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Thanks

... To new and departing Board members for your commitment to our school.

Special Commendation

... to the following AWESOME parents who visited our school library this week & signed our visitors book. You are now in the draw for a prize, and so is your child!

... Kim Barnes, Dawn Dahlberg, Krystal Currin, & Toni Pivac.

People of the Week

... Our virtues co-ordinators ... please see the end of the newsletter.

... Those children who are ripping into their ICAS English practice papers. Good work!

... Players of the Day - Netball: Pukeko's - Eden M; Tui's Emma R; Weka's Izabella T & Jess N; Kiwi's Sarah H; Moa's Cara M & Morgan C; Basketball - Shooting Stars - Lachlan S; Rockets Savannah F & Malachi RH; Mavericks - Flynn H & Kiran H (week before)

.. Congratulations to our amazing gymnasts who placed in a recent Northland Gym comp - Nyree P - 1st Individual & 1st Team; Ben D - 5th overall & 1st on Rings; Leon 4th overall; Katelyn D 4th overall. Well done

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

18 June Matariki Day celebration (nb date change)

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)

Matariki - Tuesday 18th June

Next Tuesday - 18th June - children and teachers will be celebrating Matariki (the Maori New Year).

We will run a sausage sizzle as a bit of a treat for the kids. If you can help cook or serve - from 11-1pm - please let Helen know.

During the day the children will be involved in a variety of cultural activities, culminating in a performance by our kapa haka group at 2:40. *You are warmly invited to come along to see the final performance in the hall.*

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

Supporting from the side line Absences from School

Triennial Election of Trustees

Parent Representatives

The following candidates are duly elected to the Board of Trustees ...

Rebecca Anderson; Craig Curnow; Pete Nathan; Toni Pivac; Lisa Tito

Staff Representative

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received Adam Crump is duly elected.

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.

Mid-year Interviews

Monday 1 July & Tuesday 2 July (plus 24 & 25 June - Year 7 & 8 only)

Our online interview booking system is now open. Interviews are booked on a first in basis. To book you need to visit - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz & enter the code **kkukc**. If you do not have access to the internet please give Helen a call on Monday. Please note that teachers are available at other times by appointment.

Mid-year interviews - Year 7 and 8

*Because our year 7 and 8 students have **homeroom and subject teachers**, we are arranging more interview slots this year so that you can discuss your child's progress with all of their teachers at one time. We think this will give you a much clearer picture of where your child is at, and what their best next step might be. To create sufficient interview slots, year 7 and 8 teachers will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays of both weeks 9 and 10 (dates above).*

(Please note that on 24 & 25 June school will finish at the usual time of 3:00pm with no changes to bus departure times).

In a forthcoming newsletter we will send you some simple tips on how to prepare for your interview.

Notice of early finish on School Interview days

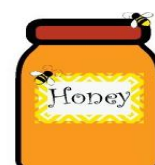
Please note that school finishes at 2:30pm on 1 & 2 July (only) to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days - the exception to this is the Kamo bus will still depart school at 3.50pm. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes. (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

Seesaw digital portfolios

... if you have misplaced your child's QR access codes please contact your child's teacher. Those needing assistance to access their child's portfolio are invited to contact Mrs Donaldson. We are more than happy to help in any way we can.

Matarau School HONEY FOR SALE!

The price is \$12 each for an approximately 600g jar.
Still some jar's left at this stage - but don't miss out!!



Senior School Fundraising Sausage Sizzle

Unfortunately, due to rising costs, the price of a sausage on Wednesday's will now be \$2 each. This is from last Wednesday - 12th June. All profits from the sale of sausages go directly to the senior school to help offset the cost of their outdoor activities.

Cambridge Programme... expressions of interest 2020

If you know of anyone wanting their children to have an exceptional start to secondary school, perhaps suggest that they contact the school to discuss our Cambridge /Senior School Programme, or that they visit our website for more information. Our year 7 and 8 programmes are based on what is arguably the world's best known and respected international curriculum (overseen and continually updated by Cambridge University), we also have an extensive options programme (including extension activities and foreign languages), a science room, teacher to pupil ratios significantly lower than that of urban schools, and much more. Further, our students arrive at high school (on average) approximately 12 months ahead of their urban peers.

Some people are paying \$25,000 over 2 years for a similar programme elsewhere. Feel free to ask any secondary school teacher how our graduates cope in their first year at high school. A limited number of out of zone places are likely to be available in 2020.

Confirmation of Secondary School

Shortly parents of year 8 children will receive a form asking for an indication of which secondary school their child is likely to attend in 2020. **Please return your form by 4 July.** This helps us to ensure that you get the information you need as we approach information and enrolment time. As mentioned in earlier correspondence, it is fine, at this stage to identify more than one possible option.

International Schools Competitions

Practice papers for the **Maths** 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)

Finally

Staff and students would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to outgoing board members, and returning board members, for their dedication to duty over the previous three years. Boards have to wrestle their way through complex issues, balance competing viewpoints, negotiate legal minefields, weigh priorities, and manage the perennial problem of chronic government underfunding. I can honestly say that this Board has served its community well, and we are indebted to them for the work they have done, and the hours they have put in. A special thank you from staff for understanding the challenges schools and teachers daily face in their endeavours to make a difference, and for believing in the critical importance of what they do.

We look forward to working with our new board towards the same end.

Finally ... finally!

We promised you a photo of our virtues co-ordinators this week

More on what they are up to next week. So watch this space.



Regards,
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Our Sponsors support your children, please support them



School Lunches

Wednesdays - \$2.00 (note price increase): for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - Order by 9am Thursday.

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

For Rent - Modern 3 bedroom house available to rent in Karanui, \$600pw phone 09 409 4100 if interested.

Storylines Writers Festival - Tue 18 June, 5:30pm–7:00pm, Whangarei Central Library, All Ages; Admission: Free. 4 children's authors & illustrators discuss their work in a panel discussion organised as part of the Storylines National Festival Story Tour. This is a rare opportunity to meet Adele Broadbent, Tania Roxborough, Gavin Bishop and Sophie Siers.

Purua School SPOOKY DISCO - Purua Hall, Friday 5th July 6.30-8.30pm; Tickets (\$2) via Purua School 433 5841 or Maria 459 5069 or text 027 684 1222

KIDZONES HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES Fun filled holiday programme to keep your children busy over the July Holidays? Check out www.kidzones.co.nz to see what fun the team at Kidzones have planned. Enrol online on our website, tel Sandra North 021 249 3308 or email sandra@kidzones.co.nz

Futsal Holiday program – 8.30-4 daily 8-12 July, Excellere College; \$40 per day, \$35 3+ days; 15% discount siblings; Register online northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz or phone Christian 021 246 7328

Kings Seeds Fundraiser flyer is accompanying this newsletter.

A copy will be on our website & on facebook.

Orders close Friday 28th June so seeds can be delivered prior to the school holidays