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Thanks

... To those who helped out with this week's headlice inspection.
... To those who attended our discussion on the health curriculum.

People of the Week

... Pippa G and Emma D for producing some truly amazing pieces of writing this week.

... Indi-Lee for winning first place in the 2019 Maori Under 18 Nationals surfing competition.

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

7 November Hatea Loop Walk camp fundraiser
13 November Zone Athletics at Poroti School
18 November Portfolios due for the Art Scholarships (3:00 pm)
27 November Junior School production
27 November Interschool Athletics Day - Year 7 & 8
2 December School Team Athletics Day
3 December Parent Helpers thank you morning tea.
4 December Interschool Athletics Day - Year 4-6
5 December School Prize Giving (underway 6:30 pm)
9-12 December Year 8 Camp at Pataua North
11 December Reports issued
12 December Final day of the school year (school finishes 3:00 pm)

School Cups & Trophies

2019 prizegiving is coming up fast. If you have school cups at home please get these back to school as soon as possible. Thank you!



Sunhats

A reminder that sunhats are compulsory in the final term of the year and so please check that your child has their navy blue Matarau School sunhat as they head to school each day. You can buy a new one for \$10 or there is a very limited supply of second hand ones for \$3 each, from the office. Great to see that 95% of children are consistently bringing their sunhat to school. Good work!



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From previous weeks

Pathway options for children exiting year 6 and entering the Cambridge Programme

Junior production - pencil it in - 27.11

TOLERANCE VIRTUE

You will find attached to this newsletter material on the TOLERANCE virtue which will be our final focus virtue for 2019. This virtue was chosen by our student virtues co-ordinators as a fitting end to this year's focus on other-centredness. So please look over this material and ...

... find opportunities to discuss it with your child(ren)

... show how you apply tolerance in your life

... and to assist your child to set some tolerance goals.

Please let us know how you get on.



Art Scholarship - Years 4 to 8

Due date for these Monday 18 November (3:00 pm). Your child's teacher is available to help in any way they can in the run up to this date.

Do you have any library books at home?

As we have a library stocktake fast approaching, we wondered if you could have a really good look for books at home, under beds, in wardrobes, school bags etc and return any books that you find to the school library ASAP. Many thanks.

Junior Readers

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc) for junior readers and send these along to school next week. It is important that we have complete sets for 2020. So ... we are missing quite a few and so a thorough search at home would be really appreciated. *If you are able to help with our junior reader stock take places give Mrs Robertson a call next week.*

Class Placements 2020

Teachers are starting to give consideration to class placements for 2020. The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school, but we can throw parent requests / suggestions of a **general nature** into the mix (**sorry, no guarantees**). If there is something you would like us to consider (e.g. extension, consolidation, areas of special interest or need, close friends/ compatibilities etc), please give Kevin a call, drop by, or flick him an email on principal@matarau.school.nz. Please note that we do not, as a rule, take requests for teachers.

Reminder ... if your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year, and you have not already done so, please let us know asap.

Out of Zone Applications

If you have been offered an OOO place for 2020 please be sure to send your acceptance slip back to the school as soon as possible. The school often continues to receive enquiries on available places for several weeks after ballot date and so, if you do not formally accept an offer of place, **there is a high likelihood that this will be offered to someone else.** Any questions please just drop by or phone Helen.

New Addition to the Staff

We are pleased to advise that Maria Easterbrook will join our teaching team from the end of next week. Maria will teach in the junior part of the school. We know you will make Maria feel welcome.

Arrival Times

It is pretty important to have children at school at least 15 minutes before the bell so they can unpack, get organised, and make a few connections before the start of the school day.

Zone Athletics – Poroti School – Years 4 to 8

Our zone athletics will be held at Poroti School on Wednesday 13th November. This is an all-day event. As well as an opportunity for our children to improve their athletics skills, this is an opportunity for them to connect with children from local schools. The top place-getters also earn spots into the Whangarei Athletics Championships.

The children will travel by bus, but please let us know if you would like to transport your children. ***Please note that there will not be regular classes on this day for year 5 to 8 students. Attendance for year 3 and 4 students is optional, and classes will run at school for those year 3 and 4 students who do not attend.*** Please return consent forms to school as soon as possible.

