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MATARAU SCHOOL

Thank you

... to those who attended and supported our swimming sports and duathlon events

... to those helping out in the build up to camp(s).

People of the week

... our duathlon participants

... Arrow Underwood who has been moving so fast up his reading levels recently that it makes your head spin. Well done Arrow!

Virtues Focus for 2020

Our overarching context this year will be around how we use our **gifts and talents** in service of others. Maybe ask your children over the weekend what they feel their special gift or talent is ... something they might like to share in 2020. Much more to follow!

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

2/4 Mar	Parent Interviews
3 Mar	Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School
9-13 March	Year 7 camp to Auckland
18 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
20 March	Year 1 to 2 Swimming Sports
24-27 March	Year 5/6 Camp to Lonsdale Park - CAMP 1
30 Mar- 2 Apr	Year 5/6 Camp to Lonsdale Park - CAMP 2
8 April	Northland Swimming Champs - Dargaville (TBC)
9 April	Final day of term 1
28 April	First day of term 2

Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews)

The above are scheduled for 2 and 4 March - the **online bookings screen is open** This is a chance for you and your child (optional for year 1 children) to be heard and to hear some first impressions of how their year is unfolding.

To book your interview time Please book online via the following website - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code of **puxt7**

Please note that bookings are allocated on a first in basis and so don't delay.

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Early Buses - early notice that buses will run 30-40 minutes early on 2 & 4 March because of parent interviews. Parents who transport their children by car are asked to pick them up at 2.30 pm please on these days.

Interview nights

Please help by ...

... being on time

... moving on the bell

... jotting down any questions beforehand

... thinking about one significant area for growth for your child.

From our last newsletter (available via our website)

Whaea Pera Headlice Inspections Senior Study Hour Sunhats Long lasting Sunblock
Parents Support Group Homework Punctuality Pool Keys Parent Helpers Tennis Doubles Champs
Learning Support Digital Devices

Zone Swimming Sports - Kokopu School - 3 March

Children qualify for this event on the basis of time trails here at school. Consents were issued earlier this week. Please return these to school on Monday if you haven't already. Any questions in the run-up to Mrs Donaldson please.

Year 7 Camp

Any questions in the run-up to the year 7 camp to Mrs Donaldson please.

The senior school is in need of any of the following for one of their Tuesday Options Programme.

- Wool, cardboard tubes, tennis balls, rope, fabric/material (old sheets or blankets), beads, bells, dog and cat treats, small PVC pipe, shoe boxes, old pillows, egg cartons, feathers or pillow stuffing.

Please send it to room 11 (Mrs Gunson)

Pool Gate

A reminder to pool users to please ensure that the pool gate is locked when you leave. This is one of the obligations that all pool users have and is critical from a safety point of view.

(Please also remember to close all boundary gates when entering or exiting the school).

Upper Carpark

Please remember when using the upper carpark to NEVER park on a yellow marked area unless dropping a child at school. These areas MUST be kept clear at all times to ensure traffic flow, emergency access to the school site, and safe transit of pedestrians making their ways to & from cars.

Needing Guidance With Devices

Mr Delemare is happy to answer questions or to help with any presenting issues.

If you do not have security / filter / monitoring of your child's internet access it is critical that you set something up soon. Feel free to contact the school if you would like an appointment to discuss this or related matters with Mr Delemare.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions - Years 4 - 8

Most of you will recall the change in our approach to these exams in 2019. If you still feel this process was valuable for your child, and you would like us to do something similar again in 2020, please email Kevin (or the school office) next week.

After School Care

If you think you would use our After School Care programme please contact Tracey on 021 127 1115 to enrol, or for more information.

Hearing your child read

Please show an interest in what your child has done at school each day. If you have time, read to them, listen to them read, and spend time discussing what you/they have read. Research continues to indicate that reading from text (hard copy) as hugely more beneficial, in the development of reading and thinking skills, than reading from a screen. So... books with covers, and pages that turn, remain the BEST way to learn to read. If you need help hooking your child into home reading please connect with their classroom teacher.

School Direction for 2020

If you want to discuss our plans for 2020, or have any other question of a general nature, feel free to drop by to see Kevin on either interview night. No appointment necessary.

Finally

Congratulations to all of those children who stepped up for duathlon and swimming sports, and simply gave it a go. We cannot all be experts. Having a go is a great start, no matter where you came. Good work!

Nga mihi
Kevin Trehwella
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Friday Lunch Menu!!

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, Muesli Bar & a juice box for \$4.00
- Crispy Chicken Salad & a juice box for \$5.00

*Swap any juice box meal for a
Flavoured Milk for just \$1 extra
(Chocolate, Strawberry)*

Community notices

AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA CLASSES

Drama classes for primary and intermediate students will start on Tuesday 18 February at the Kamo High Drama room, Wilkinson Ave, Kamo. Classes run from 3.30 to 4.30 There's a possibility of a Thursday class

at the same time if there is enough interest. Please contact Jessie Bell for more information - bellbird12@gmail.com or 021459048.

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Sunday 1st
March 2020

9:30am - 12:30pm
Registrations essential*

PATAUA ESTUARY SNORKEL DAY

Explore the Pataua estuary through this fun guided drift snorkel. Watch schools of Parore, piper and yellow eyed mullet and have a close look at triplefin, anemones and hermit crabs - this estuary will surprise you with its abundance of life! Bring your own gear or get free hire of our mask, snorkel, fins and wetsuits. Recommended for everyone 8 years and up. Children under 15 will need an adult supervisor with them in the water.



* 3 rotations with a maximum of 24 participants each. Registrations via eventbrite on <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/pataua-estuary-drift-snorkel-2020-registration-84799665081>

Location: Pataua estuary, Pataua South. Detailed directions on registration.

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