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Thanks

... to those parents who attended this week's Cambridge Meeting.
... to Jenny Wiegiersma for being our Manager at Cross Country next week.

People of the week

... those children who have really responded to our current focus on manners ... have had several adults comment on how nice it is to encounter children who open doors for them. Well done!
... Mr Kim and our ESOL students for your outstanding contribution to this week's Mayoral Address.
... Players of the Day - MiniSticks Green team, Mrs Burgin says great team effort, awesome passing & tackling last Saturday.
... congratulations to Van Leith who has also been selected to play in the upcoming Whangarei Year 5 & 6 2018 Inter Association Hockey competition

Best wishes

... to those senior students representing our school at next week's Regional Science and Technology Fair.
... to those students representing our school at the Interschool Cross Country Event at Barge Park

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

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)

BoT Meeting - Monday 27 August 6:00pm staffroom ... parents welcome.

Interschool Cross Country - Barge Park - 29th August

A reminder that children are welcome back at school after their race, or they may stay to support our other runners. Any questions in the run-up to this event to Mrs Sinclair please.

Science Fair Exhibitors - Year 7 & 8

A reminder to exhibitors to be at Forum North between 9am & 11am on Monday morning. Children can be collected from Mrs Crawford by 3pm. Parents/children are encouraged to call into the Exhibition Hall at Forum North to have a look at all the Whangarei exhibits from Tuesday to Thursday. Gold coin entry.

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

... Attendance Concern Letters ... Homework ... Scholastic Book Club ... Official arrival and pick up times ... Headlice Inspections ... Term Contributions ... School Annual Report

TEACHER ONLY HALF-DAY - THURSDAY 30 AUGUST

A final reminder that 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 12:15-12:20pm. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at 12:00pm 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.



Calf Club Day - Thursday 18 October 2018

If you haven't already, you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear a lamb or goat for Calf Club Day. The animal must be born after 1st July 2018. Lambs & 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.



Scholarship



Early next term we will be calling for expressions of interest in our 2018 Art Scholarships. This is an opportunity to present a portfolio of artwork for judging, with the potential to win a school cup and a small prize. Maybe chat to your children about this and, if you would like the information early, just give Kevin a call next week. We have had some outstanding portfolios in year's past and are keen to see this tradition continue.

Calendar Art Orders

... have been sent off. We expect to have these back in 3 to 5 weeks. Will keep you posted.

Kapa haka

We are pleased to advise that funding was recently secured for official uniforms for our kapa haka group. So ... we hope to have these ready for performances in term 4.

Home Gardens

Expression of Interest Forms were sent home this week with interested children. If your child did not bring a form home, and you would like one, please contact their teacher or the school office. Any questions about the programme to Mrs Burgin please. Watch this space. Plenty to follow.

Matarau School Home Gardening Page

Exciting news! We now have a Matarau School Home Gardening Page on Facebook. This page has been created for our enthusiastic group of home gardeners and their families. The purpose of this page is to inspire you with edible garden ideas, share gardening tips, any notices to do with home gardening and provide a place for children's garden progress to be shared.

www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens

Year 3 & 4 Camp

Camp will be held at Marsden Bay Christian Camp on 21st, 22nd & 23rd November. Information & permission forms were sent home with children this week. Please return these to your child's teacher as soon as possible. The cost of camp is \$120, this includes accommodation, food & all activities. Full payment needs to be made by November 12th, contact Kevin if you would like to make alternative payments arrangements. There will be a camp meeting for parents early in Term 4, date to be advised. Any queries in the leadup to camp to your child's teacher please.

Learning Support Programmes

If your child is involved in a learning or pastoral support programme this term, please show a high level of interest in what they are doing, and keep us posted on the highs and lows. Placement is always of limited duration and so we want to get the best outcomes we can in the time allocated.

Less than ideal attendance

If you received notification recently that your child's attendance falls below the Ministry target (90-95% attendance) please address this issue as soon as possible or meet with us to develop a plan. We realise that circumstances differ family to family, child to child, and are keen to work with families to embed good patterns of attendance.

Attending Matarau School in 2019?

The Board will soon make some important decisions around resourcing for 2019. In order to make the best possible decisions we need your help. So ... if you are certain (or reasonably certain) that your child(ren) will NOT be at Matarau School next year, could you please email, or leave a message on our answerphone this weekend (4335823). It would also be helpful to know of any children likely to be heading our way of whom we may not be currently aware.

This request is not intended for those who are unsure, or whose circumstances are fluid, you need time and space to make decisions in your own time. This is for those who know for certain. **So ... if your child(ren) will DEFINITELY NOT be with us next year please give Helen a call, send an email, or leave a voice message outside work hours.**

Finally

This week I had two conversations with staff which I thought I would share, one was a request by a teacher to visit a former student, now in a different school, to ensure that his programmes were meeting his needs, and to see if the new school needed any support. The other was with a staff member who routinely supports her students from the sideline at Saturday sport. I would like to acknowledge members of our staff who go well beyond the call of duty, often unnoticed and unheralded, simply because they care.

Kind Regards *Nga mihi nui*

Kevin Trewhella
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School Lunches

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

An evening with Melanie Vezey, "Learning relationship communication" based on Dr Gary Chapman's book "The 5 love languages" Maunu School Hall **Thurs 6 Sept.** Coffee & cake 7pm with the talk starting 7.30pm. Tickets \$20 each or 2 for \$30 available from the Maunu School Office or contact maunuschoolpta@gmail.com

Junior Touch Module - 4.30-7.30pm Monday nights, starting 15th October, Tikipunga Sports Park. Grades - U8 - U18, boys/girls/ mixed teams. Cost is \$150 per team entered. Contact Frank Kake for more info - 021 211 4664; or touchofpride16@gmail.com; or www.sporty.co.nz/touchofpridejuniortouch.

FREE Spring Holiday Surf Programme - Tutukaka & Taupo Bay – Free to 11-17 year olds. Week 1 – 5-10 October, Week 2 – 8-12 October; Suitable for beginner & intermediate surfers. Limited spaces – email to book or for enquiries – surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz

Action Zone SPRING Camp - October holidays. Marsden Bay Christian Camp, One Tree Point, 9-13 year olds (up to Yr8s). More info & registration at www.actionzonecamps.com



When the clapper went off I ran as fast as I could. A lot of people overtook me. It was tiring. Someone was behind me then they overtook me and came second. I came sixth. It was good, I jumped over the water stream! It was so muddy!

By Rollen

The race begins. Clap! Off we go. We run up the hill and down the hill and into the creek. I got so muddy. Then I ran up another hill! As I cross the finish line I feel happy for myself. My Mum takes a photo of me and then helps my sister Holly race.

By Bella



Daffodil Day is the Cancer Society's annual flagship event and one of the most important fundraising and awareness campaigns in the country. As well as providing an opportunity to raise awareness of cancer in New Zealand, Daffodil Day is a major funding source for the Cancer Society.

Next week Matarau School will be collecting donations (gold coin) for the Cancer Society – if you or your child would like to receive a daffodil to wear please bring money to the office on or before Friday. Thank you