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#### **Thanks**

- ... To those who assisted with this week's headlice check.
- ... To Melisa Perich for helping out in the library.
- ... To those who attended this week's Cambridge Meeting.
- ... To our Taniwha Challenge (Zone Cross Country) support team.

#### **Library**

... Parents - don't forget to check out our lovely library, sign the visitor's book & go in the Term 3 draw for a book for your child!!

## People of the Week

- ... Toko Tito for selection for the Northland Roller Mills trial team ... good luck Toko!
- ... Jack Hudson ... gold medal winner in NZ karate competition, 55kg 13 yr boys (to represent NZ at the world championship in Malaysia)!
- ... Jake Turner for helping out in the library last week
- ... Kydan Lumby for helping another child who had tripped and hurt himself this week. Well done Kydan.
- ... All the kids who demonstrated helpfulness in recent weeks by doing something special for someone else.

<u>Players of the Day</u> - Basketball: Shooting Stars - Ashton R; Rockets - Finn M (last week - 5/Stars = James T; Rockets = Savannah F); Netball: Wk 2 /Wk 3 - Fantail's - Katrina W / Chloe & Evelyn; Pukeko's - Ellie S & Eden M/Summerlee G; Tui's - Samara W/ Pippa &

Emma; Weka's - Caeli P/Taylor R; Kiwi's - Issy A; Moa's - Nyree P / JungHyun.

**Term Calendar** (Items will be added as these come to hand)

13 Aug. ... ICAS Maths Exam

14 Aug. ... School Cross Country

22 Aug. ... ESOL Farm Visit

26 Aug. ... Meeting of the Board of Trustees

28 Aug. ... Whangarei (Barge Park) Cross Country

3 Sept. ... School Talent Show

18 Sept. ... Northland Cross Country

27 Sept. ... Final day of term 3

14 Oct. ... Commencement of term 4

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

Yellow zones in carparks - please do not park in these areas, for the safety of other drivers & children! Junior Readers - Amnesty. High School Presentations - Open Evenings. Attendance. Homework. Measles. AIMS Update.

#### 2020 Enrolments

We know this might seem early, but very soon the Board of Trustees will set the number of out of zone enrolments for 2020. Our goal is to keep numbers at, or below, nationally recommended staffing levels. Early information on which children will, or will not, be with us in 2020 is very helpful in achieving optimal class numbers, and also gives us an indication of how many places to advertise for out of zone families.

We also receive regular out of zone enquiries, and need to be in a position, very soon, to advise if places are likely to become available by a departing child.

50 ... this message is for those who already know that their children will not be with us, or are unlikely to be with us, in 2020. This email is not for those who are undecided, and need further time due to uncertainty.

So, if you DO KNOW that your child WILL NOT, OR VERY LIKELY WILL NOT attend Matarau School in 2020 can you please advise the school office as soon as possible, by phone message over the weekend or on Monday, or drop by to chat with Kevin. Thank you for your assistance.

# Sibling 2020 Enrolments

If you live in zone, or currently have a child enrolled at Matarau school and have another child who will start in 2020, please advise the school office as soon as possible by, leaving a message on the answer machine - 433 5823.

# School Cross Country

... will be held next Wednesday, 14 August, on the Smith property across from the school (same location as last year). Please make sure your child comes to school each day with suitable running gear - especially shoes suited to road running. It would also be helpful if each child had a towel and a spare set of clothes on race day. A rough schedule of race times is on the back page.

## **Congratulations**

... to our school choir for their spirited performance at the Choir Festival at Forum North this week. You can be very proud of your efforts. Well done for your engagement and discipline. Mrs Walker is super proud of you. Thanks to the choir support team!

# <u>Cambridge Meeting</u>

Didn't make the meeting? ... let us know and we will arrange something that works for you.

## Commencing Virtue term 3

Please continue your work at home on the helpfulness virtue. Children are assigned a weekly helpfulness task to practise at home, and so "make hay while the sun shines". Please ...

- ... take some time to read (and then use) the support material emailed to you earlier this week and attached to this newsletter.
- ... discuss the importance of helpfulness with your children
- ... talk about the satisfaction you get when you practise helpfulness
- ... set some helpfulness goals and let us know of any special moments

#### Change of Clothes

Due to current weather conditions we suggest that students (especially younger students) have a spare change of clothes in their bag for wet weather accidents. This set of clothes could also be used for cross country practice runs which are being held most days. Thank you.

