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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... to the parents who helped with the Mother's Day Reading Challenge.  
... to those who supported Pink Shirt Day.  
... to those parents who came to the meeting this week to discuss the viability of a PTA, and to those who have fed through their ideas.  
... to the parents who transported children to town to work with Donovan Bixley.

### People of the week

... TeAarahi T ... you know why TeAarahi .. well done!  
... Celeste M ... please see the end of the newsletter  
.. Netball Players of the Day - Moa's - Keira VB; Kiwi's - Izzy A; Weka's - Caeli P; Tui's - Annaleise N; Pukeko's - Baylee Rose R; Fantail's - Katrina W - Congratulations to all of you!  
... Brodie F for his honesty earlier this week. Well done!  
... Peter W - Player of the day & Liam P Tackler of the day with Kamo Mako's

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

21 May	School Photos
22 May	Year 7 & 8 Winter Sports
29 May	Teacher's Union Strike day, no school
30 May	Hearing & Vision Screening
3 June	Queens Birthday
5 June	Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament
25 June	Matariki Day celebration
27 June	Year 7 Boostrix Vaccinations
1/2 July	Mid year interviews
5 July	Final day of term 2 (22 July - first day of term 3)

### Matarau School HONEY is now FOR SALE!

You can purchase a jar (or 2) by sending back the yellow order form sent home last week and payment can be either cash at the office or payment into the school bank account.

The price is \$12 each for an approximately 600g jar.

Lots of jar's left at this stage - but don't miss out!!

Feedback is it's great tasting honey - and all collected by our local bees!

### Hayden Martin Electrical

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admin@hmeelectrical.com



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**From last week ... please visit our website and click on newsletters**

*Morning Arrival Times*

*Measles*

*AIMS Games*

*Soon to be 5 Year olds*

**TEACHER STRIKE DAY - 29 MAY**

Many of you will be aware that the Teachers' Union (NZEI) has called a nationwide strike over pay and conditions scheduled for Wednesday 29 May. Accordingly, Matarau School will be closed for instruction on this day, but will be open for administrative work and general enquiries.

Staff sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused to our parents and students, and hope that you understand that this is not just about their pay, it is about very serious levels of under-funding across the system, which have significant negative implications for students.

So please do not send your children to school on this day.

Our After School Care providers may be able to offer supervision if there is enough interest on a paid basis.

If interested please phone Kim on 021 066 3806.

**Year 7 & 8 Winter Sports .. 22 May**

Please ensure any outstanding consents are returned to the school office on Monday. We would be very keen for further offers of parent help. Please ensure children bring, lunch, a drink bottle and something warm. The bus leaves shortly after 9:00am, returning by 3:00pm. Any questions to Mrs Donaldson please.

**Virtue - Term 2 - Compassion**

Things get busy, if you have not yet done so ... please take time to discuss with your children the material sent home last week

... Why should we show compassion?

... What does compassion look like?

... How and where do you practise compassion in your own life?

... How does compassion impact others?

- How does compassion impact us?

Children will be discussing this virtue at school over coming weeks. Please find support material attached and don't hesitate to contact us with shining examples of COMPASSION so that we can celebrate together.

**School Contributions**

Requests for school contributions, etc are in the process of being emailed to families who opted for term payments. The school contribution is optional but the board strongly encourages all families to pay their contribution if they are in a position to do so. The school contribution helps meet a critical shortfall in government funding & enables us to provide extra resources & opportunities for the benefit of all children. Please also note that payment requests include the annual fee for Maths Whizz, & Activity Fees. The activity fee entitles children to attend events where fees are levied by external agents. If you do not wish for your children to attend or participate in these activities it is not necessary to pay the activity fee. The Board appreciates all contributions. Please contact Kevin for payment arrangements.

**Digital Devices**

If a child has a personal device (as opposed to a school device) please encourage them to bring this to school each day. This ensures they have their device when they need it, and relieves the pressure on school devices. If there is any particular reason your child is not bringing their device to school please let us know and we will see how we can help. Thank you.

**Lunch Order Form and Flyer**

Exciting & tasty new additions to our Friday Lunch menu, in time for a warm winter lunch treat. See the back page for menu options. Great feedback so far. Please note that orders must be received at the office by 9am Thursday at the latest for Friday. No late orders can be accepted.

### **Plastics and the Environment**

Please help us to reduce the amount of plastic coming to school each day by using compartmentalised lunchboxes and/or removing plastic wrappings from items before packing. We have explained to children that plastic dropped here enters waterways, and eventually the sea, and that this can cause sometimes irreversible damage. If you have time you might like to reinforce the critical importance of caring for our environment and that even small things, added together, can make a huge difference.

### **Cambridge .. survey of former students**

*We would be keen for as many of our former Cambridge students as possible to complete a Google survey. If you have a child who was on this programme last year, please ask them if they would be willing to be surveyed. If they say yes, and we hope they will, could you please email their current email address to Mrs Donaldson at [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz)*

*We have been getting great feedback from former students, and secondary schools, but want to ensure our programmes as well calibrated as possible. Thank you for your assistance!*

### **School Photos - 21<sup>st</sup> May**

It isn't too late ... easy online ordering at [www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz](http://www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz). Payment must be made before individual/sibling/family photo's will be taken. Any queries direct to Liz please or to the school office.

