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CONTACT NEWSLETTER

26 August 2022

Principal's Message

Teena koutou katoa.

Spring is clearly just around the corner, as I see daffodils standing proudly, and lambs and calves frolicking in green pastures each morning on my drive to school. This time of year always reminds me of new beginnings, as we shed the weight of winter dreariness and celebrate longer days.

I spoke about new beginnings in assembly this week as we welcomed Mr Nick Bryant, our new Deputy Principal, and farewelled Mr Craig Taylor who takes up a Principal's role at Aurora College.

There has been a lot to celebrate recently too. On Saturday 13 August, it was my pleasure to attend the Matamata College Ball. It was wonderful to see so many members of the community come to see our students make their grand entrances. The best moment for me was seeing over 100 students all line dancing to 'Wagon Wheel' and looking so happy! What a glorious and uplifting sight to behold!

On Tuesday 23 August, we hosted the long-standing Matamata/Morrinsville College Cultural Exchange, after a two year hiatus due to Covid-19. It was a spectacular day full of teamwork, smiles, and a real celebration of friendly competition. A particular highlight for me was seeing our Kapa Haka performance, which was simply outstanding! I was so proud of our students and all of their hard mahi to reach the high standard that they did. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Whaea Jordene Sydney for all of the hours she put in to making this awesome event come to fruition.

Another highlight for me was seeing the great turn out of career pathway providers at the Pathways Evening last night. The event was well-attended by students and parents, and there was a great buzz in the air. This sort of event is vital in order to support our students to make well-informed decisions about their future career aspirations. I would like to thank Miss Michele Liddle and Ms Kym Bolton-Hampton for their amazing efforts to pull this event together so successfully, and the staff who attended to help to answer career pathway questions.

Next week we see many students head off to Winter Tournament Week to compete in a range of sporting codes. I would like to wish everyone involved all the best, and to thank all of the coaches, managers and teachers in charge, who donate a significant amount of their time to support our students' extra-curricular dreams. Without their support, we would not be able to offer these wonderful opportunities to our students.

As you can see, there has been a lot to celebrate, and there is more to come this term as well. However, it is also the 'business end' of the year, with Senior Derived Grade/practice examinations in a few weeks. This can be a stressful time for some students as they try to manage their assessment deadlines. This is why it is very important that students attend school regularly, unless they are unwell. Teachers can support them with study strategies and students can ask for additional help if they are unsure about something.

Until the next newsletter, I wish you all well.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Monday, 29 August

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TERM DATES

Teacher Only Day
 Monday 29 August
Term 3 Ends
 Fri 30 September
Term 4 Begins
 Mon 17 October
Term 4 Ends
 Tue 13 December

UNIFORM SHOP

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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GLOBAL CHILD PRODIGY AWARDS, DUBAI

Update from Jazz Vidamo

It was a fantastic night last Saturday 20 August at the Global Child Prodigy Awards 2022.

It was a celebration of the TOP 100 Global Child Prodigies all around the world.

I am truly grateful for this blessing and experience. I would like to thank my family, relatives, friends and supporters who have been with me from the very start.

All praises, honour and Glory to God who is the giver of everything!

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YEAR 9 SOCIAL STUDIES

Year 9 Social Studies have been learning about local events. In one lesson we covered the 1963 Kaimai Plane Crash. Students had to create a visual representation of their knowledge of the event.

Pictured below is Kharn Schlager-Raey on the left and Luke Wilson-Hayes on the right.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

(for students who display our
Core Values)

Jay Irwin (Y9) - Manaakitanga

Jay always helps out where needed, he steps up to look after other students and helps to supervise whilst they use workshop machinery.

Shriha Deo (Y13) - Te Kawenga

Self-directed study with reading academic critiques and realizing her potential. Shriha is always respectful of the teacher and fellow students. She uses manners and listens to opinions and ideas of others.

MAA MAHI KA ORA AWARDS

(By work we prosper)

Blake McLaren (Y10)

Blake continues to grow and show outstanding leadership qualities in PE. Kia kaha.

Summer Vaughan (Y11)

Summer's integrity in everything she does is inspiring and uplifting. Amazing attitude to have.

Year 10 Values Mural

Year 10 Art students embarked on a journey to visually represent Matamata College's four core values. Each group brainstormed and worked together to come up with their individual and overall group concept. From there they used their art knowledge to paint individual tiles. These tiles have been put together using our schoolhouse colours to illustrate our unity as a school community. The mural is displayed in the school gym. Well done to all the students involved.