School Athletics Competition

... get under way in the next week or so. This is a chance for children to learn track and field techniques, to experience a more formal competition, and to compete against school standards. You might like to encourage your child to participate, and to show an interest in how they get on.

Tennis Competition – 6 November

Best wishes to children participating in this event next week. *A reminder that parents are required to transport and supervise their own children please or to pre-arrange delegation of these responsibilities to another attending parent.* Any questions to Mrs Donaldson.

Meeting of Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the board will be held 6:00 pm Monday 25 November in the staffroom. Parents are welcome, but if you let us know in advance, we can have material ready for you. The agendas for Board meetings are on display on the hall noticeboard by the end of the week prior.

Year 8 Camp Meeting

If you have committed time to assist with the forthcoming year 8 camp thank you very much. If you did not make this week's meeting it is really important that you make contact with Katie next week. To arrange a suitable appointment time with Katie please contact her directly on kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

Input to year 7 placement decisions

Pathway decisions will be made some time in the week beginning 18 November. Parents of year 6 students who would like to have input into these decisions are invited to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson. We anticipate these discussions will take around 20 minutes per child. So, if you would like the opportunity to have input into placement decisions please email Mrs Donaldson on ... kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz preferably by 11 November please.

Term Headlice Checks

Inspections this week indicated low levels of infestation. If you received a letter advising of infestation or suspected infestation, please take immediate action. All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please.

Home Gardens

Please note that ... all Garden Diaries must be submitted by Friday 22 November, no late diaries can be accepted due to the tight deadlines this year. The gardens will be judged on Saturday 30 November. Consent to Visit forms will be issued next week.

Reminders to ...

- ↪ Secure tall plants as they grow
- ↪ Keep on top of your weeding
- ↪ Begin removing laterals on tomatoes if you have an indeterminate variety
- ↪ Keep on top of pest control
- ↪ Mulch if necessary

After School Swimming Lessons 2020

As in 2019, we will be making our pool available for swimming lessons during term 1 of 2020. Lessons will take place Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5/6 February, and will continue to 25/26 March. Lessons will take place starting 3:15 to 3:45 and 3:45 to 4:15 and 4:15 and 4:45 and 4:45 to 5:15 groups will be (loosely) ability based. There will be approximately 6-8 students per group and the cost will be \$12.50 per session (\$25 per week), thus \$200 per student for 8 weeks of lessons. The preference is for fees to be paid upfront for the 8 week period. The instructor is a qualified swimming instructor and has a background (and qualifications) in sport science. We have no doubt there will be high interest in these lessons and suggest that you register early. Please call or text Cristina 021464300 or you can send an email on e2swim4u@gmail.com

Puberty Change Booklets 2019 - Year 6s

In the past we have issued child-oriented pubertal change booklets to year 6 children to take home and discuss with their parents. If you are the parent of a year 6 child, can you please advise the school office by the end of next week if you would like to drop by to view a booklet, or if you would like to pick your child's booklet up yourself. If we do not hear from you, all year 6 children will bring a booklet home on Friday 29 November.

Requests for Term Contributions / Events Fees

... will be issued next week. Please contact Helen if you have any queries about these. Term Contributions are optional, but encouraged. Events fees are a legitimate fee for non-compulsory events from which children can be exempt on request. We are more than happy to agree on a time payment option which works for you if this is helpful ... just drop by!

2019 Self-Review

If you would like to know more about school self-review, or even to have some input, a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 14 November (Kevin's office) where we will discuss the self-review process and throw around, and receive, ideas. If you would like to attend please email Kevin and we will book you in. Alternatively, Kevin is highly available by appointment.

Tadpoles to a good home - \$1 each

... if interested phone Ephraim Jongkind on 433 5581



Finally

Over coming weeks, please work through the tolerance virtue at home. **We tend to think we are right** (psychology has a lot to say about this, and the reasons for this), tolerance is about accepting that **we may not be**, that there are **different ways of looking at almost anything**, and that "truth" itself is not so easy to nail down as we think.

