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Thanks

... to those parents (and children, & especially William Payne) who represented Matarau School at Mr Schuster's powhiri this week at Paparua School. Mr Schuster was moved by this experienced and has asked that we especially acknowledge you.

... to those parents who attended parent / teacher interviews last term.

.. to Peter Nicholson and Rick Kivell who generously gave of their time (2 full days) to judge our school science fair at the end of last term.

THANK YOU TILE WAREHOUSE !

Room 9 would like to make a shout out to the Tile Warehouse for generously donating tiles and grout for our mosaic art. Students thoroughly enjoyed creating mosaic pavers for the school veggie garden. They add colour to the garden and now keep our feet clean from mud. Thanks Tile Warehouse! See end of the newsletter for a photo of the room 9 garden.

People of the week

... those children who received certificates at last term's School Science Fair Prize Giving - see the full results list further on. Judges were hugely impressed with the quality of exhibits, and with your responses during interviews, and have asked that we acknowledge your efforts. Parents of children representing our school at the Regional Fair (27-30 Aug) will receive information shortly.

... our International Schools English and Mathematics Exam candidates.

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

30 July	Meeting of Board of Trustees (staffroom 6:00pm)
31 July	International Schools English Examination
7 August	School Photos
9 August	Year 7 & 8 Debating at Huanui College (round 1)
10 August	Taniwha Challenge (Zone Cross country) at Te Horo School
10 August	Red Cross programme - Room 11
11 August	Trivia Night
13 August	School Cross Country
14 August	International Schools Mathematics Examination
15 August	TEACHER STOP WORK MEETING
17 August	Year 6, 7 & 8 students at Youth Summit
27-30 August	Central Northland Regional Science and Technology Fair
29 August	Whangarei Primary Schools Cross Country Event
24 - 25 Sept	School Production

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Commencing Virtue term 3

Please find attached support material for the **Joyfulness Virtue**. Our overarching virtue this year has been "pay it forward". Children have been learning that when we "pay it forward", we show others they matter, and it also makes us feel great too. Paying it forward reminds us that the world does not revolve around us, that we have a duty to care for others, and that, when we do this, we miraculously feel better inside ourselves. Joyfulness is just another way to "pay it forward".

Please ...

- ... take some time to read (and then use) the support material accompanying this newsletter
- ... discuss the importance of joyfulness with your children
- ... talk about the satisfaction you get when you practise joyfulness
- ... set some joyfulness goals and let us know of any special moments

Parent Teacher Interviews - Room 8

We are mindful that interviews did not proceed at the end of last term for children in room 8 as Miss Blundell was unwell at the time. We are pleased to advise that Miss Blundell is available for interviews at the days and times below, at 15 minute intervals ...

Wednesday 1st August: 3.00 - 5.00pm

Thursday 2nd August: 3.00 - 5.00pm

Monday 6th August: 3.00 - 5.00pm

Parents of children in room 8 are invited to book an appointment by visiting www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the following code **wfa68**

Miss Blundell is also available at other times by appointment if the above times do not suit. If you wish to book an alternative slot please contact Miss Blundell on cblundell@matarau.school.nz

Missed interviews, or forgot to ask something ???

... teachers are highly available by appointment .. just give us a call.

Parents Attendance at Board Meetings

Parents are more than welcome to attend board meetings. If you think you will be in attendance at any board meeting please advise Helen prior so that we can prepare material for you.

Staffing Adjustment

Please note that Mrs Donaldson has been appointed to the position of Acting Assistant Principal and Miss Blundell to the position of Acting Senior Teacher (Middle School), both appointments effective from this week. Permanent appointments to these positions will be made to commence the 2019 school year.

Teacher Stop Work Meeting - 15 August

Many of you will be aware that a Stop Work Meeting is scheduled for 15 August which will involve the greater number of primary teachers throughout New Zealand. The School Board will make a determination at its meeting next week on whether the school will need to close on this day, or continue with limited functions. We apologise for any inconvenience arising from whatever action is taken, and will advise as soon as the decision is made.

School Cross Country

Practice runs have begun in earnest - please ensure children come prepared with running shoes.

Change of Clothes

Due to current weather conditions we suggest that students (especially younger students) have a spare change of clothes in their bag for wet weather accidents. This set of clothes could also be used for cross country practice runs which are being held most days. Thank you.

Reminders from last term

... parents of year 8 students are asked to keep us informed please of any change in intended secondary school. This is so that we can do our best to get you the information you need and so that we can of maximum assistance with class placements.

Scholastic Book Club

The new issue has been sent home today. Orders due back by 10 August.

Attendance Term 2

The school is required to monitor attendance rates and to investigate in the event that attendance falls below the Ministry benchmark. Regular school attendance is a critical component of educational success. If you have received a letter this week advising of less than ideal attendance please make contact with us so that we can work together to improve your child's school attendance. Sometimes the solutions can be quite simple ones.

High School Presentations/Open Evenings

Parents of year 8 students will have received a comprehensive outline of forthcoming secondary presentations and open day dates. If you have misplaced this, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Brenda. We will keep you advised of other dates as these come to hand.

