

Te waka o Tamatea

"He waka eke noa"
We are all in this together



Kia ora Koutou!

9 February 2017

Welcome to the first 'official' newsletter for 2017!

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. 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, Basketball, Netball, Music Tuition and much more.**

A big THANK YOU to our community for your responses last year to our community consultation survey on the virtues that are important for our tamariki as they navigate the 'middle years'. Your responses were combined with the voice of our students and staff and we have come up with four cornerstone virtues Manaakitanga, Perseverance, Integrity and Responsibility. The Waka above symbolises the way these virtues are used as we journey through the Intermediate years together.

Look out for our School Newsletters **every second** Thursday. Copies are also on our school website www.tamateaint.ac.nz on the news and events page. We also use this website and our Facebook page 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**. Our School App is currently under development so watch this space for even more options of staying informed about happenings at Tamatea Intermediate.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING Next Wednesday 15th 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 sausage sizzle outside the hall.



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 \$2.50	Muffins – chocolate or Blueberry \$1.50
Fruit Juice Drinks \$2.00	Icy Pops .50c
Smoothie Ice Creams \$1.00	Up & Go \$2.50



Don't forget **LUNCH ON LINE** is also available on three days 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.

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 phone our parent line 844 9332 at 12.00 on a wet day to confirm if the school will be finishing early or check our website or our facebook page.

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. It is shocking to hear that in some other state schools around NZ this fee/donation can be as high as \$1000 per year!!!!

WHERE DO THEY GO??

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

- \$ Paying for 1 visiting performer show per year
- \$ 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.

In addition there is a **compulsory 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, Science, and Fabric). 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 each day this week 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 have been sent home with those students who indicated 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.

ANSWERPHONE If your child is going to be absent from school (or late), please ring the Parent Answer Phone – **8449 332** or text **027 3415373** and leave the following details (we ask that you leave a clear message).

NAME OF THE CALLER	CHILD'S NAME	CHILD'S RM	REASON FOR ABSENCE
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Students are also required to bring a signed note to school on their return to hand to their class teacher, explaining their absence. 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. All late students must report to the Attendance Office and sign in. **Please note that the parent line number is the same number we use to advise of early finishes.**



BIKE SECURITY

Just a reminder that all students must bring a lock to school to secure their bike to the bike stands (now located beside the office). 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 this week – 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 and Art. Year 8’s will also be learning Science as part of this rotation.

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.

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.

There were 180 people (men, women and children) at last year's meet the teacher evening. There were twice as many women as men, and three times as many children as women.

How many children attended the meet the teacher evening last year?

Please record your thinking, name and room number on your entry and place in the competition box in the front office. Mrs Polly will draw a winner at the first assembly on Monday morning. Entries must be handed in before 8.40 each Monday. Good luck.

SCHOOL CARPARK: In the interest of student safety please **do not** drop off or park in our carpark before or after school (even on wet days) At these times it needs to be clear for buses, taxis and couriers. We had a few near misses yesterday! We would hate for an accident to happen. This also creates huge problems with congestion on Freyberg Avenue.

GREAT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN: Sue Larkey Workshops and Resources are available for families – register online for Sue’s regular newsletter www.suelarkey.co.nz and see what she has to offer!

JACARANDA ART SCHOOL: classes for all ages email dcsew@xtra.co.nz or ph 02102288918 / 8337952



Regards,

Jo Smith – PRINCIPAL

SUMMER HOCKEY: Starts Wednesday 22nd February and runs for 5 weeks. The cost is \$25. Games are played after school on a Wednesday at Park Island. I am a parent organising this, with the school’s approval, so please contact me for further details: Jo Tapine, 027 342 0489.

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