### **Drink Bottles**

Please ensure that children bring a drink bottle to school each day .. water is best .. water helps with brain function, good for the teeth, essential for healthy function of every organ of the body. We would love as many children as possible to be in the habit of regular drinking of water .. a critical skill for life and wellness.

### **School Attendance**

If you received a letter this week advising that your child's school attendance fell well below Ministry target levels in term 1, please act immediately to address this. We are very happy to work with you to put together a plan, or can refer you to another agency if you need support. Not only does one or two days a week of consistent absence have real potential to negatively impact a child's learning and potential, it can convey the message that the 5 working days are optional, and can be easily "traded off". Research has shown that one of the 5 key determinants of success in life is conscientiousness, at the most basic level this includes turning up for school (or work) where a person is able to do so. Research also shows that these "habits of life" are learnt very early, and thus can have a big influence on later life. (This excludes situations where poor attendance is the result of serious and ongoing health issues. In such cases, we are encouraged by the Ministry of Education to work with you, and health professionals, to find a middle ground that works for your child).

### **School Library**

... Some exciting initiatives will roll soon. More to follow next week.

### **Board of Trustee's Triennial Election**

Nominations are due at the office by 12 midday next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Nomination forms have been mailed to all parents & caregivers eligible to nominate or vote in this election. If you didn't receive your nomination form in the post & would like to get one, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If you would like to know more you can check out [www.trustee-election.co.nz](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz) or phone 0800 353 284 or email [electionsadvice@nzsta.org.nz](mailto:electionsadvice@nzsta.org.nz)

Please see Helen (who is the returning officer) if you have any general questions.

## Finally

Recently, Celeste Mitten, one of our senior students, submitted a story titled *The Darkness of Dragons* for possible inclusion in a publication called *Tui Tui*. *Tui Tui* is an anthology of children's stories, which aims to profile truly excellent pieces of writing, and to encourage children with real writing talent. Celeste's inspiration was from a book she read called *Wings of Fire*, and she has also been much influenced by her favourite novel *Fractured Fairy Tales*. In Celeste's story the characters are surprised to encounter a real dragon and the adventure unfolds from there. We would like to congratulate Celeste on this very significant achievement. Not many people become actual published writers at such a young age. Congratulations Celeste, your Matarau School family shares your excitement at this stunning news. Who knows where your writing talents will take you.

Regards,  
Kevin Trehwella  
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## School Lunches

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce.  
Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

### **Fridays - EXCITING NEW MENU.**

**Snack Boxes** – delivered with a juice box for \$6.00 each

A choice of ☐ Mini Hotdog & Chips ☐ Fish Bites & Chips ☐ Chicken Nuggets & Chips

**Tasty Toppa's** delivered with a juice box for \$5.00 each

A choice of ☐ Lasagne Toppa ☐ Macaroni Cheese Toppa

Or **Simply a Hot Chip Box** for \$3.00 each

**These Old Favourites are still on the Menu ...**

☐ Sausage Roll, Museli Bar & a juice box for \$4.00 ☐ Crispy Chicken Salad Wrap & juice box for \$5.00

Swap any juice box meal for a Flavoured Milk for just \$1 extra (Chocolate, Strawberry or Banana)

Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. Please note - We cannot supply lunches on Friday if the order is placed after 9am on Thursday morning.

## **Community Notices**

**Battery Recycling** Please note that EcoSolutions will collect household batteries for recycling. Please drop your used batteries into them at 141 Cameron Street - next to the Toolshed.

**Mobile Phone Recycling** – send in old or unwanted cell phones to the school office & we will send away for recycling – some are cleaned & sent to places like Africa, others are dismantled & as much as possible is recycled into new items.

**Firewood for Sale** – gum, dry/split \$110m3 delivered locally free, elsewhere by arrangement.  
Ph Kevin 021 191 5911.

**Kiwi North notice** - The first official 'listening window' for the 2019 Annual Northland Kiwi Call Count Survey runs from May 22nd - June 10th. Find more details

at: <https://kiwicoast.org.nz/events/northland-annual-kiwi-call-count-survey/> Students and their families can take part and contribute to our understanding of the increasing numbers of kiwi in our area.

**Whangarei Line Dancers** – looking for new members – weekly classes for beginners Tuesdays 5-6pm Parish Hall, 2a Kamo Road, from 28<sup>th</sup> May. 6 week introduction course for just \$36.  
Phone Bev 021 268 4681 or email [baxter.beverley399@gmail.com](mailto:baxter.beverley399@gmail.com)

**KINGS SEED FUNDRAISER – We are getting in early this year!**

Early notice that order forms will be sent home by mid-June and seeds delivered to you before the July holidays ready for winter/spring planting. **SO WATCH THIS SPACE !**