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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... to those who assisted with this week's headlice checks.  
... to those who fed back on the proposed changes to our Year 7 & 8 Outdoor Education (camp) programme.  
... to those who participated in our recent charter survey. (The survey is now closed and findings will be reported back to the board and staff during self-review this term, and to the wider community next year).  
... to those who have volunteered their precious time to help out in rooms this term.

### People of the week

... Zac Burgin who got 7th place in the North Island 6yr old BMX Championship and to Dario Piskulic who got 5<sup>th</sup> in the 10 yr olds.  
Well done Zac & Dario!

### Unity Virtue

Last week you received support material for our term 4 Unity Virtue. So, please get involved, chat through this with your children at home, revisit, and advise us of things worth sharing.

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

29 October *October meeting of the Board of Trustees*  
30 October *ESOI trip to the Adventure Forest*  
6 November *Zone Athletics at Poroti School*  
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. You can buy a new one for \$9 or there is a limited supply of smaller second hand ones for \$3 each, from the office.



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

... Arrival times at school ... Missing Basketball ... Details on Cambridge Pathways (Year 7 and 8)

... Proposed changes to year 7 and 8 camps

### Zone Athletics - Poroti School - Years 4 to 8

As advised our zone athletics will be held at Poroti School on Tuesday 6th November. This is an all-day event. As well as an opportunity for our children to improve their athletics skills, this is an opportunity for them to connect with children from other schools. The top placed qualifiers also earn spots into the Whangarei Athletics Championships.

It is our intention to travel by bus, but we recognize that some parents will want to transport their own children. **The cost of the bus will be met from the activity fee paid earlier in the year.**

**Please note that there will not be regular classes on this day for year 4 to 8 students.**

Consent forms were sent home this week. Please complete these promptly and return them to school by Friday 2 November.

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

Letters have now been given to children who have indicated an interest in the art scholarship.

Please let your child's teacher know please if your child needs any help preparing their art display. 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

... will be issued next week. 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!

### Year 3 and 4 Camp Meeting

There will be a Camp information evening on Thursday 8th 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.

Any parents who are attending camp need to have returned a medical form as soon as possible (please contact your child's teacher if the medical form has been misplaced). *If you have not yet paid for camp, please pay at the office or by internet banking (12-3093-0239515-00) by the 12th of November.*

Once again, thank you to all of the parents and caregivers that have offered their support for our Year 3 and 4 camp. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

### International Schools Competitions

Individual result sheets were issued to participating students this week. Participation certificates will be awarded at a forthcoming assembly. If a child does not receive a certificate at assembly, it is because their certificate is being held for prize giving. Our students significantly exceeded national averages at almost every level and so well done to all involved.

### Summer Athletics Competitions

... get under way in the next week or so. This is a chance for children to learn track and field techniques, to experience a more formal competition, and to compete against school standards. You might like to encourage your child to participate, and to show an interest in how they get on.

### Out of Zone Applications

The outcome of the OOOZ enrolments were advised this week. Any questions please ask.

### School Cups

2018 prize giving is coming fast. If you have school cups at home please get these back to school at your earliest convenience. 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!**

## **Pathways for year 6 students entering our year 7 and 8 programme next year**

Year 7 intending students will undergo testing in weeks 3 and 4 of this term to assist us in determining their optimal Cambridge pathway. If we have been advised that a year 6 student will not be with us in 2019, they will not undergo this testing, unless a parent specifically advises us that they would like them to sit these assessments (by Monday please).

## **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.

## **Term Headlice Checks**

Inspections this week indicate low to moderate levels of infestation. If you received a letter advising of infestation, or suspected infestation, please treat your child immediately. With some children, eggs were present, but no parent could be found, and so close monitoring is critical. If needing assistance we are more than happy to put interested parents in contact with our public health nurse. The presence of headlice does not mean negligence or uncleanliness, this is just a perennial problem in all schools from which no children (families) are exempt. *If everyone acts now this means that we can minimise children's exposure over time to the chemical treatments.*

## **Meeting of Board of Trustees**

The next meeting of the board will be held 6:00 pm Monday 29 October in the staffroom. Parents are welcome, but if you let us know in advance, we can have material ready for you. The agendas for Board meetings are on display on the hall noticeboard by the end of the week prior.

