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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... to those who supported our recent compost fundraiser.

... to those who fed back on the proposed changes to our senior camp programme.

### People of the week

... Chyanne Tippett who recently showed huge initiative by picking up some broken glass left outside a room so nobody would be hurt. Chyanne thoroughly checked the area to ensure it was safe and let staff know. All without being asked. Chyanne is often very helpful. Well done Chyanne!

... Kiri Tonks who was heard this week offering to keep a child company when that child was unable to join her friends on the playground. Well done!

### Group Calf Club

Good luck to the following students who will represent our school at next week's Group Calf Club Day - Amy Gauntlett, Summer Dackers, Vienna Ringrose, , Pippa Goodin, Nicole Collier, Brianna & Jesse Brown Williamson!

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

- 6 November Zone Athletics at Poroti School
- 7 November ESOL visit to the Adventure Forest
- 7 November Librarians visit to the town library (11:00 to 2:00)
- 9 November Group Calf Club Day
- 12 November Cambridge pathway interviews start
- 19 November Due date for portfolios for the Art Scholarships (3:00 pm)
- 21 -23 Nov Year 3 and 4 Camp at Marsden Bay
- 26 November School Spelling Bees some time this week
- 1 December Home Garden judging
- 4 December Parent Helpers thank you morning tea.
- 6 December School Team Athletics Day (pls note change of date here)
- 10 December School Prize Giving (underway 6:30 pm)
- 11 December Reports issued
- 14 December Final day of the school year (school finishes 3:00 pm)

### Sunhats

A reminder that sunhats are compulsory in the final term of the year, and so please check that your child has their regulation navy blue Matarau School sunhat as they head to school each day. New and second hats are available from the office (\$9 and \$3 respectively)



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### Reminders from last term ... visit newsletter archives on our website

... Details on Cambridge Pathways (Year 7 and 8) ... Summer Athletics Competitions .... Non-attendance  
... Out of Zone Applications ... Year 7 and 8 Pathways .... Term Headlice Checks .... Board Meetings  
... Group Calf Club

### Unity Virtue

... please keep working on this.

### Zone Athletics - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Poroti School - Years 4 to 8

There are still a few outstanding consent forms. Please complete these promptly and return them to school by Monday. Children are asked to take school sunhats, something warm, lunch, plenty to drink and sunblock and spending money at your discretion. Please also ensure that children wear their Matarau T-Shirts.



### Art Scholarship - Years 4 to 8

Due date for these Monday 19 November (3:00 pm). Your child's teacher is available to help in any way they can in the run up to this date.

### Requests for Term Contributions / Events Fees

... were issued this week by email and hardcopy via your child. Please contact Helen if you have any queries about these. Term Contributions are optional, but encouraged. Events fees are a legitimate fee for non-compulsory events from which children can be exempt on request. We are more than happy to agree on a time payment option which works for you if this is helpful .. just drop by!

*IRD have asked us to advise parents that they can apply for a tax credit on school donations. Further information is available on the IRD website.*

### Pubertal Change Booklets - YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Our year 7 and 8 students are currently working through a unit of work centred on the physical and emotional changes occurring at puberty. In earlier years we have made the associated resource booklet available (free of charge) to parents of year 6 children, so that they can discuss this material with their children, or simply place the book somewhere it can be accessed when needed.

These booklets will be sent out on Monday **UNLESS A PARENT ADVISES THE OFFICE, PHONE, EMAIL OR VOICE MESSAGE BY MIDDAY MONDAY THAT THEY DO NOT WANT THEIR CHILD TO RECEIVE THIS BOOKLET.**

So, if we do **NOT** hear from you, your child will receive a booklet (in an envelope), you might like to talk to them about this booklet at some stage. Please let us know if we can help further.

### Do you have any library books at home?

As we have a library stocktake fast approaching, we wondered if you could have a really good look for books at home, under beds, in wardrobes, school bags etc and return any books that you find to the school library ASAP. Many thanks.

### Year 3 & 4 Camp Meeting

Reminder ... there will be a camp information evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm. All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend. It will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the camp. Parents who are helping at camp are encouraged to attend the meeting and stay on for an extra meeting from 6:00-6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the staffroom.

*If you have not yet paid for camp (\$120 per child), please pay at the office or by internet banking (12-3093-0239515-00) by the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact one of us.*

### International Schools Competitions

Please return practice papers to school next week so that these can be placed in storage for 2019.

### School Cups

2018 prize giving is coming fast. If you have school cups at home please get these back to school asap. Thank you!



