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Thanks

... for your support on strike day ... this has been very much appreciated by teachers.

Special Commendation

... to the following parents who visited our school library this week & signed our visitors book. You are now in the draw for a prize!
... Nattalie Garden, Clare Ringrose, Yvonne Masefield, Kat Allen, Alesha Taege, Carmen Tonks, Tina Peters - thank you!

People of the Week

... Ben Donaldson who noticed another child's special achievements this week and ensured this child received a certificate at assembly.
... Players of the Day - Netball Fantails: Evelyn A; Pukeko's: Aamani R H; Tui's: Samara W; Weka's: Eva P; Kiwi's: Piper D; Mod's: Jesse

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

3 June	Queen's 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)

Senor Crump ... Our Resident Author

If wanting to order a copy of the book containing Senor Crump's story, no pressure, here is the link ... <https://www.lulu.com/shop/search.ep...>
Senor Crump is happy to sign copies.

Compassion Virtue ... don't hesitate to contact us with shining examples of the Compassion virtue so that we can celebrate together. Please keep the discussions rolling at home.

What is Compassion?? Compassion begins by noticing when someone seems sad or troubled. It is caring deeply & wanting to help. It is being kind & forgiving to someone who has hurt you. Without compassion the world is a hard & lonely place. Being compassionate helps us to feel less alone.

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From recent weeks ... please visit our website and click on newsletters

Morning Arrival Times Measles AIMS Games Soon to be 5 Year olds
Digital Devices Lunch order forms Drink Bottles School Attendance
School contributions Plastics Cambridge Survey

Y4-6 Winter Sports Day - 5 June (pp 12 June)

Children will depart from school by bus 9:00 am (please have them at school no later than 8:50 am), returning by 3:00 pm. Please ensure children take lunch, something to drink, their Matarau T-shirt, and something warm (and dry) for between events. We would love to hear from a few parents willing to help with supervision and umpiring. Please return any outstanding consents on Monday. Questions to Mrs Gunson please.

International Schools Competitions

Practice papers for the English exam will be issued next week. Children will be asked to complete 2 practice papers per week where possible. We will also meet next week to discuss elements of test technique.

Parents please help by ...

- ... ensuring children have a suitable time and place for sitting these papers (free from distraction)
- ... marking papers on completion
- ... keeping a record of scores
- ... advising your child's teacher if a homework workload adjustment is necessary
- ... ensuring that children bring their booklets to school to exchange for further papers

Remember that these papers are difficult. To get around 20 correct with the first paper is fine, exceeding 30 correct answers is a worthy target, but progress should be celebrated.

We suggest that you don't worry about timing of the first couple of papers.

Exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 31 July ... Mathematics - 14 August. (amended dates)

Practice papers for the maths exam will be made available week beginning 18 June.

Matarau School HONEY 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!



School Library

REMEMBER .. please visit in the next week or two (hopefully with your child) AND SIGN OUR VISITORS BOOK just to show your child, and other children, that you thought our library was important enough to visit. We will be involving all of our parents in the library in some way soon and **so this is your first homework task**. Parents signing the visitor's book will be acknowledged in forthcoming newsletters, and will go in the draw for a prize. Children of these parents will also go in the draw for a prize.

Board of Trustee's Triennial Election - Update

Voting forms & candidate statements are in the post. Please vote & return your voting form in the supplied envelope to the school office by noon on Friday 7 June - either by post or hand deliver. Please see Helen (who is the returning officer) if you have any general questions.

Finally

From the teaching staff ... thank you again for your support this week. We really do value our families and we regret any inconvenience caused by the Strike.

Regards,
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Our Sponsors support your
children, please support them



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)

Please Note - We cannot supply lunches on a Friday if the order is placed after 9am on the 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*

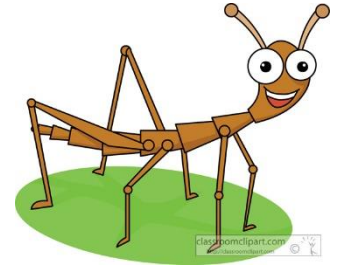
at: <https://kiwicoast.org.nz/events/northland-annual-kiwi-call-count-survey/> Students and their families can take part and contribute to our understanding of the increasing numbers of kiwi in our area.

Rizing Stars Drama - Bugsy Malone 28th June to 6 July, Riverbank Theatre. Has a cast of over 30 kids and should be very entertaining. Bookings – at Storytime or Reyburn House or online at whangareitheatrecompany.co.nz

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 !**

Stick Insects



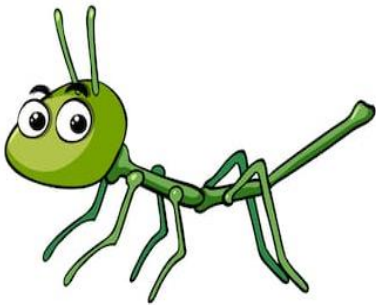
Room 7 have been learning about stick insects
Here are 2 amazing explanations text from our lovely students.

When stick insects are born, they scamper away. They have three body parts
thorax, head, and antennae.

Little stick insects are called nymphs. Stick insect eggs hatch after 3 years.

Silently, the stick insect hangs off a wiggly jiggly twig. The stick insect camouflages
to look like a leaf. Stick insects only eat leaves. They quietly and carefully climb
trees.

By Mason (Year 3)



When baby stick insects are born, it's the only time
in their lives they run. Stick insects have three body
parts called the abdomen, thorax, and head. Until
the baby stick insects are adults, they are called
nymphs. Baby stick insects stay in their egg for three whole years.

Stick insects silently hang off swaying branches in trees. To keep safe
stick insects camouflage to look like the plant they're on. They
camouflage to keep safe from birds, wasps, and possums.

Stick insects only eat juicy leaves. They climb trees to camouflage.
Female stick insects lay eggs and let them fall to the ground.

The eggs stay safe for up to three years underground. Ants take the
eggs some people call this stealing. Other people call this saving the
egg. Surprisingly, Ants leave the stick insect eggs untouched.

By Mikayla (Year 4)