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Thanks

... To our Cross Country support team.
... To those who helped out this week with the year 7&8 BEAST run.
... To those who have advised the office of new and unanticipated enrolments, and of those not attending next year etc. We do appreciate your efforts to keep us informed.

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

... Every child who participated in our recent cross-country, those who were placed, those who persevered, those who encouraged, those who reached out. Superb sportsmanship!! Well done!!

... All of those diligent students who had a shot at this year's ICAS exams, an on top of their regular workloads.

... Emma Rumney who achieved first place (and won a ribbon and a rosette) at her recent ballet solo. Well done Emma!

... Leon Wiegiersma who helped an injured friend to finish last week's cross country ... and Ben Donaldson for the extra encouragement he gave to some runners struggling at the rear of the field.

... Players of the Day - Basketball : Shooting Stars - Ashton R, Rockets - Chyanne

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

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 comm. Of term 4)

Talent Show - 3rd September

... be sure to keep the evening of Tuesday 3rd September free. Any questions at this stage to your child's teacher please.

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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.

Best wishes

... to Liam Rosemergy, Xeryus Wilson, Ella Smart and Caden Gunson who represent our school at next week's Regional Science and Technology Fair.

Current Virtue

Thank you so much parents for supporting with promotion of this term's Helpfulness virtue. There have certainly been a lot of very helpful children at school.

We are very excited to introduce you to our virtue for the second half of this term -

RESPONSIBILITY. This also supports our 2019 overarching virtue OTHER-CENTREDNESS.

Please find support material attached to this newsletter and set aside some time at home to discuss with your children ...

... Why it is important to take responsibility

... What taking responsibility looks like

... How and where you practice responsibility in your own life?

... How being responsible impacts others? ... How taking responsibility impacts 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 RESPONSIBILITY so that we can celebrate together.

2020 / Sibling Enrolments

Please keep us informed of your intentions for next year so that we can factor this into planning. 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 you know, by phone message over the weekend or on Monday, or drop by to chat with Kevin. Thank you for your assistance.

ICAS Practice Papers

If your child has practice papers at home for the International Schools Maths or English Competitions please return these to school next week. Thank you.

Headlice

... please check your children's hair weekly and respond asap in the event of infestation.

Out of Zone Places

... including for siblings of children currently enrolled with us, will be advised within the next 2-4 weeks. Thank you for your patience.

Interschool Cross Country - 28 August

Congratulations to those children representing our zone at this event. Consents were due back at school this week. If you have any questions in the run up to this event, please contact Mrs Crawford via the school office. Thank you to Maria Easterbrook who will be our team co-ordinator.

Cambridge Meeting

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

Art Scholarship / Home Garden Programme

Next week information on both our Annual Art Scholarship and our Home Garden programme will be sent home with those children expressing interest. If you would especially like your child to receive this information, please advise our school office on Monday morning.

School Annual Report

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

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, it is still not too late to return your form ... happy to receive further consents on Monday! Thanks!**

BoT Meeting - Monday 26 August

Parents are most welcome to sit in on board meetings. Please let Helen know on Monday morning if you will be in attendance so that we can prepare material for you.

Term Contributions

... those who opted for term payment of school contributions will receive a contribution request via their child, or by email, within the next week. Thank you for your support ... every cent goes back to the children in some value added form.

Electronic Newsletter

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.

Finally

This week we would really like to encourage you to come on board again with our new virtue, responsibility. The case can be made that rights and responsibilities go hand in hand, that you cannot (at least sustainably) have one without the other (another person's rights are our responsibility, and our rights are their responsibility etc). Considering what (and who) we are responsible for, takes us beyond ourselves, to consider the needs of others, and reminds us that the world does not revolve around us, it also gives us the opportunity to see ourselves as others see us.

Sorry, one more thing

Earlier generations were confined by time and space in ways current generations are not, and this gave them some latitude to get things wrong, and even to pull back. By contrast, modern social media has a much narrower margin of error, things are instant, and the audience is potentially unlimited.

A parent advised this week that she was surprised at some of the engagement on Instagram (in particular chats). Let's all convey to children that social media is no replacement for face to face discourse, it is simply not a place to air grievances or to work through conflicts.

So please take an active interest in how your child uses social media and let us know if we can help.

Regards,
Kevin Trehwella
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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 \$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.



YUMMY!!

Cheesey Mousetraps

FOR SALE - This **Monday (26th August)** Lunchtime

**Just \$1 for 2 pieces of
freshly grilled cheese on a ½ bun**
(equivalent to a whole bun)

Order in class before morning tea to receive at
lunchtime from the canteen


Proceeds towards Senior School Camps

Taniwha Game Rugby Tickets

- As advised previously each Matarau School student has won a free ticket to two Taniwha home games.

The 'Club Day' on the 31st August and the 'Whanau Day' on the 13th October.

If you haven't already, but would like to claim your child's tickets please email reply to this email, or contact the school office & leave your details.



Daffodils will be on sale at the office next week
for a Gold Coin Donation to the Cancer Society.