Please note the WGHs presentation for Matarau students has been changed from 2 August to Tuesday 7 August at 2pm - here in the school staffroom

Year 7 and 8 Technology Classes

Parents of year 7 and 8 children are reminded that technology classes (formerly woodwork, cooking and soft materials) started for our seniors this Friday, and will take place every Friday until the end of the year (but not 17.8 due to the Youth Summit). This ensures that our senior pupils receive an equivalent (or greater) specialist teaching component in these subjects than year 7 and 8 children at other schools. Parents should have received a letter this week, but we especially draw your attention to the following ...

- ... children will be offsite at the Hukerenui Technology Centre for the duration of Friday
- ... they will need to have footwear and clothing suitable for a workshop context
- ... children will also need to take their lunch and drink bottle with them to the Tech Centre

Plea from the Junior School

An urgent request for little boys long & short pants. We have absolutely none available for emergencies! If you have outgrown pants at home could we please use them. (We're fine for undies though!) Many thanks!

Homework

Please do your best to ensure that children complete their homework on designated afternoons, or drop a quick note or email to their teacher if things are getting a bit hectic at home. Most of all we do not want to be chasing homework from children whose circumstances make homework "too big an ask" for them. While we think that there is benefit from doing homework for most children, we are more than happy to excuse students from homework at a parent's request.

International Schools Competitions

Further practice papers for both the English and the Maths exams were issued this week on request. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children sit at least 2 practice papers a week at home please (parents will also need to mark these - marking sheet provided). A reminder that the exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 31 Jul & Mathematics - 15 August. As the English exam is next Tuesday we suggest just one more practice and then a slight break before test day.

Zone Cross Country - Te Horo Taniwha Challenge - Year 4-8s - 10 August

Permission forms have been sent home for the Taniwha Challenge (Cross Country at Te Horo School). This is an optional event, if your child has not brought home a permission form, and you would like them to participate in this event, please contact the office for a form. All permission forms for this are due back at the office early next week please

Calf Club Day - Thursday 18 October 2018

If you haven't already, you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to lambs or goats (no calves this year as recommended by MPI). The animal must be born after 1st July 2017. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats are judged on rearing, leading & calling.

You can also bring a 'pet' which can include rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. A pet booklet will be sent home with interested children nearer the end of term. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.

Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. More information will be sent home closer to the end of the term.

Cambridge Survey

You may be aware that last term we surveyed our former Cambridge students on how well they feel Cambridge prepared them for secondary school. We will start sharing the results of our survey with you starting next week. So watch this space!

Finally

Welcome back. Plenty of exciting events planned including Cross Country, Regional Science Fair and School Production ... and lots more. Looking forward to seeing you around the school. Please let us know where we can help. And a special welcome to our new families!

Kind Regards Nga mihi nui

Kevin Trehwella
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Room 9 with their
amazing mosaic tiles in
the school vege garden



Reusable Produce Bags fundraiser

If you would like to order another set or 2 of these bags please contact Helen in the office or email – admin@matarau.school.nz .

Community Notices

Zonta Book Fair, this Saturday 7am - 5pm & Sunday (9am to 3pm). Lots & lots of books, at Forum North

Childcare - Fully qualified Early Childhood teacher starting homebased childcare in Matarau from 20th August. I have up to 3 spaces available daily for children aged 0 to 5. WINZ subsidies available. For more info please call Mara on 0211 091 959.



William and Toko. played rugby league for the U13 Northern Swords in the North Island Youth Tournament in Rotorua over the holidays. Their team was amaaaaazing on and off the field. They won all their games and took out the tournament

2018 Science Fair Awards

Name	Year	Award
Keira Van Boldrik	7	Best Overall Year 7 Action Research
Liam Rosemergy	7	Runner up - Best overall Year 7 Action Research
Brenna Misilei	7	Highly Commended Year 7 Action Research
Ella Smart	7	Highly Commended Year 7 Action Research
Chloe Debaugh	7	Highly Commended Year 7 Action Research
Celeste Mitten	7	Highly Commended Year 7 Action Research
Kiran Hare	7	Highly Commended Year 7 Action Research
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Sheay Saunders	8	Best Overall Year 8 Action Research
Jacob Pivac	8	Runner up - Best Overall Year 8 Action Research
Amia Ringrose	8	Highly Commended Year 8 Action Research
Ethan Hanlon	8	Highly Commended Year 8 Action Research
Kyle Hanlon	8	Highly Commended Year 8 Action Research
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Esther Wieggersma	7	Best Overall Year 7 Investigation
Charlee Leith	7	Runner up - Best Overall Year 7 Investigation
Darius Fedarb	7	Highly Commended Year 7 Investigation
Ava Perkins	7	Highly Commended Year 7 Investigation
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Hanna Smith	8	Best Overall Year 8 Investigation
Eve Kendall	8	Runnerup-Best overall Year 8 Investigation
Kayah Pitts	8	Highly Commended Year 8 Investigation
Xeryus Wilson	7	Innovation Award
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Baking Award		Kayah Pitts
Best Health Related Award		Keira Van Boldrik
Best Scientific Method		Hanna Smith
Best Overall Effort		Paige Bennett
Most Improved over a 2 year process		Jessica Mitchell

Most Promising Year 6 Project Greah Seuren, Caden Gunson, Nyree Pol, Vienna Ringrose

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