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## Newsletter

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### Early Thanks

...to parents who have already acted to ensure children are well prepared to start the school year. Nearly all children have their full stationery quota.

... to Mrs Donaldson for many months of diligent work preparing for forthcoming senior camps, and to those parents who have put their hands up for special support roles.

... to Garnet Motors for donating tyres for the sandpit

Best wishes to our Year 7s heading off to camp next week.

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

11 - 15 Feb	Year 7 Auckland Camp
18 Feb	Swimming Time Trials
19 Feb	Individual Duathlon Event
20 Feb	Team Duathlon Event
21 Feb	ESOL trip to Waitangi
23 Feb	Country Fair Fundraiser
25 / 26 Feb	Parent Interviews
<b>28 Feb</b>	<b>School Swimming Sports (years 4 to 8)</b>
4 / 5 March	Year 8 overnight camp to Mermaid Pools & Poor Knight Is
12 Mar	Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School
14 March	Year 1 to 3 Swimming Sports
20 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
12 April	Final day of term 1
29 April	First day of term 2

### Stretching the finances

Life can be expensive at times, and school expenses can simply add to the burden. No matter what politicians and officials say, it is a tragic reality that education in NZ is chronically underfunded, and many of the things parents (and teachers) have a right to expect must, inevitably, be locally funded, if they are to happen at all. We try to keep cost as low as possible, to spend money wisely, to provide alternative payment options, and to ensure that every dollar we spend adds concrete value. We will go out of our way to customise time payment arrangements that work for you. Such arrangements are always confidential and our goal is to ensure that no child misses out for financial reasons. So PLEASE drop by and see Kevin or Helen if things are tough at the moment, we will come up with a plan that works for you.

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## Previous Week's Newsletter ... accessible through our website

- Protocols in the event of absence
- Sunhats
- Learning Support programmes
- Guitar Lessons
- Changes of address
- Communications
- Contributions/trips and events fees
- Arrival time at school
- Bus times / Changes to end of day buses
- Pick up of children
- Medical Details and Medications (update us please)
- Senior Spellathon Money
- Stationery
- Swimming gear
- Request from our Librarian
- Term Dates 2019

## Swimming Time Trials

If you are able to help with swimming time trials on the morning of Monday 18 February please let Helen know. These trials help us to place swimmers in appropriate races for forthcoming swimming events. Some of you are experts at this and we would love to have your assistance again. Thank you in anticipation. *Parents of year 3 children who would like their children to participate in the competitive races at our school swimming sports (as opposed to the usual junior water confidence activities) are asked to advise their child's teacher early next week - we will then include these children in the time trials.*

## School Swimming Sports

You will have noted from the Term Calendar that the Year 4 to 8 Swimming Sports will be held on Thursday 28 February, and the Year 1 to 3 Swimming Sports will be held on Thursday 14 March. *Parents of year 3 children who would like their children to participate in the competitive races at our school swimming sports (as opposed to the usual junior water confidence activities) are asked to advise their child's teacher early next week - we will then include these children in the time trials.*

## Swimming Lessons

Will start next week on Monday's & Thursday's from 3.15pm. Parents who have pre-enrolled will have received contact from Cristina re their child's lesson times. There is still some spaces available. Please contact Cristina (021 464 300) over the weekend or come along to the pool on Monday at 3pm.

## School gates

The school gates help us to keep children safe. If you are entering, or exiting, the school grounds during school hours it is important to ensure you close these gates after you. If you are dropping a child at school after first please be aware that they may not be tall enough to open these gates on their own.

## Cellphones

We realise that some parents like their children to have a cell phone on them in the event of an emergency. If your child does bring a cell phone to school please note that these must be dropped to the school office on arrival at school and picked up on departure each day. If you want to get a message to your child during the school day this should be channelled through the school office who will deliver the message to your child.



