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Thanks

... to Peter Comrie for supporting our Group Calf Club Team (and the rest of the parent support team).

- ... to those who supported our librarians visit to the town library this week.
- ... to those who attended this week's camp meeting

People of the week

- ... our Group Calf Club Team
- ... those students who received ICAS participation certificates at this week's assembly (those who did not receive certificates will receive one at prize giving).
- ... Susie Finlayson who recently won the Northland Primary Schools Tennis Tournament for her age group. What a huge achievement Susie. Well done!

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

12 November Cambridge pathway interviews start

14 November Year 7 & 8 Surfing day

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

Schools BMX Challenge

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)

Unity Virtue

... please keep working on this.

Strike Day - Tuesday 13th November - After School Care

Our After School Care team are willing to provide paid care for students from 8:30 am to 5:45 pm, on the anticipated strike day. If you would like to arrange care and supervision for your child(ren) on this day please phone Kim on 021 066 3806.

School Cups

2018 prize giving is coming up fast. If you have School Cups & Trophies at home please get these back to school urgently. Thank you!



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Reminders from previous weeks ... 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
- ... sunhats ... term contributions and event fees ... pubertal change booklets (yr 6)
- ... booking the hall for birthdays ... attendance letters



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.

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.

Junior Readers

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc) for junior readers and send these along to school next week. It is important that we have complete sets for 2018. So .. we are missing quite a few and so a thorough search at home would be really appreciated. If you think you might be able to help with our junior reader stock take places give Mrs Robertson a call next week.

Year 3 & 4 Camp Fees

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 12th of November. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

If you would like to discuss time payment arrangements for camp, no problem, just contact Kevin.

International Schools Competitions

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

Spelling Bee

... coming up soon (likely week beginning 26.11). Please encourage your child to participate in class rounds if they are a strong speller. Interested children can prepare for this in advance by visualising and then spelling words out loud, a skill in itself. We will keep you posted.

After School Swimming Lessons 2019

If interested pleased phone Cristina Robles on 972 7478 mobile 021 464 300. Be in quick!

Input to year 7 placement decisions

Scheduled 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. Please email Mrs Donaldson on ... kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz preferably by Monday 12 November please.

Year 8 Leaving Books

Book vouchers were sent home this week. 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.

Year 7 & 8 Surf Day - Wednesday 14th

Information & permission slips were sent home earlier this week. If you haven't already, please make sure you return permission slips & money by Monday morning. Children need to be at school by 8.15am on Wednesday ready to leave. Please make sure they have drink bottles, sunhats, sunblock, togs, towel, plastic bag for wet gear and warm clothes. If you are able to help transport or supervise please email kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

Schools BMX Challenge - Saturday 1st December

Whangarei BMX Club are hosting the "School Challenge" on 1st December. This is an event that involves all the local Primary and Intermediate Schools. It gives children a chance to try out a new sport and compete with their peers representing their school. More information & permissions slips have been sent home with children who indicated an interest in attending. Please send signed forms back to Mrs Burgin in Room 3 asap who can also answer any questions.

Home Gardens

Please note that ... all Garden Diaries must be submitted by Monday 26 November

- ... Home gardens will be judged on Saturday 1 December
- ... "Consent to Visit" forms were issued this week, and need to be **returned to school by Friday 23**November please. If you have not received a "Consent to Visit" form please contact Mrs Burgin on Monday.

 Reminders to ...
- ✓ Remember to secure tall plants as they grow.
 ✓ Keep on top of pest control.
- ✓ Keep on top of your weeding.

 ✓ Mulch if necessary
- ✓ Begin removing laterals on tomatoes if you have an indeterminate variety.

Guava Moth Traps

Ben Donaldson, has designed Guava Moth Traps for those wanting to protect their fruit crops. He is selling these for \$12 each, or \$20 for two. If interested please contact Ben on benajd@matarau.school.nz

Pet of the week - Toby Ringrose

Toby would like to introduce us to his lamb Scotty. Scotty likes being patted on his back, he eats more grass than Vienna's lamb (Lillipop), and he can nearly beat Toby at running. When Toby feeds him milk he runs around, and jumps up, and down, and down again, to get as close as he can to the milk. Toby thinks "Scotty is amazing, and cute, and he can do a lot of things".



Forthcoming strike

It does look like the teacher strike scheduled for **Tuesday 13 November** will proceed. We will certainly let you know as soon as we know if the strike is called off. We very much regret any inconvenience caused by this action.

Class Placements 2019

Teachers are starting to give consideration to class placements for 2019. The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school, but we can throw parent requests / suggestions of a general nature into the mix (sorry, no guarantees). If there is something you would like us to consider (e.g. extension, consolidation, areas of special interest or need, close friends/ compatibilities etc), please give Kevin a call, drop by, or flick him an email on principal@matarau.school.nz. Reminder ... if your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year, and you have not already done so, please let us know asap.

Finally

From Hannah room 4 ... "What often falls in the south island but never gets hurt?" "Snow" From Toby room 4 "... "What's a frog's favourite drink?" ... "Croaka Cola"

Last ... Finally

Congratulations to former student, Scotty Gregory, for his selection to the NZ 7s team, to play this weekend

"Chiefs' mentor Colin Cooper heaped praise on Gregory just last week, saying he should be ready for Super Rugby in a year or so should he continue with his fine form for Northland". (NZ Herald)

If you want to know more, perhaps visit the link - https://www.nzherald.co.nz/good-news/news/article.cfm?c id=1503279&objectid=12155480

Kind Regards Nga mihi nui

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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 29th 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.

<u>She Loves Golf</u> - 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

<u>Pilates – at Ruatangata Hall</u> 6.15pm each Wednesday & Friday with Carla from Just Thrive. \$100 for 10 sessions. Just turn up! Great for strengthening your core. Mats supplied.

Fundraising Raffle Tickets

A book of 5 raffle tickets is being sent home today with the eldest (or only) child at Matarau. Proceeds of the sale of these tickets goes to the Library to promote reading. Please also remember to send in a non-perishable item which can go in a hamper.

Golden Librarians

Congratulations to Celeste, Dana, Olivia, Ben, Livia & Kieran who were presented with awards at the Library this week by celebrated NZ author Kate de Goldi. Golden Librarian Awards are presented to school children who are the highest achieving librarians in their school, people who give up their time to do library work during lunch hours.





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 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.