



TAMATEA  
INTERMEDIATE

# Kia ora KOUTOU!

11 February 2016

Welcome to the first 'official' newsletter for 2016!

We've been busy getting everything organised and are looking forward to a brilliant, exciting year! Thank you for getting your child organised for the start of the year (they are looking so grown up in their uniforms!) and we look forward to your support over the months to come.

Look out for our School Newsletters **every second** Thursday. Copies are also on our school website [www.tamateaint.ac.nz](http://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**

An important message to our students is that the more they **get involved**, the more they **get out of** their time at Intermediate!!! Already there are a lot of opportunities being offered including: **Volleyball, Cricket, Softball, Basketball, Tennis, Netball, canoe polo** and **Music Tuition**. Interclass lunch time sports are also starting soon. If any of these are of interest to your child it is **important** that they see the teacher in charge to get information / permission forms. If they are ever **unsure** about where to meet or who to see then they can check the Daily Notices, the Activities White Board or see our sports Co-ordinator Lynda Scott. Copies of permission forms are on the school website (under programme/sports or /Music)

We hope your child is settling in so far. Classes are working really well and as an incentive are earning points towards a class Mufti Day. Remember if you have any issues please don't hesitate in getting in contact with your child's teacher by calling 8444 181 or sending them an email. Teacher's emails are their [firstname.surname@tamateaint.ac.nz](mailto:firstname.surname@tamateaint.ac.nz) To get hold of the Management Team our emails are; for myself [principal@tamateaint.ac.nz](mailto:principal@tamateaint.ac.nz) and Deputy Principal Jude Lineham [jude.lineham@tamateaint.ac.nz](mailto:jude.lineham@tamateaint.ac.nz)

**SCHOOL CAR PARK** – A reminder - we have a lot of congestion in the school car park so we are asking parents to please drop students off/collect out on Freyberg Ave or Taradale Rd rather than driving into the school driveway. This will leave the car park area free in the morning and afternoon for Disability Taxis, School Buses and deliveries. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF NEAR MISSES LAST WEEK AND ONE ACCIDENT - IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL A CHILD GETS HURT. PLEASE **DO NOT PARK OR STOP ON THE YELLOW LINES** IN OUR CARPARK AT **ALL** TIMES AND PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT THE GATES EVEN ON RAINY DAYS!

**CANTEEN:** Our canteen is up and running with prices ranging from 50c to \$2.00. Fruit Juice, bottled water, pies, sausage rolls, pizza, choc chip biscuits, ice cream, icy pops etc **No \$20 notes please!!** Don't forget Lunch on line is available Wed, Thurs, Friday [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

**ART ROOM: Wanted!** Old tea towels or towels to use as rags, ice cream containers with lids or larger catering containers, clean polystyrene trays, 1 litre yoghurt pots & lids, old garden/food magazines NOT womens weeklys etc thanks!! Deliver to the art room or leave on the seat outside the art room door.

# 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 11.45a.m 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



## SCHOOL 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
- \$ Funding additional Primary Enterprise (PrEP) equipment for this exciting economics programme
- \$ 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, Community Involvement 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, Biotech, 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;

**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. I 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 to cover these payments.

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.

## **MEET THE TEACHER EVENING** Next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

February we have an opportunity for you to meet up with your child's teacher, have a wander through the classroom and chat from 5.30pm. There will be separate Year 7 and Year 8 meetings at 6pm to review some common messages for the year ahead. We hope you can join us!



**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 will start next week 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. There is usually someone still on site up until 5.00pm if your child can return to school with the spare key.



**UNIFORM/HATS/P.E.**

Thanks for getting students organised into uniforms. There have been a few 'teething' problems with School Tex moving their business to *The Warehouse*, thanks for your patience. Hats are also available from The Warehouse, students will have to sit in the designated shade areas if they are not wearing one.

**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, Soft Materials, Art and Science.

**Pictured here is Bevan from Room 10 investigating what is living on our harakeke plants during Year 8 Science.**



**Maths Mind Mover:**

A number is called a palindrome if it reads the same forwards and backwards. For example, numbers such as 121 or 32123 are palindromes. The odometer on a car (which measures how far the car has travelled) shows a palindrome below.

3	5	9	5	3
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*What number will be the next palindrome to appear on the odometer?*

Remember to show your working out and include your name and room number with your entry. Mrs Polly will draw a winning entry just before our Monday Morning Assembly. Good Luck.

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS!</b>	17 February	Meet the Teacher 5.30pm
	2 March	Inter Intermediate Volleyball
	25 March	Good Friday
	28 March	Easter Monday
	29 March	No School – Easter Tuesday
	5 April	Year 8 Swimming Sports
	6 April	Interim Reports home
	8 April	Year 7 Swimming Sports
	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> April	Informal Conferences

Music Tutor/Entertainer available please phone Rose Whiting 021 0707 013 or 8452900 for more details

Regards,

Roy Sye – PRINCIPAL

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**Unity** *Aroha* Responsibility Per sever a nce **Integrity** Respect

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**or text 027 3415373**

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