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CONTACT NEWSLETTER

2 December 2022

Just a quick update from the BOT as we head to the close of another school year

2022 has continued the trend of the last few years in being very busy. At the commencement of the year, we welcomed our new Principal Julie Bain to Matamata College. Unfortunately, we also had the unwelcome continuation of COVID. This largely made Term 1 a non-event in relation to events with traditional fixtures on the calendar such as swimming sports and athletics not being able to proceed. The traffic light system also meant that we could not have visitors to the school which made for additional challenge. With COVID also came the inevitable sickness and staffing the school became a real challenge, leading to rostered days home. We know this was not easy for our community and our students so thank you all again for your patience through that period. Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and the teachers worked extremely hard to keep the school open during this difficult period.

Along with a focus on structure and ensuring processes are correct and documented, Julie also raised the bar when it came to behaviour at Matamata College. Expected standards are made very clear to students and if not followed, there are consequences. Violence is not tolerated, and incidents are fully investigated to determine next steps. This process has been very time consuming for Julie, the SLT, year level Deans and the BOT. However, along with educating our children, safety of all at school is our top priority so we make no apologies about taking a firm line when it comes to behaviour. We also know that with effort comes reward and we are already starting to see the benefits from the increased focus on ensuring students adhere to the school's values.

2022 also brought an ERO review. Thank you to all who contributed their thoughts to the assessors. The insights from our parent community are really useful for the ERO team so thanks again for taking the time to comment. Pleasingly, the outcome was significantly better than our previous review. However, there are still aspects of school life that require additional focus as we move into 2023. Moving forward we have a number of projects that we are working on. We have commenced a formal review of our uniform. An internal group has been formed and information is being gathered. In time, community feedback will also be sought in relation to uniform; please watch out for that. Along-side a number of other groups, we are also involved in the planning for the Community Gymnasium. This is an exciting project to be part of for Matamata College.

Finally from us, a number of thanks:

Thank you, Julie and the Senior Leadership Team. Your commitment through 2022 has been considerable. We are building a better a school as a result of your efforts.

Thank you to the teaching and support staff. 2022 has presented a number of challenges. However, you have continued to deal with these as they arise and move forward in a positive manner. The ongoing focus to educate and support our children is also really appreciated – thank you.

Thank you to the staff that are leaving Matamata College at the end of 2022. The value you have provided to our community is impossible to quantify, but it is considerable. We have really appreciated your efforts and commitment to the school and the students. All the best for your future endeavours.

Thank you to the community groups that work in our school, notably the PTA and the Sports Club. The PTA has only been back functioning for two years, but your work is already making a real difference. Without the Sports Club, our teams would not have the uniforms or financial support that have helped students get to various sporting opportunities that would otherwise not be possible.

Thank you to those who provide financial support to our school. You, our sponsors, are really appreciated. Be it supporting a cultural activity or a sports team, thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

Thursday 8 December
Senior Prizegiving
Doors open 7pm
Starts @ 7.30pm

Tuesday 13 December
Junior Prizegiving
10.30am

**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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Thank you to all the volunteers, be it coaching a team, hosting a school trip, or helping around the school. Without you, our students would not have the opportunities they have today. We look forward to seeing you back in 2023.

We now look forward to welcoming some new faces to Matamata College in 2023. For those families that will be new to the school, welcome. Matamata College is a good school with a proud history. The opportunities available to your children are considerable, be they academic or sporting and everything in between. Encourage your children to take advantage of the opportunities as they present themselves. We also encourage you, as parents, to come into the school. Engage with your child’s teachers, ask questions and get to know the school. Please also look for opportunities to assist. The more we all put into Matamata College, the better the outcomes for our students.

We also farewell the students that are leaving Matamata College this year. All the best for your future endeavours. Be proud of who you are and where you have come from. Ma mahi, ka ora, by work we prosper.

YEAR 10 CAMP

Matamata College is fortunate to be able to work with the Perry Outdoor Education Trust (POET) to provide an excellent range of outdoor education opportunities for our students.

Last week our Year 10 students travelled to the POET campsite in the Maratoto Valley near Paeroa. The photos in this post are from the first group who were away from Monday to Wednesday. As you can see, many of the activities were able to be completed in good weather, although there was considerable rain on Tuesday night and heavy showers, including some hail, on Wednesday morning. As a result, not all activities were able to be completed but our students were still able to enjoy their time away.



Social Action Days

It was all hands on deck for our final Social Action Day on Friday. Our wonderful Year 10 cohort were able to koha a load of yummy sammies and plates of the best chocolate chunk cookies ever, to our amazing Volunteer Fire Brigade. We wanted to thank these heroes for their incredible and unwavering support in our community. The mahi they do for the people of Matamata is second to none.

We were also able to koha a stack of our delicious club sandwiches to the community fridge and share the aroha to whoever may need it.



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Year 9 Boys Camp

A little look into the Y9 boys camp



Year 9 Girls Plan B

A few action shots of the Y9 girls having as much fun as possible after the disappointment of their camp being cancelled





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Let's Celebrate

MATAMATA CENTENNIAL BATHS

80th

Anniversary

MATAMATA SWIM ZONE

SATURDAY DEC 3 2022 | 1-4PM

GOLD COIN ENTRY - POOLS CLOSE AT 5PM

swim zone

COME AND CELEBRATE OUR BATHS
WITH US

Term 4 Matamata College Policy Reviews Due

SAFETY ON AND OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS

- Health, Safety and Welfare Policy
- Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances
- Digital Technology and Cybersafety
- School Bus Transport
- School Swimming Pool

To complete a review, please follow the instructions below.
The review process closes 8 July 2022.

1. Visit the website
[https://
matamatacollege.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm](https://matamatacollege.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm)
2. Enter the username (matamatacollege) and password (comconxt).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

To arrange a printed copy of the policy and a paper review form, email frontoffice@matcol.nz or ph 07 881 9018.

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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 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.