

Kia ora Koutou!

8 February 2018

Welcome to the first 'official' newsletter for 2018!

We've been busy getting everything organised and are looking forward to a brilliant, exciting year! Thank you for assisting your child in getting organised for the start of the year. Intermediate is what you make of it so please encourage your child to sign up to lots of activities to get the most out of their time here at Tamatea Intermediate. There are a lot of opportunities being offered including: **Volleyball, Cricket, Netball, Waka Ama etc.**



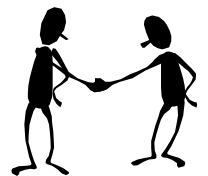
Classes have been settling in and learning about what it takes to be a Tamatea Intermediate school learner. Our four cornerstone virtues are Manaakitanga, Perseverance, Integrity and Responsibility. The Waka above symbolises the way these virtues are used as we journey through the Intermediate years together. These virtues are also great conversation starters at home.

Look out for our School Newsletters **every second** Thursday. Copies are on our school website www.tamateaint.ac.nz on the news and events page and our school app. We also use the website and App to inform you of other happenings at the school, including notification of **early closures on wet days**, as well as photos, assessment results, and upcoming events. For updates and messages we strongly encourage you to 'like' our **Facebook Page TamateaIntermediateSchool** and download our School App.



MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Next Wednesday 14th February at 6pm we have an opportunity for you to meet up with your child's teacher, have a wander through the classroom and chat. There will be some important messages for the year ahead and a chance to find out how you can become involved in your child's learning. Don't forget to join us after the class meetings for a free sausage sizzle!



CANTEEN: Our Canteen is up and running. **No \$20 notes please, we don't hold a lot of change in the office.** Our canteen menu is as follows:

Pies (mince & cheese or steak) \$2.00	Sausage Rolls \$2.00
Hawaiian Pizzas \$2.00	Muffins – chocolate or Blueberry \$1.00
Fruit Juice Drinks \$2.50	Icy Pops .50c
Pump Water \$3.00	Ice creams \$1.50

LUNCH ONLINE: Don't forget **LUNCH ON LINE** is also available on Wed, Thurs, Friday. www.lunchonline.co.nz to sign up and place an order. School lunches are delivered to our School Office for collection by students. Pita Pit Wed & Thursday, Jesters Pies Friday.



SCHOOL TIMES

MONDAY - THURSDAY	
School commences	8.40am
Interval	10.40am – 11.00am
Lunch	12.30 – 1.20pm
School finishes	3.00pm

FRIDAY - ONLY	
School commences	8.40am
Interval	10.15am – 10.35am
Lunch	12.05 – 1.00pm
School finishes	3.00pm

Please sign up to our School App or like our Facebook Page on a wet day to confirm if the school will be finishing early or check our website banner.

SHORT DAY / RAINY DAY	
School commences	8.40am
Interval	10.40am – 11.00am
Lunch	12.30 – 1.00pm
School finishes	2.35pm

BUS STUDENTS ONLY	SCHOOL FINISHES	BUS DEPARTURE TIME
Westshore/Napier Hill Bus students	2.50pm	School car park 2.55pm
Bayview Bus students	3.00pm	Tamatea HS gate, Taradale Road 3.20pm
Go Bus – Public Bus	2.50pm	13 Coventry Avenue 3.08pm

\$CHOOL DONATIONS??

Unfortunately, government funding doesn't meet all the costs associated with running a school. This means we are reliant on voluntary donations from families. We actively try and keep all our costs as low as possible i.e. Stationery, Uniform etc. Tamatea Intermediate has one of the lowest school donations around at **only \$60** a year.

WHERE DO THEY GO??

The donation money we receive from you is used for the following;

- \$ Rewards vouchers for positive behaviour
- \$ Classroom consumables such as specialist art gear, certificates, rewards
- \$ Travel costs associated with Inter-School sporting fixtures
- \$ Purchase of student Blues Awards badges
- \$ Student participation in various competitions and events
- \$ Purchasing of additional resources – outside existing budget areas
- \$ Supporting education outside the classroom initiatives (Y8 camp, leadership training for school leaders, Swimming etc)



We rely on this money to help operate the school so really appreciate these donations!

ACTIVITY DONATION - \$60

At certain times of the year we send out invoices either via your child or post by mail. If at any time you are unsure about what fees are outstanding or would like to query an account, please call into our School Office to talk to Mrs Julie Polly or you can ring her 8444 181. Alternatively email finance@tamateaint.ac.nz In addition there is a **Technology fee of \$60**. This goes some of the way to covering the costs of materials used in the Technology programme (Wood, Metal, Food, Art, Fabric, Digital). This enables students to take what they make home with them.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

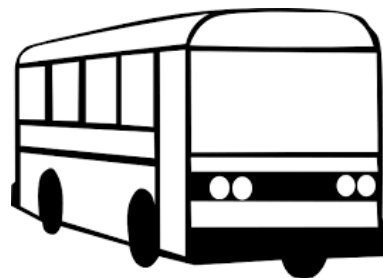
We accept cash, cheque, automatic payments and EFTPOS. **NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL!!!!!!** You can elect to pay ALL fees (music tuition, sport, bus, etc) by either;

Automatic Payment - Lump sum Weekly - Fortnightly Monthly - Term by term

If you are setting up an Automatic Payment our account details are: **ASB 12 3144 0235013 01**
(please use your child's name as a reference!!)

