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Thanks

... for supporting our forthcoming school production
... to those who have already completed our Charter Consultation Survey

People of the week

... Our production cast and their extensive support team.
... Our Northland cross country runners for awesome performances against very tough competition.
... Aurora Lumby who was awarded the Sportsmanship of the Year trophy at her team prize giving. Aurora also played at Toll Stadium in the recent Northland Manawatu game, the first time an under 7 girls' team has played at Toll Stadium. Well done Aurora!

THANKFULNESS VIRTUE

... shining examples of thankfulness will be announced next term.

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

24 - 25 Sept School Production
27 Sept Years 7 & 8 Debating at Huanui College (Round 2)
28 Sept Final Day of term 3
15 October First day of term 4
18 October Calf Club Day

School Production - *Happily N'Ever After*

Tickets for our 2018 production "Happily N'Ever After" are on sale from the office - evening performances are scheduled for 7:00pm Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 September, with a Matinee performance 12:30pm on Tuesday. *Not too late to secure tickets but be in quick - it is unlikely there will be any door sales available for the evening performances.*

We are very confident of a memorable production and plenty of proud moments. **Please note that children will be required to be at school the times listed ...**

6.00pm - Actors	Backstage Crew	Tech/Film Crew
6.15pm - Dancers		
6.30pm - Choir		

Non-attendance

If your child is sick or will be absent from school please leave a message on our school answer phone (by 9:30 am at the latest) or email us on admin@matarau.school.nz Failure to advise us of an absence means that we have to spend time tracking children, time which could be better serving you in other ways.

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

... Out of zone enrolments 2019 ... School Contributions and Activity Fees ... strep throat
... Children not attending Matarau School in 2019 ... Year 3 and 4 camp - Parent Helpers

Transiting the upper carpark

Parents ... thank you for the care and consideration exercised, as you transit the carpark. Please remember though NEVER to park in an area demarcated by a yellow line, **especially the yellow zone at the school end of the centre island**, or to overtake an existing queue of cars. Many tragic accidents often begin with a seemingly small action, which sets in motion unforeseen (and sometimes irreversible) consequences. Children also walk through this area, and it is important that every driver be super cautious, and VERY patient. This is a non-negotiable condition of entering this space.
Safety first and everything else a distant second.

Arrival Times at School

We were advised by the Ministry this week that our approach to late arrivals is too gentle. We do understand that unforeseen things can happen in the morning, but please do not be offended if you receive a letter from us in the event of a pattern of late arrivals. This is a matter we are legally obliged to follow up. We strongly recommend that your child arrives no later than 8:45 am, allowing them to prepare and get into the right headspace for the day. If you know you will be a little late, due to an unforeseen circumstance, please phone the office in advance. Let us know where we can help here.

CALF CLUB - INDOOR EXHIBITS

Please find attached to this newsletter a list of indoor exhibits for respective levels of the school. While most exhibits are done at school in the days prior to Calf Club Day, a couple of exhibits are done at home. Please remember that, while you can give guidance, **these exhibits MUST be substantively the work of your child** out of fairness to other children. Items for construction of exhibits are required at school on Monday 15 October, flowers on Wednesday 17 October. Children are required to complete a minimum of 5 of 7 possible exhibits. Any questions please ask your child's teacher.

Calf Club - ANIMALS

Children were asked this week if they will be bringing an animal to calf club day. If your child is bringing a 'pet' (chicken, rabbit, guinea pig, turtle etc) they need to complete a booklet, if your child hasn't brought one home please let contact the office early next week. All Pet booklets need to be returned to the office on the first day of term 4 - 15 October. If your child is bringing a lamb or goat to school on Calf Club Day please check that they have told Mrs Dorahy

Sponsors of this year's calf club are Kamo Vets & Sumpter Baughen

Calf Club - CAKE AUCTION

Dads and granddads (maybe uncles too) may be approached soon to help their child, grandchild, nephew or niece to bake a cake for our Calf Club Day Cake Auction. The objectives here are to tackle a project together, have some fun on the day, and raise some money for special items for the kids. Funds will be used as follows ...



So please set aside some baking time. Cakes are due (delivered to the staffroom) on the afternoon of Wednesday 17 October or before 9:00am on Calf Club Day (Thursday 18 October).

Home Gardens

Diaries were sent home last week. Over the holidays we suggest that ...

... gardens are dug over and composted ... all seeds are planted
... seedlings in after Labour Weekend ... pest control measures are in place

Any questions don't hesitate to connect, and remember to take a look at our facebook page (a great source of motivation & creativity) www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens

Lost Property

Please take a moment next week to check the lost property area (between rooms 11 and 12). Items unclaimed will be donated to charities at the end of next week.

Vandalism in upper carpark ... Can you help?

Over the past 6 to 8 weeks we have experienced multiple incidents of damage to, and deflation of, car tyres in our upper carpark. We are not certain when this is happening, but these events are averaging several incidents a week. This is not only expensive, but it is also dangerous. Some damage has been deliberately designed so that a tyre deflates once the car has left the carpark, this is especially concerning.

If you have seen anyone loitering in, or near, the carpark, or moving between cars, and perhaps acting a bit suspiciously (perhaps after school, but not necessarily). Could you please contact Kevin at school (principal@matarau.school.nz) or directly advise the police.