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Matamata College Rugby



Congratulations to our College Rugby teams who have all had successful seasons. On August 20 our U15's played in a final vs Te Kuiti, putting in a brave effort but going down by 34 to 10. Our U14's won their final against Fairfield U14 by 21 points to 19 – coming from behind in an awesome team effort. The Comag 1st XV team beat Pukekohe 1st XV by 24 points to 17 to retain the Ian Foster Shield and are therefore winners of the Waikato Premier 1st XV comp for the third year in a row! All the best to them as they take on St Peters 1st XV on August 27 in the Waikato Co-ed schools 1st XV final, with the winner progressing to the Chiefs region Co-ed schools playoffs. Kick off at 11am at Matamata College.



Matamata College Chess Championships 2022



Bea Drake (Year 11) is our 2022 Matamata College Chess Champion! Bea has been playing chess her entire life, having been taught by her dad at a young age. She enjoys 'attacking' and breaking down her opponent's defense. This year players of all skill levels

entered making the tournament fun. Bea found herself playing newcoming Josh Brough who was slightly surprised at finding himself in the finals. A game worthy of note was that of Bea's semi final against Kevin Tiddy. This took three lunchtimes to finish and Bea enjoyed Kevin's strategising and careful play. Congratulations to all who entered, and particularly to our new champion, Beatrice Drake. Well done!

Matamata/Morrinsville College Cultural Exchange

This was the first exchange in a long time since the first wave of Covid hit Aotearoa. We began with our pōwhiri and then students went to prepare for sports and debating. After a cuppa in the staffroom for adults, kaumatua and whānau, all venues were ready to go.

There was a hive of excitement with a huge crowd in attendance and screams of cheers heard across the other end of the school for all three events. Well done to the students who participated and represented their schools, to our tutors who worked tirelessly and to our whānau for your support and attendance. This annual event aims to foster whanaungatanga, manaakitanga and aroha between our people and to celebrate Te Ao Māori. We look forward to next year where we get to travel to Morrinsville College to do it all again.

Anō te pai, te āhuareka e, te nohonga o ngā teina me ngā tuakana.

Results

Netball	Jnrs – Matamata Snrs - Morrinsville
Basketball	Morrinsville
Debating	Morrinsville
Kapahaka	Te Wairere - Matamata





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NGAAKAU TAPATAHI INTEGRITY

"Mā te aha e tika ana ka tika te mahi"



MANAAKITANGA CARING

"We care and look after ourselves, others, and our environment"



TE WHAKAUTE RESPECT

"We uphold our mana"



TE KAWENGA RESPONSIBILITY

"We meet expectations and take ownership of our actions"



Shelter Shout Out

This term has been a dryer one for the students at MMC thanks to the generosity of The Lion Foundation and The Four Winds Foundation. Through grants received from these two organisations the school employed Waikato Shade Solutions to construct 3 fantastic new covered areas off the hall and Bradley gym. Grant money was also spent on seating under these areas and in Reid Place for students to relax on during the day. Thank you to the PTA, BOT, parents, students and staff that came along to the working bee to get the areas tidy and ready for term 3. Thank you to Comag for the drainage and we look forward to getting that finished in the next holidays once the ground is dryer.



PTA Pie Fundraiser

The PTA thanks all students, staff and families that supported the Pie Fundraiser. We sold 216 pies and 300 packs of savouries making a profit of \$2068 for our school hardship fund. This will go towards funding uniforms, devices and lunches for students in need.

Congratulations to Georgia for selling over \$700 worth of pies. Her family has obviously worked hard to spread the word among family, friends and colleagues. Georgia's efforts are rewarded with the top prize, the Osteria Restaurant Voucher. Hayley M and Myhkai F also sold over \$600 worth of pies so they will also receive an Osteria meal voucher.

Thank you to Marko at Osteria for your generosity. Thank you to the school canteen, Subway and McDonalds for the spot prize vouchers. Your support is gratefully received.

We will do this fundraiser again next year so please look out for it and let's set a challenge to raise even more for our school.

Thank you again for your support, MMC PTA



**Matamata
New World
Top Baker**
Congratulations to
Esme Foster!!
Pictured left with her Trophy

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