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CONTACT NEWSLETTER

11 November 2022

## Principal's Message

Teena koutou katoa.

Term 4 is always a whirlwind of activity, as schools hold a range of events and ceremonies, work around NCEA examinations, farewell their students, and plan and prepare for the following year. I have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the Gateway Awards and Sports Awards evenings for the first time. What wonderful celebrations of the students' hard work and achievements. Another highlight was attending the Leavers' Dinner, where we farewelled our Year 13 students. We wish them all the best as they head off into their bright futures beyond school.

There have also been some wonderful displays of our students' work, with the Art Awards evening, the Moscars evening (showcasing students' media films), the Technology showcase, and the Year 10 Business evening, where I spent far too much money on quality products created by the Year 10 students.

There is still much to look forward to as well, with the Year 9 and 10 camp week and the faculty-led days, where Year 9 and 10 students get to select from a range of life-skills/experiential learning workshops.

In amongst all of this busyness, I also need to remind you that we still have Covid-19 circulating in our community, and in the recent Ministry of Education bulletin to schools, there was a reminder about us continuing to use all of our health and safety approaches to minimise the spread. To assist us with this, we ask that if you or your child have any cold or flu symptoms, please test for Covid-19 and stay away from school until you are well again. This is to protect our vulnerable members of the community, and also to ensure that we can continue to safely staff the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you all good health and happiness.

## Accord Teacher Only Days Monday 28 November and Friday 2 December

Monday 28 November and Friday 2 December are designated as Teacher Only Days for Matamata College. These days are organised through an Accord between the Ministry of Education and the PPTA to enable teachers to focus on upcoming curriculum changes.

These dates will be Teacher Only Days. Students will utilise the day for independent learning off-site and the school will be closed for instruction.

*Please note: Any students with NZQA External Exams on either of these dates will still be expected to attend their examinations.*

## Paid Union Meeting – Tuesday 29 November

As per the Secondary Teachers' Collective Agreement, members of the secondary teachers' union (PPTA) will be involved in a Paid Union Meeting in the afternoon of Tuesday 29 November.

Learning Block 1 will run as usual and Learning Block 2 will finish early. **Students will be sent home at 12.00pm and the school will be closed for instruction.**

Students who are unable to leave the school grounds, until the normal end of the school day at 2:50pm, will be supervised on site by non-union teachers, in the school library. They will need to bring along their own learning material.

Buses will run at their usual times after school.

*Please note: Any students with NZQA External Exams on this date will still be expected to attend.*

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**NZQA Exams until  
Tuesday 6 December**

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

**Monday 28 November  
Teacher Only Day**

**Tuesday 29 November  
Paid Union Meeting**

**Friday 2 December  
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**

### 2023

**Monday 23 January to  
Friday 27 January  
School Uniform Shop is  
open**

**Tuesday 31 January  
Term 1 starts for Y9s  
and Y13s only**

**Thursday 2 February  
Term 1 starts for Y10s,  
Y11s and Y12s**



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## SPORTS PRIZEGIVING

On Tuesday 1 November, we celebrated Sports Prizegiving. It was wonderful to be able to recognise the hard work of our students and to celebrate their sporting successes. Congratulations to all those who received awards on Tuesday evening and thanks to the many families and supporters who were able to attend.

### MĀORI SPORTS AWARDS

<b>Amelia Collins-Wharawhara</b>	<b>K5TM</b>	Awarded the Te Wairere Trophy for Junior Māori Sportswoman
<b>Olly Aliimatafitafi</b>	<b>TKWYU</b>	Awarded the Eric Kirkness Trophy for Junior Māori Sportsman
<b>Ashlyn Lee</b>	<b>K4RG</b>	Awarded the Papatuanuku Trophy for Senior Māori Sportswoman
<b>Jack Samuels</b>	<b>H4CO</b>	Awarded the Ranginui Trophy for Senior Māori Sportsman

### SPECIAL AWARDS

<b>Jason Roberts</b>	Awarded the Glenn Rowsell Award for Coach of the Year
<b>COMAG 1st XV</b>	Awarded the Butch Tuhakaraina Award for Team of the Year
<b>Craig Bigham</b>	Awarded the Donna Gaskell Trophy for Volunteer of the Year

### NATIONAL HONOURS

<b>Lucy Allison</b>	<b>W5WL</b>	National Honours for Representing New Zealand in the NZ Junior Women's Development Volleyball Team, which competed in the 2022 Australian Junior Champs
<b>Abby McDonald</b>	<b>K2SL</b>	National Honours for representing New Zealand in the NZ Junior Women's Development Volleyball Team, which competed in the 2022 Australian Junior Champs
<b>Jackson Donderwinkel</b>	<b>T4FY</b>	1st in U18 K4 200m and U18 K4 500m at the NZ Canoe Sprint Nationals
<b>Olivia Prendergast</b>	<b>K4RG</b>	National Honours for Representing New Zealand in the NZ Show Jumping Team at Brazil and New Caledonia
<b>Andrew Kilham</b>		NZ Junior Women's Volleyball Coach and 2022 Australian Junior Champs Coach

### MAJOR SPORTS AWARDS

<b>Megan Lind</b>	<b>K3AMFY</b>	Awarded the Trophy for Junior Sportswoman of the Year
<b>Jacob Wilcox</b>	<b>K2SL</b>	Awarded the Trophy for Junior Sportsman of the Year
<b>Ericka Landar</b>	<b>T1BG</b>	Awarded the Mrs W Livingstone Trophy for Most Persevering Sportswoman
<b>Ben Yeoman</b>	<b>W5WL</b>	Awarded the Wells Cup for Most Persevering Sportsman
<b>Abby McDonald</b>	<b>K2SL</b>	Awarded the Morrison Trophy for Sportswoman of the Year
<b>Darcy Keenan</b>	<b>T3CP</b>	Awarded the McGlashan Trophy for Sportsman of the Year
<b>Ella Smart</b>	<b>T3CP</b>	Awarded the Sheelah Lamb Millennium Trophy for Best All-round Sportsperson



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## ART AWARDS

On Tuesday 25 October, It was great to be able to have the exhibition night of our Reid and Harrison Annual Art Awards in person this year following covid disruptions. The walls of the Matamata College common room were full of colour and showcased the amazing talent of our senior students. Keith Cooke from Reid and Harrison had the hard job of judging the students' work. He was looking for a systematic body of work that was consistent and showed technical ability. As the Art teacher, I am glad I did not have to make the decisions. Having a professional outside perspective is invaluable.

