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Thanks

... To those who supported this week's Talent Show
... To those who supported last week's School Council Disco ... and the Council for your hard work.

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

... Mrs Walker and her team for weeks and weeks of hard work in the run-up to Talent Show.
... Those opting into the Home Garden and Art Scholarship programmes.

Talent Show

A super big thank you to those wonderful kids, parents, grandparents etc who turned up for Talent Show this week. Unfortunately, the weather was not our friend, and we are very sorry that we had to call off the show. We know the children who did not perform were hugely disappointed, as were their parents, and so we have rescheduled ...

**Talent Show will now take place in the
School Hall, 7:00 pm, Thursday 19 September**

So we will see you all there and have another go!

Please

... read the important cyber safety message at the end of this email.

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

3 Sept. ... School Talent Show
18 Sept. ... Northland Cross Country
27 Sept. ... Final day of term 3
(14 Oct comm. 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!

Annual Report - School website Headlice Cambridge Programme



Road Safety

- Please reduce your speed when passing the school
- Maximum 5kph in the carpark and bus bay.
- 20kph passing a stationary bus
- Pick up of students from the designated spots where possible.
- Walking or supervising your children across the road at drop off & pick up
- And NO PARKING ON YELLOW ZONES.

Many thanks.

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 last week's email and the attached document for more information, including nomination and voting details - we hope to see as many people there as possible.

Proposed Cohort Entry Policy

This was emailed to families last week and can be found via the "newsletters" tab on our school website. Any questions to Rebecca Anderson please ... contact details for Becks are in the email.

Current Virtue

Is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Please keep up the good work at home and contact us with shining examples of RESPONSIBILITY so that we can celebrate together.

Tummy Bugs

If your child has a tummy bug please keep them at home for 24-48 hours after their last symptoms.

Attendance

If you received a letter last week because your child has fallen below the Ministry attendance target for term 3, please move to address this, or contact the school next week if you need our assistance. We are always reluctant to refer poor attendance to outside agencies, but we are required to do so if our efforts to bring improvement fail. If there are barriers to improved attendance at our end, we will work diligently to address these, but we need to know what these barriers are. If the barriers are at the parent end, the parent is required, by law, to be just as diligent. There is a strong correlation between attendance and success at school, and so what may seem a small matter now, may not be in the longer run. We are here to help.

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

Please return these to school next week. Thank you.

Out of Zone Enrolments 2020

The Board of Trustees of Matarau School has determined that ...

... there will be sufficient places for priority 2 students.

... there will be 10 places at year 0 / 1 for students in priorities 3 to 6

... and 6 places at years 3 and 4 for students in priorities 3 to 6.

Priority 1	Special character
2	Sibling of current student
3	Sibling of former student
4	Child of former student
5	Child of board employee
6	All other applicants

*The closing date for applications is
Tuesday 15 October.*

*The outcome of any ballot, should a
ballot be necessary, will be advised
shortly after 22 October.*

For information and Out of Zone Application Forms please contact our school office on 09 433 5823 or at admin@matarau.school.nz

Out of Zone Applications

ALL out of zone applications must adhere to the above application process, even sibling applications. So, if you would like entry under the sibling (priority 2) category **you must submit an application to secure a place.** If a sibling application is not received by the above dates, your child's place will be forfeited to a student in categories 3 through 6. Any questions please feel free to drop by to the school office.

Measles

The Board requests that parents monitor their children for any sign of measles and seeks medical advice where necessary. In the event of a diagnosis or even a suspicion of measles please keep your child at home and advise the school. The school will keep you updated should we have any sign of an outbreak here.

Junior School Request

Do you have any fabric, wool scraps, buttons ribbon etc that you no longer need? The Junior School are making peg dolls for Calf Club & we would love donations to make these. Please send to the office or Room 6 (Mrs Milicich). Many thanks.

Art Scholarship / Home Garden Programme

Please address any questions on the Art Scholarship Programme to your child's classroom teacher. Questions on the Home Garden programme should be directed to Mrs Burgin. We will keep you advised as critical dates draw near.

Auckland University Research

Shari (Cave) has asked us to extend her thanks to the parents of 5, 6, 7 and 10 year olds who consented to the inclusion of their child(ren) in her research. Shari is thrilled with the data she has gathered and has promised to share the findings from her research.

Term Contributions

... those who opted for term payment of school contributions received a contribution request this week 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 please email - notices@matarau.school.nz - to be added & stay up to date with what's happening at school.

Lost Property

Will be laid out in the hall over the next couple of weeks, please have a parent look to check where your child's wardrobe has gone! As usual all items left at end of term will be donated to Charity.

Farewell Mr Palmer

Our wonderful caretaker, Mr Palmer, is heading south to a new job just north of Auckland. Mr Palmer has been a wonderful caretaker and we will surely miss him.

If you would like to join us for a farewell morning tea at 10:30 am Thursday 26 September, please let Helen know next week. We hope to see some of you then.

Finally

Last week I asked parents to please be extra vigilant in monitoring their children's social media access and usage. This is particularly an issue with year 7 and 8 students. Discussions with some senior students have convinced us that most students are not aware of two critical things ...

... the danger of connecting with people unknown to them

... the danger of initiating or joining conversations about other people which can become unkind or damaging (and which cannot be called back easily).

The latitude for error when using social media is precariously narrow, and most children are not sufficiently conversant with the ways of the world to apply the necessary cautions. We are considering additional ways to drive the safety message at school, but much of this occurs outside of school time, and on non-school devices. Children tend to think of themselves as bullet-proof, and this makes them especially vulnerable. So, we are asking parents to be extra vigilant here. Know what sites your children visit, which social media they use, who they converse with, and the character of the conversations they initiate, or to which they contribute. We will do our best at our end.

Regards, Nga Mihi
Kevin Trehwella
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School Lunches

Wednesdays - \$2.00 for a 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.