Truly Finally this time

This morning former student Ethan Hare dropped by with the news that he has just been appointed head boy at Whangarei Boys' High School for 2020. We continue to be encouraged by the successes of our former students as they move through life, and consider it a great honour that they drop by, keep us posted, and remember us well. We are so proud of Ethan, and extend our heartfelt congratulations to his family. We share their joy at this significant achievement, and thank Ethan for the privilege of our continued association.

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 **Hot Chip Box** for \$3.00 each (\$1 extra for a juice)

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 Thursday morning.

Community Notices

Annual Lions Public Fireworks Display to be held at Semenoff Stadium on 2nd November

Speech & Drama Academy - are taking enrolments for term four and 2020 classes. Come find your people and performance prowess! Public Speaking, poetry, pantomime & applause! Visit our website for class info <https://enrolmy.com/making-a-scene>

Kamo Swimming Club – 2019/20 Season - Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo from Monday 4th November at 4.25pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly. Registration day Friday 1st November at KHS Pool, come and enrol. High School students & parents welcome - good opportunity to come & swim lengths and get stroke improvement tips and fitness in a relaxed environment. *Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season – very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent.* Contact Karena Nisbet - 027 4707 955 (evenings only) for more info.

Found – Cow / Beast – on Finlayson property that backs onto Matarau Road, several weeks ago. If you have lost a medium size white face please phone Mary on 027 452 5398.

Basketball Players of the Day

Congratulations to :

Mini's - Toby R; Shooting Stars - Tyson;

B-ballers - Malachi; Rockets - Olie & Conrad;

Mavericks - Aaron; Mustangs - Kalani



Upcoming Fundraising Events – Year 7 Camp - March 2020

LUNCH ORDER - Walk the Length of NZ Day - Thursday 7th November 2019

There will be sausages, cupcakes (made by Meganlicious Cakes) and donuts available to purchase at this event by PRE-ORDER & PAID only. Pre-orders close on Tuesday 5th Nov at 3pm. These orders will be available for your child to collect from the Hatea Loop if they are participating in the walk or from school at lunchtime. We will make sure they are at the right place for them. Any child from Matarau School can pre-order this deal. Sausage \$2 ~ Sugar Donut \$2 ~ Cupcakes (Vanilla with Salted Caramel icing or Chocolate with Choc icing) \$3.

Childs name: _____ Room _____
 ___ Sausage \$2 ___ Donut \$2 ___ Cupcake \$3 (Vanilla or Choc) total to pay \$_____

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I have enclosed cash for this order \$_____

I have paid \$_____ via Direct Credit Matarau School Bank Account - 12-3093-0239515-00 on _____ using WalkNZ FOOD and my child's name (if more than one child please use the 1st child on this form). Please return this form to Lisa via the school office before Tuesday 5th Nov.

Cupcake Fundraiser Cupcakes made by the amazing Meganlicious Cakes. Orders need to be in and PRE-PAID by 3pm on Tuesday 5th Nov for delivery on Thursday 6th. NOTE: Parents/adults will need to collect orders from school at 3:00pm on Thursday 7th November to prevent damage in transit on buses etc.



Vanilla with Salted Caramel icing OR Chocolate with chocolate icing.

Order 3 of each or 6 of one - delivered in a box of 6 for \$18. Limited numbers - don't miss out.

Name of person collecting: _____

Childs Name: _____

\$18 for 6 cupcakes in a box

___ box of Vanilla with Salted Caramel Icing \$_____

___ box of Chocolate with Chocolate Icing \$_____

___ box of 3 Vanilla and 3 Chocolate \$_____

I have paid \$_____ cash

I have paid via direct credit on _____ to Matarau School 12-3093-0239515-00 and used CUPCAKES and my child's name as the reference.

FLIPOUT Party - 6:00-7:30pm - Friday 6th December 2019

Parents feel free to "DROP 'n SHOP". \$20 / person, this includes a free sausage at the event. Drop the kids off and go do some Christmas shopping in peace.

Tickets available at the office now.

Extra sausages will be available to purchase on the night also - \$2ea.



Any queries regarding NZ Walk lunches, Cupcakes or Flipout please don't hesitate to contact Lisa via email - lryan@matarau.school.nz