## Senior Study Hour (Years 7 & 8)

There are a number of benefits to your children continuing their year 7 and 8 education at Matarau School (enumerated on our website), but one of these is Senior Study Hour. This is an opportunity for your child to have supervised time to complete, or continue, work related to their regular class programme. They do not usually receive new work here, it is a chance to consolidate what they are learning, as well as to practise in areas of weakness, to close any gaps, to ask questions, to work in a smaller group, and maybe to get some targeted support. They may also get the opportunity to take some concepts a little further, or to complete homework with a teacher on hand if they are having difficulty. There is no cost to parents of children involved in Senior Study Hour. **Senior Study Hour operates 3:00 to 4:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.** Children may attend anywhere from 1 to 3 of these weekly sessions. If you would like to register your child please do so by contacting Mrs Donaldson on [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz).

## Senior Options programme

Thanks to those who have already offered to help with the Senior Options Programme. If you think you might be able to help, & have a skill or interest to share, please contact Mrs Donaldson next week. We are especially keen to connect with someone with any skills in digital technology or robotics.

Request from Mrs Lunn - I will be needing lots of wool to make pompoms. If you have any old wool at home please send in to the office. Many thanks.

### Homework

Home Learning is **encouraged but optional** at Matarau School. For most children this will mean 4 nights home learning a week (around 20 minutes each night), with most of this time spent on word learning, maths basic facts and reading, with one activity related to their class programme. Parents should feel free to advise their child's teacher if the load needs to be lightened for any reason, or if they wish their child excused from home learning altogether. This saves tension and time wasted chasing home learning. **If you do NOT want your child to receive home learning, please advise their teacher NEXT week.** If you are on board, please set a regular time and place, and advise us if we can help with any "speed wobbles" along the way. Let's start as we mean to continue, by getting routines well established.

*(Although the research is a little inconclusive, we believe that regular home learning routines lead to better performance, a better preparation for secondary school, and better longer term outcomes for a good number of children).*

### Basketball 2019

If any child (girls & boys) from Year 3 - 8 are interested in playing Basketball for our school please contact Lisa Ryan - [lryan@matarau.school.nz](mailto:lryan@matarau.school.nz) or 0274 543 630. Games are played in Kensington after school on Wednesdays, they play each term, so kids can play for a term or 2 or 4. Practices for Junior teams are at school. Seniors in Kamo on Friday (TBC). This is friendly competition for all skill levels. Perfect for all.

### Pool Keys

The pool will be available for use by school families outside of school hours. Hire keys are available from the school office at \$30 per family for the 2019 swimming season. If you have a key from last year it is important that you return this as soon as possible. Last year's keys will not work on the lock in 2019. No fence jumping please.

### Term Headlice Inspection

We are keen to have a school wide headlice inspection as soon as possible to avoid the stress which accompanies any outbreak (possibly week three). We are keen for offers of help and so, if you are able to help with inspections, please phone Helen here at school. - Without offers of help we will not be able to continue this service.

### Parent Helpers

We well know the difference that can be made through the involvement of parent helpers. If you can commit some regular time to a classroom (or some other area of the school) please make contact with your child's teacher or drop by to the office. If you do assist in classrooms you will be asked to read over some guidelines and suggestions prior to starting. **It is absolutely critical that parent helpers respect the privacy of children and their families by ensuring that any observations or impressions are not discussed outside of the school.**

Please give Kevin a call if you wish to further discuss your potential involvement.

### Creating optimal conditions for learning (just a reminder)

- .. **drinking plenty of water.** Parents are asked to ensure children bring a water bottle to school each day. A reminder that water is preferable to sugar based drinks. We will encourage them to have their water bottle on their desks at all times during the day (a good idea when you consider the brain is 90% water).
- ... a **good nights sleep.** A target bedtime of 8:00 PM (or earlier) is suggested for all children.
- .. a **suitable breakfast and healthy lunch.** With food as close as possible to its natural form.
- .. don't forget to **show an interest** in what your child is doing at school. Share mealtimes with them if possible and don't let them overdo the homework - we all need time to play.

