



Newsletter

30 January 2017

The holidays have zoomed past and we are back for another exciting year at Tamatea Intermediate School. A very big welcome to all of our new Year 7 and 8 students and their families. There is an 'action packed' programme planned for your child/ren this year balancing high quality academic, social and physical opportunities with lots of fun.

Students will be settling into their new classes, making new friends and learning routines. Please be reassured that classes have been carefully crafted taking into consideration information received from previous schools. Our experience shows that the first two weeks is the usual period for students to adapt to their new environment.

SCHOOL TIMES – 8.40am – 3.00pm

After wonderful students, the best resources a school can ever have are their staff. This year we are thrilled to have the following group of professionals.

Mrs Joanne Smith	Principal
Mrs Judith Lineham	Deputy Principal
Mrs Jemma Thorogood	Assistant Principal

YEAR 7 TEACHING STAFF	
SHA	Ms Kerri Thompson
SHB	Mrs Sarah McPhee
Room 1	Mrs Meredyth Howie
Room 3	Mr Franz Groom
Room 4	Mrs Lejani Eksteen
Room 17	Mr Dean Quate

YEAR 8 TEACHING STAFF	
SHC	Mrs Sandra Howard
SHD	Mr Alastair Richards
Room 6	Ms Valerie McLeod
Room 9	Ms Lisa Hooper
Room 10	Mrs Kirsten Morrison
Room 12	Mr Damien Izzard / Mrs Anna Piper
Room 13	Mr Dan McAleese

ANCILLARY / SUPPORT STAFF	
School Secretary & BOT Secretary	Mrs Fiona Hay
Finance/ Admin / Library	Mrs Julie Polly
Pastoral Care / Home Liaison / Attendance	Ms Vicki Strachan
School Cleaner	Mrs Liz Perrett
Teacher Aides	Mrs Debbie Melling, Mrs Tracey Hall, Mrs Lynda Scott (also Sports Co-ordinator)
Property	Tom Elers
Librarian	Ngaio Blackwood

TECHNOLOGY	
Multi Materials	Ms Judith Cheer
Food	Mr Alister Gear
Metal/Plastics	Mr Jamie James
Art	Ms Jill Kennett
Science	Mrs Jemma Thorogood

SCHOOL STATIONERY We have stationery packs available for our students which contain everything your child will require for the school year.

The cost of the pack for Year 7 is \$35 and Year 8 students is \$25. This pack contains good quality stationery and is very competitively priced. We have kept the price to a minimum as a service to our community and to help ease the stresses of the beginning of the year. Packs are available for purchase now.

Money **must** be brought to school in a named, sealed envelope and handed into the class teacher in the morning. School Activity Donation and Technology fees can also be paid. Receipts will be issued.

Alternatively our bank account number for direct credits or Automatic Payments is **ASB 12 3144 023501301**
Ref: Child's full name. Please make all cheques for stationery to **TAMATEA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM Some reminders:

- ✓ Footwear is either black, blue or brown roman sandals or a black leather lace-up shoe. Covered shoes must be worn in all the Technology Rooms during Technology (safety reasons)
- ✓ Only school hats are to be worn around the school grounds **COMPULSORY DURING TERMS 1 & 4**
- ✓ Uniform is to be worn correctly!
- ✓ Please provide a note to the office if your child needs a temporary Uniform pass for a missing item.

☛ **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM IS NAMED!**

LUNCH PASSES Permanent lunch passes will be issued to those students whose parents have indicated (on their child's enrolment form) they will be coming home for lunch on a regular basis. (look after it because it will cost \$4 to replace). Temporary Lunch passes are available by providing a note to the office. Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds without a lunch pass. We have an agreement with Pak N Save and the local takeaways in Tamatea that our students do not leave the school grounds at lunch time to purchase their lunch.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS If your child has a particular medical condition or requires medication please make sure you contact Fiona in the office. This is also necessary with regards to dental treatment.

CANTEEN We are busy organising our canteen for 2017. The canteen will be open for casual lunchtime sales from tomorrow onwards.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TUITION Over the years we have provided musical tuition in violin, keyboard, guitar, drums/percussion, saxophone, flute and clarinet using experienced local tutors. Tuition is an additional cost with it also being possible to hire an instrument from the school. An expression of interest newsletter will be sent home shortly with students interested in learning a musical instrument.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS / FACEBOOK At this stage, school newsletters are sent home via your child/ren every second **THURSDAY** afternoon. We endeavour to keep Parents/Caregivers informed and up to date with all coming events. Spare copies of all newsletters are held in the office. Alternatively, these are also available on the school web site – www.tamateaint.ac.nz. Our **Official** Facebook Page is **TamatealIntermediateSchool**. 'Like' the page to receive updates, notices or alerts (such as 2.35 p.m. finishing on rainy days)

STUDY HABITZ Study Habitz is an after school homework programme that runs Monday to Friday from 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Sessions are supervised by a staff member. There is a small charge for this programme and numbers are limited. We hope to have everything up and running as soon as possible. A full information sheet and application form will be available on Thursday.

EARLY BIRDS The School Library will be open each morning from 8.00am for students that wish to find a quiet place to sit (read) and wait until the school day commences. There is no charge.

I think that's enough information for today, the regular fortnightly newsletter comes out Thursdays, starting next week.

Kind regards,



Joanne Smith Principal

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or text **027 3415373**

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Facebook – TamatealIntermediateSchool (Official Site)

Dental Clinic **8734864**