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Newsletter

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Early Thanks

... to our camp parents ... more next week.
... to those working so hard in the run up to the Country Fair, including Sean & Cherrie Parker who have framed some of the signage
... to those who assisted with this week's headlice inspection
... to those helping with next week's swimming trials ... keen to have a few more offers.

People of the Week

The basketball teams - all stars for a great start to the year

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

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
28 Feb	School Swimming Sports (years 4 to 8)
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 - Activities Fees, Camp Fees etc.

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.

School Duathlon Events - 19 and 20 February

... for year 4-8 students, will take place as follows ...
Individual Event - Tuesday 19 February ... 12.50-1.40pm
Team Event - Wednesday 20 February ... 12.50-1.40pm
Students will need bike, helmet & appropriate clothing. Parents welcome to support the racers. Any questions in the run up to this event should be directed to Mr Delemare please.

School Swimming Sports

Please keep 28 February (years 4 to 8), and 14 March (years 1 to 3) free to join us for swimming sports. Details to follow.
Thank you to Protectus who will be sponsoring this year's swimming sports.

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

- Changes of address
- School gates
- Homework
- Medical Details and Medications (update us please)
- Digital Devices
- Optimal Conditions for learning

Parents are welcome at board meetings

Agendas for forthcoming Board Meeting are displayed on the noticeboard by the hall the week prior to the meeting. A speaking time is allocated to parents (usually around 10 minutes). Parents are also welcome to ask questions on topics of interest to them. If you let the office know of your attendance in advance, we will prepare material for you. The Board will hold its first meeting for 2019 in the staffroom, 6:00 pm Monday 25 February.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Consent forms for the above competitions will be sent out week beginning 25.2. Please ensure your child knows if you wish them to be involved, and let the office know if you think they might be inclined to "forget" this. If not sure, feel free to scope their suitability with their teacher at interview time.

Headlice Inspections

Inspections this week indicated fairly high levels of infestation. If you received a letter advising of infestation, or suspected infestation, it is critical that you treat your child before school on Monday so that we contain this problem. It is also important please to check your child's hair weekly and to treat if there is any sign of infestation. A co-ordinated response (everyone acting at the same time) will keep the school relatively clear for this term. If you need assistance or advice please contact the school office.

Swimming Lessons

Are being held on Wednesday & Thursday afternoons from 3.15pm until 5.15pm Any questions, please contact Cristina (021 464 300).

Pool Keys

There are still a few pool keys available for rent 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.

Senior Study Hour (Years 7 & 8)

Senior Study Hour will operate from 3 til 4.00pm 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.

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.

Parent Helpers

A huge thank you to those parents who have offered their time to help out at school this year. Before you start, please ask your supervising teacher for a copy of the Parent Helper Guidelines. Feel free to drop by any time with questions and thank you for your commitment of time.

School Direction for 2019

Kevin is available by appointment to talk about the direction of the school this year, and is happy to speak with individuals or groups. We can also arrange chats on topics of special interest, just let us know where your interests especially lie. Multiple Intelligences, writing, reading mileage and student wellbeing are topics of special interest to us this year, and so drop by to chat or tap your child's teacher on the shoulder if you want to know more.

Netball

Please return all netball registration notices to school next week please, to the office or Stacey. Thanks.

Finally

Please show an interest in what your child has done at school each day. If you have time, read to them, listen to them read, and spend time discussing what you/they have read. Research continues to indicate that reading from text (hard copy) is hugely more beneficial, in the development of reading and thinking skills, than reading from a screen. So ... books with covers and pages that turn remain the BEST way to learn to read. If you need help hooking your child into home reading please connect with their classroom teacher.

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 or contact tasha owens on 021 552 184.

Making a Scene - Speech & Drama Academy are taking enrolments 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>

Kamo Soccer Club - Registrations now open for the 2019 season. We run teams from Mini football (4-8 year olds) thru to 17th grade. The club are holding a registration day on Sunday 17th February 9 - 10.30am at its clubrooms 595 Kamo Road to offer help and support with registering. Any enquirers to Sam Walker - 123samtwalker@gmail.com

Mangakahia Junior Soccer club - invite players aged 5 - 12 for the coming season. Registration day Monday 25 Feb from 3.15 to 5pm on field at Maungatapere School. Enquires Susan 022 152 4175

Missing Key Ring - Blue & White Squishy Narwhal - Parents, can you please check to see if your child has taken this home by mistake and return to the school office ASAP.

Country Fair

9am – 1pm 23 FEBRUARY 2019

Only 1 week to go!!

How You Can Help

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



Grocery Hamper – *Room 3 is needing lots more groceries for 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 027 2232 069 or Vanessa 021 109 3845.

White Elephant Stall - This is your opportunity to clear out some of those spaces you've been meaning to do for a while! Send along good quality items to School (Rm 11 now, not the hall) next week. Items that would be suitable are toys, furniture, household & kitchen 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.

Or if you can help with sorting White Elephant, Clothing or Books on Friday 22nd please come to school at 9am, or if you can help in any other way please let us know. 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.