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Thanks

... to our headlice inspection team for their time.
... to those who supported our zone cross country team this week.
... Mrs Gunson, Mr Johnson, and team, for the extra hours put in recently in the run up to our school cross country.
... Martin & Anne Smith for the use of their farm for School Cross Country
... To Pat Riley who spent hours sewing backdrops for our school production.

People of the week

... Zak Scampton and Sam Todd for an amazing attitude to class and playground and for going above and beyond ... great role models boys!
... Lily Young who was so kind to a child in need this week.

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

11 August	Trivia Night
13 August	<i>School Cross Country</i>
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
30 August	TEACHER ONLY HALF DAY
24 - 25 Sept	School Production
27 Sept	Years 7 & 8 Debating at Huanui College (Round 2)
28 Sept	Final Day of term 3 (first day term 4 - 15 Oct)

Stop Work Meeting 15 August

As advised, primary school teachers around New Zealand have voted to attend a full-day stop work meeting on Wednesday 15 August. In light of this, the Board of Trustees has determined that Matarau School will be closed to students on this day. **Buses will not run on this day.**

Cambridge Meeting / Year 7 & 8

A meeting has been scheduled for 3.15pm Thursday 23 August in room 13 to share our Cambridge Programme with interested parents. This meeting is especially for those who would like to know more about this programme and its points of difference. We will explain our Cambridge pathways, and share the reasons why this programme is so successful. There will be plenty of time for discussion and questions and so please pencil in this date.

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Reminders from last week ... visit newsletter archives on our website

... Attendance Concern letters Homework Scholastic Book Club

Cambridge Year 7 and 8 Programme - Meeting 23 August for Year 6 & 7 parents

We are the only state school in Northland offering the Cambridge Junior Secondary Programme. This programme is designed by Cambridge University, and can only be offered in accredited schools. Our goal has always been to ensure that all year 8 students are at least one year ahead, on entry to secondary school, than if they had not done the Cambridge Programme. If you cannot make the meeting on 23 August, further information is available on our website, or feel free to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson or Mr Trehwella to further discuss our Cambridge pathways.

Cambridge Survey

When we surveyed our former Cambridge Students (now at High School), they responded as follows ...
I seem to be going well in my tests and assignments ... strongly agree 80%, very strongly agree 20%
Looking back, my reflections on Cambridge Maths is positive ... strongly agree 20%, very strongly agree 80%
More responses next week.

Joyfulness Virtue

Please keep this rolling at home and let us know of any special moments.

Early Arrivals

Please note that 8:00am is the very earliest time that children may be dropped at school as this is the earliest time we can **guarantee** a staff presence on site. We have had reports of children being dropped off as early as 7:00am and this constitutes a safety risk. Please adhere to the 8:00 am time.

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!

TEACHER ONLY HALF-DAY - THURSDAY 30 AUGUST

In the last newsletter we advised that the school had been awarded funding to engage in staff professional development in writing. This is an area we have chosen because a greater number of our students lag in this area, comparative to other learning areas. Having said this, all students have potential to benefit significantly once we are fully trained to implement this programme.

There are certain conditions attached to participation in this programme, including a Teacher Only Day to start the programme off. This is a non-negotiable requirement. Some of you will know that some schools have as many as 2 or 3 Teacher Only Days a year, but this would be the first Teacher Only Day for Matarau School for at least 25 years. We have always managed to schedule these for term breaks, but this is not possible on this occasion.

We do regret any inconvenience caused to parents from this day, and have done what we can to minimize this inconvenience. Please also note that this does not mean less instructional time for your child(ren), as any time taken for this day needs to be "made up" at the end of the year.

Accordingly, the Board of Trustees have approved a Teacher only HALF day for Thursday 30 August. **On this day school will close at mid-day and buses will leave from school from 12:00 pm.** Although normal instructional programmes will operate in the morning, **we also understand that some parents may opt to keep their children home for the whole day.**

So please be aware that the school will be closed for instruction from mid-day on Thursday 30 August. Buses will leave school from 12:00 pm (at customary intervals) and so children will be dropped at their usual drop off point around 3 hours earlier than normal. The children who travel on the Kamo bus would arrive in Kamo around 12:15-12:20 pm. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at 12:00 pm please.

If you need to arrange afternoon care for your child, please note that it might be possible to start our After School Care Programme from mid-day, but there would be a charge for this. If you are interested in this option please contact Kim on 021 0663806 no later than Monday 27 August

School Cross Country - Monday 13 August

You are warmly invited to support our cross country runners on 13 August. Please extend this invitation to extended family. The event will be held across the road (same location as last year). There are two primary objectives of cross country, to encourage kids to get on the course, and give it their best shot. **The second is for them to encourage their peers to do the same - with this in mind, please do not take children away after their race, they are expected to support other runners as they cross the line, just as these runners have supported them.**

The start times below are approximate only - please allow a margin of at least 15 minutes either side of specified start times. If light rain we will still proceed.