## **Non-attendance**

If your child is sick (or absent from school for other reasons), please take a moment to leave a message on our school answer phone (by 9:30 am at the latest), or email us on [admin@matarau.school.nz](mailto: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.

## **Home Garden Competition**

Please note that Home gardens will be judged on Saturday 1 December ... more to follow on this. Please upload photo's or share & receive gardening tips on our facebook page if you can [www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens](http://www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens)

## **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. A sample trap is available at the office desk for viewing and he is taking orders now. If interested please contact Ben on [benajd@matarau.school.nz](mailto:benajd@matarau.school.nz)

### 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.

### Fridge to a good home

We are updating the fridge in our hall kitchen with a slightly more modern version. Our current hall fridge is available free to a good home, just come and pick it up over the weekend, or later by arrangement. The fridge is sitting under cover outside the hall this weekend and so, if interested, come and take a look. The fridge goes OK, would be a fine beer fridge or similar, but not ideal for the kitchen. First in, first served ... just help yourself!

### Calf Club Pets

We thought you might like to get to know some of the many pets who visited us on Calf Club Day this year. This week we would like to introduce you to Lamington, who belongs to Cael Sharpe. Cael told us that Lamington is pretty cool, he is 4 years old, he lives in a paddock with their pony Maestro. Cael feeds him sheep pellets and horse chow. He is a bit lazy and this is why he is quite big. Also, no matter where he puts him he gets out to find food ... he eats everything.



### Group Calf Club - Thursday 8 November - Barge Park

... starts 9:30am and runs to around 3:00pm. If interested, or if you would like to know more, please phone Peter Comrie sometime over the weekend on 433 5756. We have one student entering her lamb, and would love her to have company on the day. It is not necessary to have won a ribbon on our Calf Club Day to enter. Maybe give this some thought.

### Finally

The board and staff will shortly commence self-review. This is a time when we assess progress in relation to key 2018 goals, and set new goals for 2019. Your feedback on our charter objectives is part of this process. Our goal is always to represent you faithfully, to ensure all voices are heard, to achieve balance in all that we do, and to put the well-being of students front and centre. Early indications from survey responses suggest that, while you value academic excellence, you value promotion of personal responsibility, and development of a positive self-image, just as highly.

We will keep you posted, and will advise in due course of any tweaks in direction.

Kind Regards Nga mihi nui

Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

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children, please support them

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## ***Community Notices***

**Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving - Junior Surf programme, Open day & Enrolments on this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 11-12noon at Ruakaka Surf Club. Info check [www.ruakakalifeguards.co.nz](http://www.ruakakalifeguards.co.nz)**

**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. *Registration day Friday 26 October at KHS Pool*, come and enrol. 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.

**Tennis - Junior Interclub** (ages 8 to 16 yrs old); Teams of 2 (can be mixed). Sunday mornings from 9.30am until 12pm. Will run for 6 weeks from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October – 2nd December. At Thomas Neale Tennis Centre, Winger Crescent, Kamo. Cost \$40 per team (\$20 each). Balls supplied

## Compost Fundraiser - Last Chance!!

Don't forget to get a load of Fonterra compost

From the Fonterra Yard, on Jordan Valley Road tomorrow - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> between 9 & 11am.

Payment must be direct credited to school bank account prior to 3pm today or cash taken to the Fonterra yard & given to the School rep).

Only \$40 per load (4 x 6 trailer).

This is good quality compost made from whey & sawdust.

## Operation Christmas Child

Christmas boxes for children in need (as a result of poverty, war, famine, natural disaster or disease). School families are invited to support by bringing a suitable item for children in need. Examples – small soft toy, stationery items, toiletries. No food or breakables, or decks of cards/dices. Please bring to school by Monday 29th. More info check [operationchristmas.org.nz](http://operationchristmas.org.nz)



## 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.*