## **After School Swimming Lessons 2019**

As in 2018, we will be making our pool available for swimming lessons during term 1 of 2019. Lessons will take place Wednesdays and Thursdays from 13/14 February, and will continue to (approximately) 30 March. Lessons will take place starting 3:15, 4:00 and 4:45 and groups will be (loosely) ability based. There will be approximately 6-8 students per group and the cost will be \$12 per session (\$24 per week), thus \$192 per student for 8 weeks of lessons. If you have 2 children the cost will be \$17 per session for both children). The preference is for fees to be paid upfront for the 8 week period. The instructor is a qualified swimming instructor and has a background (and qualifications) in sport science. We have no doubt there will be high interest in these lessons and suggest that you register early. **If interested please phone Cristina Robles on 972 7478 mobile 021464300. Be in quick!**

## **Input to year 7 placement decisions**

Pathway decisions will be made some time in the week beginning 12 November. Parents of year 6 students who would like to have input into these decisions are invited to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson. We anticipate these discussions will take around 20 minutes per child. So, if you would like the opportunity to have input into placement decisions please email Mrs Donaldson on ... [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz) preferably by 2 November please.

## **Home Garden Competition Helpful Hints from the Co-ordinators**

With most plants now in the garden, remember to think about pest control and protecting the area from animals if need be. Check your plants regularly for signs of damage or diseases and remove any infected leaves or plants to avoid spreading. It is also a great time to start learning about companion planting as this can help. Remember to feed your plants every week. Healthy and well fed plants will be able to cope much better when under stress from climate, pests and diseases.

If you haven't been filling in your diary, please start doing so now as these are due on the 26 November.

We will also be doing a seedling swap - next Wednesday 7th. Plants can be taken to Room 3 anytime prior to this date.

Please keep sending photos to our home garden facebook page. We love seeing them.

## **Guava Moth Traps**

One of our enterprising students, Ben Donaldson, has designed, and is now marketing, Guava Moth Traps for those wanting to protect their fruit crops. He is selling these for \$12 each, or \$20 for two. He is taking orders now. If interested please contact Ben on [benajd@matarau.school.nz](mailto:benajd@matarau.school.nz) or order at the office.

## **Booking the hall for birthdays**

The hall is available for children's birthday bookings for school families on some weekends at a cost of \$70 a day. This would include use of the hall kitchen, toilets, main floor, court and playground. If you would like to make a booking flick Kevin an email.

## **Year 8 Leaving Books**

It is customary for the Board to provide book vouchers to departing year 8 students. Students will receive their vouchers shortly. We would be hugely grateful if the parents of these students could assist them to choose a suitable book for presentation at this year's prize giving. Books are due at school by 3 December. Thank you so much parents for your support here. We hope to get these to you next week.

## **Attendance Letters**

If you receive a letter regarding improve your child's patterns of attendance or arrival please take this letter seriously. The school has been asked by the Ministry of Education (after a recent audit) to improve the attendance of a fairly small number of children. We are committed to working with you to achieve these improvements, and to making any reasonable changes that we (also) need to make. We understand that children should not be at school when they are unwell, but the critical decisions you make will often "happen at the margins", not where a child is clearly unwell, but where there is some uncertainty. These decisions are not always easy, but the way we route, when uncertainty is present, can be telling. So, if well enough to be at school, children should be at school. The Board is obliged by law to monitor and act when attendance is below the target band, and so please do not be offended when we do, we are simply doing our job. Regular attendance is critical to success at school. Let us know where we can help.

### Pet of the week - Lydia and Jojo

This week we are pleased to introduce you to Lydia and her lamb Jojo. Jojo is very cheeky, he flips his head, and he drinks lots of water. He loves cuddles and massages, and on Calf Club Day he was hopeless at leading and calling, but Lydia thinks he is very cool anyway.



### Finally ... Forthcoming strike

It does look like the teacher strike scheduled for **Tuesday 13 November** will proceed. This means that school **will be closed** for instruction on this day. We have a policy of not getting "political" at times of industrial action, but teachers have asked that we advise that the strike is not just about improving pay and conditions for hard working teachers, but just as much about critical things like lowering class numbers and funding for learning support. We will certainly let you know if the strike is called off. We very much regret any inconvenience caused by this.

Kind Regards *Nga mihi nui*

Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

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children, please support them

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## *Community Notices*

**Kamo Swimming Club** – 2018/19 Season - Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 4.25pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. High School students & parents welcome - good opportunity to come & swim lengths, get stroke improvement tips and fitness in a relaxed environment. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season – very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Contact Karena Nisbet – 027 470 7955 for more info.

**She Loves Golf** - Ladies give golf a go at Northland Golf Club, Pipiwai Road. Fridays 9.30-11 & Sundays 3-4.30pm. Coaching sessions give you more confidence. Clubs & balls supplied. \$5 per session. Contact the Golf Shop 435 1777 or [shop@northlandgolfclub.co.nz](mailto:shop@northlandgolfclub.co.nz)

**Pilates – at Ruatangata Hall** 6.15pm each Wednesdays & Fridays with Carla Bedford. \$100 for 10 sessions. Just turn up. Great for strengthening your core. Mats supplied.

## 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. **PLUS - NEW SEASONAL Chilled Mixed Fruit Cup only \$2.50**

*Order by Wednesday afternoon at the office, to receive Friday. We cannot supply lunches on Friday if the order is placed after 9am Thursday morning.*