Sponsors of this year's School Cross Country ... are

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Year Level	Start Time	Approx Distance	Age Group Race
Year 7 and 8	11.40	2.8km	12 and 13 year olds Girls and Boys
	11.50		11 year old Girls
	12.00		11 year old Boys
Year 5 and 6	12.10	2.2km	10 year old Girls
Year 3 and 4	12.20		10 year old Boys
	12.30		9 year old Girls
	12.40	9 year old Boys	
Year 4	12.50	1.8km	8 year old Girls
	1.00		8 year old Boys
Year 3 (+ Year 4 Non 8 year olds)	1.10	900 meters	Non 8 year old Girls
	1.20		Non 8 year old Boys
Year 2	1.30	600 meters	Yr 2 Girls
End of day	1.40		Yr 2 Boys
Year 0 & 1	1.50		Year 0/1 Girls
	2.00	Year 0/1 Boys	
Kindy	2.10	400 meters	Kindy Race (all together)
End of day	2.30		<u>Prize Giving</u> Pack up

Headlice Inspections

Inspections this week indicated low levels of infestation. If you did receive advice of infestation, or suspected infestation, and you have not already done so, please ensure you treat your children before return to school on Monday. All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of this problem.

Term contributions

... those who opted for term payment of school contributions will receive a contribution request email within the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your support ... every cent goes back to the children in some value added form.

Central Northland Science and Technology Fair

Parents of children who will represent our school are advised that the Central Northland Science Fair will take place 27 August to 30 August and a permission slip will be sent home next week. Please return consent forms by the end of next week. Any questions in the run up please to Mrs Donaldson.

International Schools Competitions

A reminder that the Mathematics exam is scheduled for next Tuesday 14 August. We suggest children have a break from practice papers over the weekend

Home Gardens

Please discuss with your children the possibility of having a home garden this year. This programme gets underway some time later this term (timeline to follow), and culminates in judging at year's end with a trophy presented at prizegiving. We will send an expression of interest form out **next week** and so please let your child know if you want one of these forms sent home.

Finally

Congratulations to our year 7 and 8 debating teams who competed at Huanui College this week. Two of our three year 7 teams were unbeaten, and our year 8 team won two and lost one debate. A huge achievement against very tough competition. Well done!

Kind Regards Nga mihi nui

Kevin Trehwella
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Reusable Produce Bags fundraiser

If you (friends or family) would like to order another set or 2 of these bags we have plenty of spares in the office. Please contact Helen if you would like to order some more.

School Lunches – Term Orders Welcome

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom.

Fridays - \$4.00 - Hot Mince Pie or Mince & Cheese Pie or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) or Butter Chicken Wrap or \$4.50 - Chicken Salad Wrap. All delivered with a juice box. Or swap the Fruit drink for a Milk for \$1 extra. Order by Wednesday afternoon at the office, to receive Friday. We cannot supply lunches on Friday if the order is placed after Thursday morning.



Community Notices

Childcare - Fully qualified Early Childhood teacher starting homebased childcare in Matarau from 20th August. Up to 3 spaces available daily for children aged 0 to 5. WINZ subsidies available. For more info please call Mara on 021 1091 959.

LADIES MOVIE NIGHT - Comrie Park Kindy fundraiser. *Oceans 8* @ 6pm Thursday 23 August, Event Cinema's. Come and join us for an evening of laughs, enjoy a glass of bubbles, some nibbles and a great movie! Giveaways on the evening as well! Tickets (\$25 each) available from Comrie Park Kindergarten. Tel 433 5045

Storytime Character Hunt, Sunday 12th August at 10.30am, Whangarei Central Library. Search the nooks & crannies of the library for real life book characters.

Rising Starz production – Phantom of the Talent Factor – 6.30pm 10 & 11 August; or 1.30pm Sunday 12th; Riverbank Theatre, Whangarei. Tickets \$6 each or \$20 for 4. More Info contact risingstarznz@gmail.com or Camilla on 021 088 553 28



Trivia Night Fundraiser

Saturday 11 August 2018 - 7pm until late

Thanks to the following companies who have paid for Table Sponsorship

- Dave Neumann Contracting
- David's Pharmacy
- Garnet Motor Services
- Brad McKegg - Ray White Bream Bay
- Protectus
- Hayden Martin Electrical
- New World Regent
- Robert Alison Contracting
- Ontrack Bookkeeping

Auctions : Thanks to the following people who have donated amazing prizes to be auctioned ...

- Mahinepua Weekend Accommodation - Christine Smith
- Weekend at Mangawhai Holiday Park - Richard & Noela Gunson
- Glamping at Adrenalin Water Park - Sponsored by Smith Family
- Kamo Vets
- LEATT Kids BMX Clothing - donated by My Bike

Phone Bids on the night welcome

Pre-organise with Jenny (021 729 536) or Vanessa (021 109 3845)

- EFTPOS will be available
- Bring cash/coins for fun quick fire games
- BYO Drinks - Remember to organise a SOBER driver