One cheque to cover a range of fees and/or siblings is fine. Please list all the separate activities on the back of the cheque or on a note, so we can allocate the right amount to each activity/student. **THANK YOU!**

SCHOOL BUSES – Students will receive copies of the updated bus route for our private run to Taradale Road/Westshore/Ahuriri/Napier Hill early next week. Jude Lineham and Jemma Thorogood have been riding on the bus with students to ensure everything is running smoothly and students are confident. Bus fees for this private run are \$15 per week or \$150 per term. This money can be paid weekly, term by term or in full. The School Office will accept payments of cash, cheque and/or EFTPOS, alternatively you can set up automatic payments/direct debits/internet banking.



A reminder that bus tickets for the Ministry Bayview bus can be purchased from our School Office at the reduced price of \$15 (**Tamatea Intermediate School students only**).



MUSIC TUITION Newsletters will be sent home next Monday with those students who indicate an interest in learning to play an instrument. Please ensure you complete the form and return it to the School Office urgently.

CELL PHONES Many families rely on cell phones to keep everyone in contact, for both safety and convenience. Our preference is that they leave them at home but if they do come to school our policy is that all cell phones **MUST** be handed in to the class teacher or Office for safe keeping (and to avoid the temptations of texting, games and movies during the day!☺). They can be collected again at the end of the day. Unfortunately the School **cannot accept liability** for the loss/damage of cell phones brought to school. They are brought at your own risk.

STUDY HABITZ: Study Habitz has started for those who have homework to do and have brought in signed permission slips to Vicki. More forms are available in the Office for those interested, Study Habitz runs Monday – Thursday.

ABSENCES: If your child is going to be absent from school (or late), please notify the school using the absence function on the School App or text **027 3415373** and leave the following details:

NAME OF THE CALLER	CHILD'S NAME	CHILD'S RM	REASON FOR ABSENCE
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Vicki Strachan (Home Liaison) follows up with phone calls home regarding **unexplained** absences. Every attempt is made to contact the home telephone, work or mobile number of Parents/Caregivers however we ask that you **PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL!** All late students must report to the Attendance Office to see Vicki and sign in.



BIKE SECURITY Just a reminder that all students must bring a lock to school to secure their bike to the bike stands. Please ensure your child does not leave their bicycle locked up overnight in the bike stands. In the past we have had bicycles taken despite the gates being locked and the use of bike locks. We cannot guarantee a bike will still be there in the morning.

TECHNOLOGY started yesterday – Please remember if your child wears sandals they will need to bring covered shoes with them on their Technology Days. Our technology rotation this year includes Food Tech, Hard Materials, Multi Materials, Art & Digital Technology.



COLLECTING STUDENTS EARLY: From time to time you may need to collect your child early or take them out for an appointment. **Please sign your child out from the office.** Otherwise we may be searching them not knowing where they are, particularly in an emergency situation or worry that something has happened to them or that they have left with someone they are not allowed to. Also, if you wish to visit the school for any reason we ask that parents/caregivers come to the office so we know that you are in our grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

BASKETBALL HAWKES BAY:

Youth Development Programme Tuesdays and Thursdays Term 1 6.30am – 7.30am, for further inquiries please phone Nic Fee 833 6215. Also 2018 Age Group trials and musters registrations available www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz BASKETBALL CAMP: 16-20 April 2018 Rodney Green Centennial Event Centre, Napier 8.30am – 4.30pm daily. For further info please phone 8336215 or visit their website.



ART ROOM DONATIONS PLEASE!!

Our Art Teacher Jill Kennett is looking for donations of:
Card, wool, wire, feathers, cord, buttons, home and garden/food magazines, Ice cream/ catering

containers and lids, newspaper, old phone books and any other resources that can be put on a craft "Make It" table in the art room. Wool is also needed for our Inside Club (see photo) Any of the above can be dropped into or outside the art room. Many thanks.



LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

There are lots of activities at lunch time to get keep the students busy and meeting others. Inside Club, Boxing Gym, Rugby on the field, Table Tennis in the hall, Volleyball nets up, skateboarding, scootering and the PE Shed is open to get out other equipment.

MATHS MIND MOVER:

The Math Mind Mover is a great way for our learners to talk through different problem solving challenges with their peers and families. The winning class in both Year 7 and Year 8 each term with the most amount of correct entries will be rewarded with a free lunch and a class trophy. A great opportunity to share some mathematical thinking. Good luck. Here is this week's problem:

A machine fills 150 bottles of water every 8 minutes. How many minutes does it take this machine to fill 675 bottles?



Please record your **working out, name, & room number** on your entry form and place in the entry box in the front office before Monday Morning's Assembly 😊

CHOCOLATE STORM!!

On the 19th February students will be given information and a permission slip to bring home about selling chocolates to fund raise for our school. Chocolates will only be issued to those with a signed permission slip. We appreciate your help!



Regards,

Jo Smith – PRINCIPAL

