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<u>Thanks</u>

- ... to those who supported & attended Zone Athletics at Poroti School this week.
- ... to those who supported this week's Senior Surf Day at Sandy Bay.
- $\ldots\,$ to those working hard behind the scenes in the run up to the Year 3 & 4 Camp.

<u>People of the week</u>

... Players of the Day - Tayla Tobin and Dane O'Donnell ... Junior Basketball. First game. Year 7 & 8 teams - Mavericks - Aaron Lee; Magic - Tawhai Lawrence. Well done!

Term Calendar More to follow as dates come to hand!	
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
28 November	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
1 December	Home Garden judging
	Schools BMX Challenge
4 December	Parent Helpers thank you morning tea.
4 December	Kapa Haka performance (2:30 pm)
5 December	Year 4-6 Interschool Athletics
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)

<u>Unity Virtue</u>

... please keep working on this.

School Cups - SUPER URGENT NOW!

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



School Prizegiving

Please pencil in 10 December for prizegiving ... getting underway 6:30pm in the school hall. According to custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. **If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prizegiving please give** Helen a call next week.

Hayden Martin Electrical

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366 Kamo Road Kamo Tel : 09 435 1924 ... After School Swimming Lessons ... Guava moth traps

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 am Tuesday 4 December.

This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2018. So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips,.. whatever .. please join us if you can. If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.

Kapa Haka Performance

You are warmly invited to our end of year kapa haka performance, to take place 2:30 pm Tuesday 4 December in our school hall. This is an opportunity to see children performing in their brand new kapa haka uniforms, and to celebrate some of what they have learnt this year. We will also acknowledge some special achievements over 2018. See you there.

Interschool Athletics Qualifiers - Years 4 to 8

Y7 & 8 Event - 28 November Y4 - 6 Event - 5 December

Information & permission slips for both events were sent home this week for return no later than Tuesday (20.11) please. Any questions in the run up to Brenda please

2019 School Stationery

As for 2018, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - www.myschool.co.nz



The class stationery lists will be uploaded by the time school closes & confirmation of your child's 2019 classroom will be confirmed by then too. On the Officemax website search for Matarau School and then your child's class. Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure will be sent home shortly explaining the process.

If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.



<u> Art Scholarship – Years 4 to 8</u>

REMINDER ... the due date/time for these is Monday 19 November (3:00 pm). Congratulations to every entering child. Art portfolios will be available for viewing (in the library) from next Tuesday (for a week or so). Award recipients will be announced at Prize Giving.

Library books /Junior Readers at home?

... please have a careful look around home (book cases, under beds etc) and get these to school next week. Many thanks!

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) no later than Monday please. 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 Bees

... underway some time in the week beginning 26/11. If your child will be representing their class level they can practise at home ... as these words must be spelt orally, visualisation is the key.

Input to year 7 placement decisions

Not too late ... if you would like input, please email Mrs Donaldson on ... <u>kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz</u> <u>preferably by Monday 19 November please</u>.

Year 8 Leaving Books

Books are due at school by Monday 3 December. Thank you so much parents for your support here.

Schools BMX Challenge - Saturday 1st December

Information & permissions slips for this event were sent home last week with children who expressed interest. Please send signed forms back to Mrs Burgin in Room 3 on Monday. Mrs Burgin is happy to answer any questions you might have.

<u>Home Gardens</u>

Please note that ... all Garden Diaries must be submitted by **Monday 26 November** please. If you have not received a "Consent to Visit" form please contact Mrs Burgin on Monday.

Reminders to ...

- \checkmark Remember to secure tall plants as they grow.
- ✓ Keep on top of your weeding.

- \checkmark Keep on top of pest control.
- ✓ Mulch if necessary
- \checkmark Begin removing laterals on tomatoes if you have an indeterminate variety.

Home Garden "Consent to Visit" Forms

A reminder that these forms are due back on **Friday 23** November. <u>Please note that, if these forms are not returned by this date, your child's garden will not be visited by judges on **Saturday 1 December**.</u>

Class Placements 2019

Final chance ... 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 <u>principal@matarau.school.nz</u>. ... no later than this Monday (19.11). Please note that we do not take requests for specific teachers and once lists are confirmed further changes are very unlikely to be made.

Finally

A recent standardised (independent) assessment of student achievement in our full Cambridge Maths programme, has indicated that our year 7 and 8 students are achieving well. ALL students achieved scores which placed them within the top 23% of students NZ wide, even more stunning, 77% of students achieved scores within (approximately) the top 10%. This is a stunning result. A credit to our year 7 and 8 team, to the hard work of these students, to the Cambridge Programme, to the teachers feeding these students through to our senior school, and to the wonderful parent support team. Pat yourselves on the back.

Kind Regards Nga mihi nui

Kevin Trewhella PRINCIPAL

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Fundraising Raffle Tickets

A book of raffle tickets was sent home last week to your family. Proceeds of the sale of these tickets goes to the Library to promote reading, or if you have a child in year 6 or 7 proceeds will go directly against the cost of their 2019 camp.

Please also remember to send in a non-perishable item (or 2) which can go in a hamper.

Community Notices

Kidzones Holiday Programmes Opening hours for Summer.

Kamo Kidzones Only will be opening pre-Christmas from the 17th to 21st December. Kamo, Tikipunga, & Whau Valley Kidzones will be opening 7th to 25th January. Tikipunga Kidzones Only will be opening an extra week 24th January to 1st February. Visit our facebook page to see what awesome activities we get up – or visit <u>www.kidzones.co.nz</u> and enrol online for an easy process. Contact Sandra on 021 249 3308 or <u>sandra@kidzones.co.nz</u>

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 <u>shop@northlandgolfclub.co.nz</u>

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

<u>Monster Pre-Christmas Garage Sale</u> – Saturday 8th December. Whangarei Boys High School Hall. Doors open 7am. BYO bags. Support Cyrus & his basketball team to travel to Las Vegas in 2019. If you have goods to donate, call Michele to collect 027 4807 966, or Jess 027 4382 181.

Whangarei A&P Show, Saturday December 1st, New Zealand Young Farmers will be running a fun and friendly competition for kids. <u>The Junior Young Farmers Rural Challenge</u>.

The aim is to engage youngsters with rural life and give them an opportunity to learn about farming, horticulture and where food comes from. Also good practice for the Northern Region Agrikids and Junior Young Farmer contest at Warkworth 16 March 2019. Agrikids 8 - 13 years old; TeenAg 13 - 18 years old. There will be some pretty good prizes.

If you would like more details please phone 027 668 8036. Pip Beauchamp, Northern Territory Manager, New Zealand Young Farmers

School Lunches

Please note there will be no Wednesday or Friday lunches on the last week of term – Wednesday 12th or Friday 14th December.



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.