Monica Wright received top Year 11 recognition for her folio board and Nico Edwards gained Highly Commended. In Year 12, Hannah Nixon stole the show with top Year 12 folio and Heather Hills received Highly Commended. Abby McDonald was awarded top Year 13 and Amelie Nicholls gained a Highly Commended. Amelie was also acknowledged for her Photography and Rhea Mae, who is in Year 9 was awarded Most Promising Artist. Finally, our overall Reid and Harrison winner, taking home a generous monetary prize, was Beatrice Drake in Year 11. Her puzzle piece captured Keith's attention and demonstrated technical excellence and higher-level composition.

A huge thanks goes out to Reid and Harrison again this year for their amazing support in helping Matamata College promote the Arts and showcasing the talent of our creative students. A big thank you to all of you who joined us on the night to celebrate!

## STUDENT AWARDS

### Presented at our Final Full School Assembly

#### Student of the Week Awards

**Year 9 - Marcus Day Fallon - Ngaakau Tapatahi - Integrity**

Always shows integrity whether in the classroom or outside.

**Year 10 - Blake McLaren - Manaakitanga - Caring**

Has shown strong leadership qualities in PE and holding himself to a high standard.

**Year 11 - Liam Ross - Te Kawenga - Responsibility**

Has come a long way this year and continues to grow. Shows a great attitude towards getting work finished.

**Year 12 - Maddie Beattie - Te Kawenga - Responsibility**

Fully prepared for a class discussion, offering invaluable insight that helped support the learning of her peers.

**Year 13 - Ollie Fernyhough - Ngaakau Tapatahi - Integrity**

Continues to show strong leadership on the golf course despite some adversity with equipment.

## Maa Mahi Ka Ora Awards

**Year 9 - Justice Tuhakaraina**

Consistently on task and always ready to help others.

**Year 10 - Lucas McBurney**

Is a role model to other students in the class. Gives his best to all aspects of learning. Happily engages with class discussion and responds positively to teacher feedback.

**Year 11 - Summer Vaughan**

Responsibility of her own learning, consistently showing the school values, seeking help and clarification when needed and taking that feedback on board to produce Excellence level work, throughout the year.

**Year 12 - Priya Saini-Potts**

Respectful of others, positive attitude, great time-management, enthusiastic about learning, culturally aware.

**Year 13 - Caitlyn Alexander**

Highly motivated, inquisitive and self-motivated, respectful.

## GATEWAY AWARDS

We recently held our annual Gateway Awards at the Matamata Civic and Memorial Centre. It was wonderful to celebrate the success our rangatahi have enjoyed throughout the year. We're delighted that many of our students are now moving into a broad range of employment in the Matamata area and beyond.

Congratulations to Kym Bolton-Hampton on all her hard work which provides so many positive outcomes for our students.

Students, parents, caregivers and employers who are interested in learning more about Gateway are welcome to contact Kym on 027 5483929.



### MOSCARS AWARDS

#### Year 12

##### Best Directed

- Rose Kyaw
- Sanya Bun

##### Best Use of Codes and Conventions

- Imke Benson
- Emma Holden

##### Supreme Award

- Charlotte Dance
- CJ Millar
- Chloe Gibb

#### Year 13

##### Best Cinematography

- Rique Campus
- Krezielle Humilde

##### Best use of Codes and Conventions

- Tessa Thomson
- Abby Hill
- Amelie Nicholls

### Reid & Harrison Technology Awards

The Technology Department's annual exhibition celebrated student's success and creativity in design. Reid & Harrison generously sponsored the awards as part of their ongoing support of technology at Matamata College.

"We are happy to help the creative side of education" said Reid & Harrison CEO Keith Cooke. "Technology of course is very dear to our hearts, and we are pleased to acknowledge the categories within the annual technology awards."

Listed below are the categories and award winners:

Technology Award (overall winner)	Leo Cleaver
Junior Technology Award	Francois Visagie
Design & Visual Communication	Elizabeth Van den Broek
Food Technology	Grace Oliver
Fashion & Design Technology	Tara-Rose Slattery
Metal & Engineering Technology	Jackson Donderwinkel
Product Design Construction	Corey Hines
Construction & Allied Trades	Caleb Lawrence

Congratulations to all of the talented designers and makers that took part in the exhibition and thank you once again to Reid & Harrison for their generous sponsorship.

### 2022 Leavers

All Y13's have been sent a Leavers Link which they can now fill out. They will not be taken off our roll until the last day of term. If there are any Y11 or Y12 students that are also leaving at the end of this year please email [tfo@matcol.nz](mailto:tfo@matcol.nz) and request a leavers link.

No students, unless otherwise stated, will be taken off our roll until the 13th December 2022.

Good luck to all our Seniors for exams.

### Head Lice

We have been made aware of several cases of head lice in the community.

As part of our Health & Safety Plan for the Year 9 & 10 camps, we ask that you please check your child for head lice.

If you require help with lice treatment, please contact Student Reception.