In the meantime please help by keeping alert when passing, or using, the carpark, and let us know if you see anything of interest. **If you have teens please bring this matter to their attention, and ask if they have seen anything when walking home from the bus, or as they transit this area later in the afternoon.**

Materials For Building An Insect Hotel

Room 7 are busy designing an insect hotel for a nature area at school. We would love your help with collecting suitable materials. We need - straw or hay, old terracotta pots, pine cones, sticks, bamboo, chicken wire, corrugated cardboard, small logs, moss and old bricks. If you have any of these materials that you would be happy to donate please drop them into Room 7. All children will have access to this insect hotel in our playground once it's completed.

Coaches and Managers

Please thank coaches and managers of school teams for their efforts if you have not already done so.

Basketball

Seeking Year 3 & 4 boys/girls interested in playing for our Matarau school team. Playing Wednesday's after school at Kensington stadium. Please email Lisa - lryan@matarau.school.nz if interested.

Year 3 & 4 Camp

There will be a camp meeting for parents held in Week 4 of Term 4, specific date to be advised. If you are assisting at camp, and require a police vet, please get vetting consents to school as soon as possible. Please note that we must personally sight 2 forms of ID, one of them photographic.

Out of Zone ... applications for siblings of current students ... a cautionary note

The board has reserved sufficient places for siblings of out of zone student for 2019. Having said this, an official application for these positions must be placed with the school office by 18 October (mid-day please). *Failure to submit an application by this date may result in forfeiture of this position (even for priority 2 applicants).* Applications will be drawn from a ballot if the number of applicants exceed the number of places available. Any questions please just drop by or phone Helen.

Consultation on School Strategic Goals

Periodically we consult with families on the strategic goals in our charter. These goals determine the general direction of the school, and help us ensure that our general focus is in areas which matter to our families. While not every strategic goal will resonate with you, we certainly hope that some goals will.

Earlier this week, those on our email distribution received an invitation to comment (and rank) the goals currently in our charter, goals which were the result of previous consultation. You will also get the opportunity to suggest things you would like included, or removed, from these goals. As well as, or as an alternative to, completing a brief survey, you will get opportunities to meet to discuss your vision face to face. The first of these discussions will be held Thursday 27 September 3:15 in Kevin's office. Our Board community and Maori liaison person, Toni Pivac, is also available to take feedback and can be contacted on 435 1041 or 021 173 7221. If you are not on our email distribution list the survey link is ...

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X5H5HHV>

(In answer to some queries - the survey mentions ICT - this refers to computers and related technologies).

Finally

Thank you for your support this term, plenty to celebrate, and plenty to look forward to next term. A special thank you for supporting our virtues programme through work at home.

Travel safely over the holiday period, have quality time together, and maybe spend some time reflecting on the things that matter most. We hope to see you on one of our production nights, and then again in term 4.

Kind Regards *Nga mihi nui*

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Our Sponsors support your children, please support them



Rainy Day

Thunderous storm, wild wind,
Drip, drop, droop.
Swaying trees, flooding yards,
Splish, splash, splosh.

By Pippa Goodin, Room 3.

Community Notices

Ruatangata Playcentre AGM - Tuesday 23 October 18, 10am @ Ruatangata Playcentre (1190 Piiwai Rd). All welcome.

Kiwi North - School Holiday Fun activities from 1st to 12th October 2018. Bookings 438 9630

Northland Rugby Union with Touch New Zealand, will be facilitating a Holiday Programme (8-12 October) in your area **FREE** for children over 11yrs of age. Register at www.sporty.co.nz

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

Ricki Herbert Football Academy – Kamo Youth Course, Mon 8th – Wednesday 10th October. Koropupu Park, Kamo. 9-3pm – 7-13yrs. Register www.rickiherbertfootballacademy.co.nz

Rural/Semi-Rural Accom Wanted for a mature, single female. Long term. 1-2 Brm. \$150-250pw. Anything considered. Quiet & very tidy. Ph/txt 0220 477488.

WAGS - holiday programme - From Monday 1st Oct – Friday 5th Oct or Monday 8th Oct – Friday 12th Oct - Full day 8.30-4.30 \$40.00; Half day \$25.00. Come and join in the gymnastics based fun. Ph 437 6667 or email office@wags.org.nz

Kings Seeds Fundraiser



Orders need to be into the school office with payment by Monday 24th September at latest.

A copy of the order form can be found on our facebook page.

The orders will be sent home with your child by the end of the week/term – ready to plant out over the holidays.

Please note – if we do not reach a minimum school wide total of 100 seed packets we will not be able to place this order (& will refund your money).

- Order up large for your gardens with good quality seeds & support the school at the same time!

Operation Christmas Child

Some local families are again organising Christmas boxes for children in need (as a result of poverty, war, famine, natural disaster or disease). School families are invited to support, but this is entirely your call.

Each classroom has two "shoeboxes" which will be filled with your help. The boxes will be sent to children in need. Suitable items to send to school to include in the box are: something to wear, something to love (small soft toy), something for school (pens, pencil, exercise book etc), something to play with, or something for personal hygiene (soap, facecloth, toothbrush, comb, hair ties). Items not suitable are things that could leak, melt or break, food or lollies, used items, or gambling related items (like playing cards or dice).

The items & boxes need to be filled as they will be collected on Friday 26th October.

If you would like to fill a shoebox as a family feel free to collect a box from the office. For more information go to operationchristmas.org.nz. Thank you so much for your support.





Scott Gregory (above) & Jordan Olsen (below) both former Matarau School students with current Matarau School children at a recent Northland Rugby Game

