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CONTACT NEWSLETTER

30 September 2022

## Principal's Message

Teena koutou katoa,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 3 already! What a busy term it has been, with lots of events to celebrate, such as Te Wairere Cultural Exchange, the Winter Tournament week, the Speech Competition, and Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori, to name a few. We are also at the 'business end' of the year, with senior students working hard on completing internal assessments and preparing for the external end-of-year examinations.

During busy times like this, it is important that we remember to take time out to focus on our own wellbeing.

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week which runs from 26 September through to 2 October. This year's theme is Reconnect - with the people and places that lift you up, hei pikinga waiora.

I think we can all agree that the past couple of years have been truly challenging, and it is easy to feel disconnected from the people and places that are important to us. The Mental Health Foundation recommends reaching out to someone you have lost contact with, visiting a place that is special to you, getting outside in nature or reconnecting with the people and places that lift you up to enhance your wellbeing. As part of everyone's wellbeing, I would also like to remind everyone that the school takes instances of bullying very seriously. We are a Restorative Practice school, and depending on the situation, we employ a range of responses to address any bullying, including restorative approaches, community service, punitive approaches and, where appropriate, the Ministry of Education's formal discipline pathway which can include stand downs and suspensions. It can take time to investigate concerns to ensure that matters are addressed fairly and within legal guidelines, but we are proactive as bullying and violence is not tolerated in the school.

If you have any concerns, please contact the college. The Year Level Deans are a good place to start, but for serious matters, please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

I would like to finish with something that I read on Facebook, which is a quote by Damien Barr: "We are not all in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some have canoes and some are drowning. Just be kind and help when you can."

Julie Bain,  
Principal

ME MAHI TAHI TATOU  
MO TE ORANGA O TE KATOA



WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER FOR THE  
WELLBEING OF EVERYONE

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**Tuesday 25 October**  
Arts Awards

**Wednesday 26 October**  
Moscars

**Thursday 27 October**  
Gateway Awards

**Tuesday 1 November**  
Sports Prizegiving

**Wednesday 2 November**  
Last day for Seniors

**Friday 4 November**  
Leavers Dinner

**Monday 7 November to Tuesday 6 December**  
NZQA Exams

**Monday 21 to Friday 25 November**  
Camp Week

**Monday 28 November**  
Teacher Only Day

**Monday 5 to Monday 12 December**  
Faculty Days

**Thursday 8 December**  
Senior Prizegiving

**Tuesday 13 December**  
Junior Prizegiving  
End of Term 4—school closes at 12.30



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### Mini-Catapult Championship Results

The 2022 Championship went off without a hitch and all participating students launched their catapults successfully.

Our winners were...

Best Quality Build	Jayden McLean
Longest Throw	Jai Ogle with 11.58m
Most Beautiful	Iziss Henderson-Davies and Caley Van De Veen (pictured)
Student's Choice Award	Alex Marjoribanks-Brown and Ben Murray



### PRD100 Skaters

Year 11 Product Design have been designing and producing skateboards. Last week they made their way down to the skate park to test them out. The day was a success with all the boards surviving rigorous testing (and our beginner skaters!)

PRD is a great option for innovative students with big design ideas.



### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

(for students who display our Core Values)

- Year 9—Cayden Ritai—Te Kawenga
- Year 10—Tilly Hickie—Te Kawenga
- Year 11—Beatrice Drake—Ngaakau Tapatahi, Te Kawenga, Manaakitanga, Te Whakaute
- Year 12—Priya Saini-Potts—Ngaakau Tapatahi, Te Kawenga, Manaakitanga, Te Whakaute
- Year 13—Charlie Nicholls—Te Kawenga

### MAA MAHI KA ORA AWARDS

(By work we prosper)

- Year 9—Kate Mossman
- Year 10—Lexi Holdem
- Year 11—Mason Broomhall
- Year 13—Erika Batan

Congratulations to all the winners!





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## Rugby

On Saturday 27 August our 1st XV Rugby team played St Peter's 1st XV in the Waikato Co-ed schools final, winning 15 points to 8. Our school has not had the opportunity to play St Peter's for a number of years so it is an excellent achievement—well done!

During tournament week, our 1st XV took part in the "Rugby by the Beach" event at Papamoa College. After a tough 3 days the boys made it to the final after going through pool play unbeaten, and beating Mt Maunganui 1st XV in the semi final. In a tight final against Mahurangi College 1st XV, our boys were narrowly beaten 12 points to 10 so took out second place. Congratulations to Oli Fernyhough, Dylan Storey, Reegan Aarsen and Darcy Keenan who were all named in the tournament team and a special congratulations to Darcy who was named Player of the Tournament.



A further congratulations to our Rugby players who have been selected for Rep teams. They are:

Darcy Keenan and Reegan Aarsen —Waikato U18's

Damien Arnold, Kohan Bigham, Oli Fernyhough, Caleb Lawrence and Jack Samuels—NZ Harlequin U17's

Ben Storey—Waikato U16's

And more recent news, congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> XV captain, Darcy Keenan (pictured right) who has been selected for the Chiefs U18 Rugby squad. Darcy will attend a camp that takes place in early October and play against the Blues U18's.



This is a fantastic achievement and we wish you all the best.

## Year 9 Wood Technology

Year 9 Wood Technology students have been working hard this term on their Skillsbots, which helped them learn how to accurately use the workshop tools and equipment. Cayden and Blake have also mastered the laser cutter and carving to design and make their own unique products under the theme of Koha, gift giving.



Pictured left: Cayden Conder and

pictured right: Blake McIntyre





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## ATTENTION—ONEHUNGA WEED SPRAYING

Contractors will be spraying the school fields at Matamata Intermediate and Matamata College for Onehunga Weed during the upcoming school holidays between 1 October and 21 October, weather dependent. There will be just the one application. As a courtesy we are letting you know and if you have any queries you may contact the contractor directly on the number below as the office is not attended over the holidays. If the "Spraying is in Progress" signs are up, please avoid the area.

Maurice Turner—0274 984 993

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## Hey Matamata, FREE HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Next Workshops  
Saturday 15th October  
or  
Wednesday 9th  
November  
2022



Want to reduce  
your waste?  
See how easy it is  
composting your  
kitchen scraps and  
garden waste



Learn about a  
variety of home  
composting systems for  
every circumstance in a  
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# Reid and Harrison 2022 Art Awards

Awards & Opening Night  
Tuesday 25th October at 5.30pm  
Finalists and Winners announced at 6.00pm  
Held in the School Common Room

You are invited to come and see Matamata College Art students work on display in the Common Room at Matamata College. It is a chance for the students to showcase their work & for you to admire their achievements.

The winners will be announced on the night.  
Drinks and nibbles provided.