### No Monday Lunches at the Moment

**Please note that there will no longer be Monday lunches, unless a parent can help.**

I have had a parent offer to help do Monday Lunches, if there is a parent or two (to take turns or roster) that can prepare Monday lunches (around 45 minutes) from 11:50am on Mondays please give Helen a call.

### After School Care

Our After School Care programme is up & operating, please contact Kim 021 066 3806 to enrol, or for more information.

### Finally

We shared this with you last year but thought it was worthy of another share. This testifies to lots of things, not least to the importance of parents as potential teachers of their children, and to the fact that human beings are wired to ask questions. The implications of these two facts alone are huge!

*“By Telegraph staff and agencies*

*Research shows mothers are the most quizzed people in the UK, and on subjects far and wide. They are asked more questions every hour than a primary school teacher - 19 - as well as doctors and nurses, 18. And the study discovered girls aged four are the most curious, asking an incredible 390 questions per day - averaging a question every 1 minute 56 seconds of their waking day.*

*The report by online retailer Littlewoods.com looked at a typical day at home with the kids for a British mum and when they have to field the most queries. From breakfast at 7.19am to tea time at 7.59pm, the average mum faces a testing 12.5 hour day of questioning - working out at one question every two minutes 36 seconds.”*

See how important you are!

p.s. Hope you managed to catch former student Scott Gregory in the Rugby 7's! (Always happy to profile the achievements of former students - just let us know)

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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## School Lunches

**Wednesdays** - STARTs Week 4 - 20 Feb 2019 - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce.

Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** -\$4.00 - Hot Mince or Mince & Cheese Pies, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) or a Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. \$4.50 : - Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap or \$2.50 - Cup of Chilled Watermelon or Pineapple. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. Term orders welcome.

## Community Notices

Cleaning Services – References available. Contact Cristina on 021 464 300

Tikipunga Football Season 2019 - Registrations for Midget teams (ages 4 – 8) and Junior teams (ages 9 upwards) are February 21 @ 5pm or February 28 @ 5pm Tikipunga Clubrooms at the Sports park off Reed Street. Any queries please contact Jan Garton on 021 029 57051

Kamo Magpies Rugby Season – U7s to U18s, register online at [kamojuniors@gmail.com](mailto:kamojuniors@gmail.com) or contact tasha owens on 021 552 184.

**Making a Scene - Speech & Drama Academy** are taking enrollments for Speech & Drama classes for ages 7-16. Come discover your people and performance prowess! Public Speaking, poetry, pantomime & applause, plus more! Check here for class info <https://enrolmy.com/making-a-scene>

# Country Fair

9am – 1pm 23 FEBRUARY 2019

Only 2 weeks to go!!

## How You Can Help ....

**Cake Stall** - The cake stall is always a very popular place at the Country Fair – with the community searching out yummy home baking favourites. Next week, we will be sending home a cake box to each family for you to fill with baking (cakes, slices, biscuits etc) and send back to school on Friday 22nd February. Thank you for your support in making our cake stall a success again this year.

**Grocery Hamper** – *Room 3 is running the grocery hamper raffles and would like donations of non-perishable grocery items to make up some awesome hampers. Please bring in an item (or 2) to the office or directly to Room 3.*

**Auction Items** - if you can donate an item or service which can be auctioned at the Country Fair please contact Jenny on 021 729 536 or Becks on 021 729 536 or Vanessa 021 109 3845.

**Clean Ice Cream Containers** – with Lids... if you have some spares please send in to the office next week.

**White Elephant Stall** - If you have good quality items which are no longer needed at home please send along to the school hall (stage) next week. Items that would be suitable are furniture, household items, clothing, books, (please NO tv's, computers, electronic devices or car seats)

**Volunteers needed** – please see your child's teacher if you can offer to man a stall for an hour or so on the day, help with sorting White Elephant, Clothing or Books on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> or help in any other way. It's a fun day but a lot of work for those behind the scenes. All offers of help (even for an hour) is much appreciated.