week Awards!

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(By work we prosper)

George Vedder (Y9)

For showing integrity

Lorelai Van Den Broek (Y9)

Excellent quality of her work. Helps others with theirs.

Benji Greenhill (Y10)

Benji makes an effort with his classwork and endeavours to complete it all well in class. He engages in the activities and is always kind and respectful.

Starrie Sadaruddin (Y10)

Always puts in full effort. Wants to achieve well and is asking the right questions to improve her thought process.

Beatrice Drake (Y11)

Constantly striving for her best, putting in 100 percent all the time. Is participating in online learning.

Rebecca Stutt (Y12)

Always prepared for class, goes above and beyond.

Amelie Nicholls (Y13)

Always focused in class, goes above and beyond what is asked.

Congratulations to all our students who won Maa Mahi Ka Ora Awards!





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Year 10 Business Night Winners

The week's Assembly will see the following students being awarded certificates for their work on their Year 10 Business Night on 10th June 2022. The overall winners were selected by a panel of local business professionals.

3rd place winners for their business 'The Ridiculous 5' is Van Williams, Casper Keenan, Zayden Bradley, Megan Lind and Benjamin Murray

2nd place winners for their business 'Sweet'n Soapy' is Grace Dawson and Evelyn Ruegger

1st place winner for her business 'Tide Design Company' is Zoe Craig.
Martin Redwood



Year 12 Fencing Trip

On 27th May and 7th June, I took my Year 12 Agriculture students to David Baxendine's farm on Barton Road to complete the practical component of their Fencing unit standard. While on the farm, the students repaired broken fences and built up new fences by the waterways which protected freshwater from nutrients, effluent, and sediments by excluding stock and creating a buffer between water and the land. The students also learnt about how fences helped to maintain and improve water quality and create a habitat for birds and freshwater species for a sustainable future.

Our student's behaviour and work ethic were superb while out on the field.
Ravesh Chand



Junior Technology Exhibition

To mark the end of our semester rotation in Year 9 and 10, Technology held an exhibition of works. This exhibition was able to run thanks to Neocris Moncada, Leo Cleaver and the Senior Executive committees hard work in cleaning the room, setting up and advertising the event.

The exhibition was a chance for students to showcase the learning they have done in Technology. On display was a mixture of Year 9 and 10 Design and Visual Communication, Digital Design, Food Technology, Product Design and Wood Technology.

Students, Teachers, Parents and Whaanau were invited to visit during the day on Wednesday 29th June. This was a great way for whaanau to see what is involved in Technology and what students have learned and produced for their half year option.

If Parents and whaanau missed the opportunity this time, there will be another exhibition day at the end of the year to showcase the second semester learning in Technology.

Congratulations to all students who exhibited work, the level of effort and presentation was outstanding. **Pip Osborne**



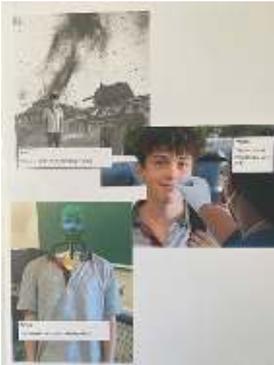
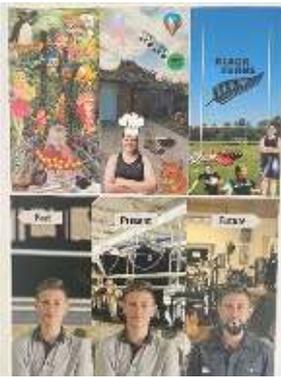
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Y11 Geography Field Trip

On Friday the 17th of June, Miss Parkes and Mrs Wilson took the Year 11 Geography students to Mount Maunganui. The purpose of the trip was for students to collect data for their current research internal (part of which involves creating and analysing graphs), which is about who visits Mount Maunganui and what activities they do there. Due to it being Covid Level Orange students had to tally instead of conducting surveys, but the students had a great day and loved getting out of the classroom - and as a bonus the sun was shining!



Students tallying assumed ages and genders of people, and what activities they were doing, at Mount Maunganui



Miss Parkes and her Year 11 Geography Class.



Students using their hands to create 'frames' to draw précis sketches.

Recent Sports Results

Rugby

- 1st XV beat HBSH Black 20-12
- 2nd XV drew with Hillcrest 1st XV 19-19
- U15 beat Fraser 39-29
- U14 lost to Fairfield 34-14

Football

- Girls beat Morrinsville 2-0
- Snr Boys beat SPC Snr Boys' Dev 4-1
- Jnr Boys drew with RHS Jnr Boys Prem Res 0-0

Hockey

- Girls Beat Morrinsville 1st XV 3-0
- Boys beat Hillcrest 4-0

Basketball

- Snr Boys lost to Tokoroa 30-50

Netball

- Snr Dev lost to Mark May Builders
- New World College A lost to The Mt College 42-36



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



1922 - 2022
100 YEARS
THAMES VALLEY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
26th/27th AUGUST 2022

• Registrations to be in by Monday 1st August for catering purposes.

Programme and contact details.

- Friday night "informal get together function" @Waihou Rugby Club.
- Saturday afternoon – Games including Heartland game and Decade Photographs.
- Saturday evening - Formal Centenary dinner at Te Aroha Events centre, Boyd Park Te Aroha.

Contact Details:

- Phone 078626352.
- Email Swampfoxes@xtra.co.nz
- Address PO Box 245 Paeroa 3600
- Visit TVRFU Office 140A, Normandy Road, Paeroa.

CANTEEN NOTICE

Matamata College School Canteen will open at Interval during the first week of Term 3.

It will not be open at lunchtimes.

YOUTH INTACT

Thinking about alcohol and drug support?

You can access the service by:

Calling 0800 468 228

Dropping in on Thursdays

Speaking to a trusted, teacher, nurse or counsellor

Clinician for Matamata College:

Natalie Pinkerton

When: Thursdays

Time: 9.30am—12.30pm

Where: Counselling Room or ask Student Reception

Fun Fact: "Natalie loves music, singing, and getting outdoors."

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