

Congratulations!

Teijah R A special acknowledgment this week of Teijah's appearance this week before a Parliamentary Select Committee. Teijah made an oral submission on the issue of smoking in cars carrying children and young people under the age of 18. Well done Teijah. We are very proud of you!

Top 20 places for Inter-School Cross Country this week

A big congratulations to all our representative runners - up to 150-200 runners in each division!!

12 year old boys : Darius F - 13th; Kalani P - 16th

12 year old Girls : Summer A - 13th; Paige B - 17th

11 year old boys : Ephraim J - 4th

11 year old girls : Kate E 13th; Lily S - 20th

10 year old boys : Conrad M - 20th

9 year old boys : Van L - 8th

9 year old girls : Lydia J 7th

8 year old girls : Tia W- 10th; Rose F - 16th

Science Fair Results – Congratulations to **Liam R** who was the *Winner of the Earth Science Award*; and **Xeryus W** who got *Highly commended in the Electrical division* & was the *winner*, of the *Public Safety Award* & the *Primary Industries Award*

Riley H for achieving a silver and a gold for level 2 Cheerleading. An amazing achievement Riley. Well done - we are super proud of you!

Virtues Acknowledgments

Leon W and Conrad M for going out of their way to help a friend to finish their cross country race.

Noah M & Luke O'D are noted for being consistently helpful around the school. Great news boys!

Reminder's, Imminent Events & More

Disco reminder ... Tonight ... School hall ... 7:00-9:00pm

Year 4-8. No theme. Please send a small plate of finger food for a shared supper. Please also send a Gold Coin donation which the School Council will donate to a charity. Please pick children up at 9:00 pm. Thanks to those helping out.

Talent Show – Thursday 6th September

Please extend a warm welcome to extended family to attend our Talent Show in the school hall starting at 7:00 pm and finishing around 8:30pm. *Gold coin donations* would be appreciated to help us cover the cost of equipment hire.

Performers are asked to be at school by 6.15pm. Please make doubly sure your child has with them whatever they need for their performance. Any questions in the run-up to Mrs Walker please. This is such a fun night. You will love it!

Cohort Entry Policy

Schools have been asked to review their entry policy for children turning 5, to bring this in line with new legislation. In accordance with new recommendations, the Board of Trustees is likely to implement a cohort entry policy which will allow for the enrolment of children at term's commencement, and at the term mid-point, but only in the event that they have already turned 5.

This will inevitably mean that some 5 year olds, attaining the grand old age of 5 just after a cohort of children have been enrolled, will have to wait until the next cohort entry (e.g. children turning 5 in the first half of a term, will need to wait for the midterm entry cohort, children turning 5 in the second half of a term will need to wait until the cohort entry at the beginning of the following term).

This change will bring Matarau School in line with the intention of new legislation and in line with most other schools. All 2020 Term dates will be confirmed in term 4, 2019.

If you would like to ask questions or discuss this policy please contact Becks on beccajayne79@gmail.com

The Matarau School Parent Support Group (PSG)

Will meet on Wednesday 18th Sept at 7pm (school staffroom). At this meeting, the final details on the set up of the Group (including the name) will be voted on and finalised.

Please see the *attached document* for more information including nomination and voting details - we hope to see as many people there as possible.

Attendance Letters

Letters were sent home today where a child's attendance is a concern. If you received a letter please take action next week to ensure attendance concerns are rectified and / or contact the school if we can assist.

Please also ensure your child/ren arrive at school no later than 8.45am in order to start class at 9am. A lot of children regularly arrive after the 9am bell & this not only affects them & their learning but their teacher & classmates are interrupted as well.

We are very pleased to share some super exciting news with you.

OUR LIBRARY IS NOW ONLINE.

Visit the Matarau School Webpage, click on 'Our School Links' and then 'Matarau School Library Link'. Enter your username (*your child's first name & the first letter of their surname*). The password is *matarau* (all lower case)

Please take a look at the library with your child. Show them how much you love books, browse for your child's next read with them, and maybe place a reserve.