# International Schools Competitions

The International Schools Maths Exam is scheduled for Tuesday 13 August. Most children have been issued with practice papers for the weekend.

# **Scholarship**

Early next term we will be calling for expressions of interest in our 2019 Art Scholarships. This is an opportunity to present a portfolio of artwork for judging, with the potential to win a school cup and a small prize. Maybe chat to your children about this and, if you would like the information early, just give Kevin a call next week. We have had some outstanding portfolios in year's past and are keen to see this tradition continue.

# **Headlice Inspections**

All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of this problem. This week's inspection indicated relatively low levels of infestation, but it is critical that those advised of infestation, or suspected infestation, take action before Monday.

#### School Annual Report

... including financials is now on our school website .. just click on the "About Us" tab.

#### Home Gardens

Please discuss with your children the possibility of having a home garden this year. This programme gets underway some time later this term (timeline to follow), and culminates in judging at year's end with a trophy presented at prize giving. We will send an expression of interest form out **next week** (sorry for the delay) and so please let your child know if you want one of these forms sent home.

# Auckland University Research

If you are a parents of a 5, 6, 7 or 10 year old, you will have received an invitation for your child to participate in a Psych Study being undertaken by Auckland University. If you are willing for your child to participate, and you have not returned your form, please do so NEXT week. Clearly, the more participants, the more accurate the findings are likely to be. Any questions please contact Kevin.

#### Changes to frequency of the Newsletter

Please note that the main newsletter will only be printed & sent home via your eldest child in odd weeks (and uploaded to our website), and an email will be sent out to all families in even or alternate weeks from the start of this term. The email-only update will be brief & bring your attention to imminent events, advise of any changes, and repeat notices of special importance. IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE SCHOOL EMAIL-OUT LIST EMAIL notices@matarau.school.nz TO BE ADDED & STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT"S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL.

#### <u>Finally</u>

A former student, Jamie Mauchline, has become a published author. At the end of last term, his book was dropped off at the school office, signed by its author. This book - Guns of Liberty - is apparently a fantastic read, and we are absolutely thrilled that Jamie thought to send a signed copy to his former school. If you want to know more about Jamie and his book, or maybe even to buy a copy, visit his website - https://jamiemauchline.com/

Regards, Kevin Trewhella PRINCIPAL

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### <u>School Cross Country Race Schedule – 14 August 2019</u>

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11.50	12/13 year old Girls	1.20	8 year old Boys	
12.00	12/13 year old Boys	1.30	Non 8 year old Girls (Y3s	
12.10	11 year old Girls	1.35	Non 8 year old Boys (Y3s)	
12.20	11 year old Boys	1.40	Year 2 Girls	
12.30	10 year old Girls	1.45	Year 2 Boys	
12.40	10 year old Boys	1.50	Year 0/1 Girls	
12.50	9 year old Girls	1.55	Year 0/1 Boys	
1.00	9 year old Boys	2.00	Kindy Race (all together)	
1.10	8 year old Girls	2.20	Prize Giving	

Please note the races will be held across the road on the Smith farm.
Parking is on Tudehope Road, or along Matarau Road or at school.
No parking up the farm driveway please. Allow time to walk to the course.
These times are a guide only, so suggest you arrive early.
Good vantage points to watch the race will be signposted!

# **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.

<b>Snack Boxes</b> – delivered with a juice box for \$	\$6.00 each
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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  $\ \square$  Lasagne Toppa  $\ \square$  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 \$4.00 □ Crispy Chicken Salad Wrap & juice \$5.00 Swap any juice box meal for a Flavoured Milk for just \$1 extra (Chocolate or Strawberry)

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

# **Community Notices**

**G J Gardner Clean Up NZ** week – 9-15 September .. be a part of litter week & contact www.knzb.org.nz or email <a href="mailto:cleanup@knzb@org.nz">cleanup@knzb@org.nz</a> or phone (09) 264 1434 to take part or organise a clean up area.

<u>Keep NZ Beautiful competition</u> – create a poster which will inspire our community to stop littering & keep Whangarei beautiful. Open to school age children – entries close 30/8/19. Email anton @cbec.co.nz to enter.

# NEW MATARAU AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A new After School Care Program is now available every afternoon in the school hall 3pm - 5:45pm.

For more information contact Steph: 0204 186 4108, email: afterschoolclubmatarau@hotmail.com or follow us on Facebook @ matarauafterschoolclub