

Newsletter Term 3 Week 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you

... to the Henderson family for a kind donation toward the cost of decodable books. We look forward to getting these books into circulation.

.... to those parents who assisted with this week's headlice inspection.

Calf Club Day

At this week's meeting of the Board, it was decided that we would play safe and have one more year without calves. The M bovis virus appears to be on the wane and we are very hopeful that we will be able to welcome calves back to Calf Club in 2021.

Mid-year Interviews

Monday 3 August & Tuesday 4 August (plus the additional day of 5 August - Year 7 & 8 only)

Our online interview booking system is now open. Interviews are booked on a first in basis. Please note that we have 2 concurrent interview cycles this year. You will need to book under 2 different codes (see below) ... On interview nights the change-over bells will ring every 15 minutes as per normal, but these bells will apply to the year 1 to 6 interviews only. The year 7 and 8 interviews will be of 10 minutes duration, all of these interviews will be held in room 11, and change overs will be at the direction of the teachers. All 3 senior school teachers will be present at the year 7 and 8 interviews. If you have children in years 1 to 6 and in year 7 and 8, please remember that times will overlap and so we suggest that you book your year 7 and 8 slot with spare slots either side to avoid double ups.

To book you need to visit - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz & enter the relevant code as follows ...

Junior and Middle School (years 1 to 6) the code is ywcwz

Senior School (year 7 and 8) the code is sm4wz

If you do not have access to the internet, or if you have any questions, please give Paula a call on Monday. Please note that teachers are available at other times by appointment.

(Please note that on 3 and 4 August school will finish at 2:30 pm to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews and buses will run 30 minutes earlier. On 5 August (which is the additional year 7 and 8 interview day) school will finish at the usual time of 3:00pm with no changes to bus departure times).

Parent / teacher interviews

To get the most out of interviews, and to keep things flowing please ...

... arrive on time and move on the bell

... note down any questions or concerns beforehand

... please note that these interviews exist primarily for the sharing of achievement information, and that a second appointment can be made to discuss other (or deeper) issues.

... remember that year 1 to 6 interviews change on the bell. Year 7 and 8 interviews will be held in room 11 and will change at the termination of each 10 minute interview period.

... please note that children are not required at mid-year interviews

Please also note that it is possible that a second teacher may sit in on one of your interviews. This does not indicate a concern. Teachers are asked to sit in on at least one other interview for professional development purposes. All matters discussed are kept confidential.

Zone Cross Country - Te Horo Taniwha Challenge - Year 3-8s - 6 August

Permission forms for the Taniwha Challenge (Cross Country at Te Horo School) were sent home last week and were due back on Monday of this week. If your child travels by bus please ensure they travel back by bus or that you advise teachers if you want to bring them back in your own car. Best wishes to all runners and thanks to our support team. Suitable footwear is essential and a change of clothes is a good idea.

Please note that it is too late to order a hangi meal. Orders received on Monday were placed on your behalf.

Tax refund on donations ...

The Board of Trustees is hugely grateful for parent contributions, which really do help to plug a significant funding shortfall. Did you know that you can claim a refund of up to 33% on these donations (going back 4 years)? Why not claim now and have this money in your account. If you would like to place a claim for the period ending March 31, and need receipts, please give Paula a call and she will work hard to get you what you need.

Requests for parent contributions for term 3, for those who opted for term payment, will come out in a couple of weeks.

School Headlice Inspections

Headlice inspections this week indicated some level of infestation. If you received a letter advising of infestation, or suspected infestation, please treat your child's hair before their return to school on Monday, this will enable us to keep on top of this problem, and reduce the overall level of use of chemicals. All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please and to treat immediately if there is evidence of infestation.. Let us know if we can help.

Cambridge Meeting

*Parents wanting to know more about our Cambridge programme (year 7 and 8), are invited to a meeting 3:15 pm, Room 12, Wednesday 13 August. Few NZ schools offer this programme at this level (and even fewer offer it for free). We are keen for as many parents as possible to understand what this programme has to offer, and the exceptional leg up it gives students on transition to secondary school. This programme will be of special interest to parents of current year 6 children. **See you there!***

Please note, we also have information on our website (Cambridge and Year 7 and 8 tabs), and are more than willing to meet with parents one to one. High schools are consistently telling us that our students are around a year ahead on entry to Secondary School, this can have very positive long term educational implications.

School Cross Country

Will be held 12 August. If your child is serious about placing in the school and interschool competitions, they may want to build their fitness at home in their free time. Practices are underway at school and so please ensure that children (especially years 4 and up) bring footwear suited to road running and maybe a change of clothes.

School photos

School photos are scheduled for Thursday 27th August. Yesterday your child was given a school photo order form. Please make sure you have received this or check your child's schoolbag. Online ordering & payment is preferred or we can do this for you through the office. Closing date is 26th August.

Scholastic

The new scholastic book club is out. Please send all orders to the office or order online by 12th of September.

The Year 7 and 8's are needing the following items for their production unit of work:

- corrugated plastic (real estate signs)
- large cardboard boxes (fridge/freezer sized)
- bright coloured paints (neon)
- fake flowers, greenery
- newspapers

If you are able to help with any of these, please send them to room 11 ASAP. Thank you in advance.

TRIVIA NIGHT Saturday 15th August

Matarau PTA (Parents group) are holding a trivia night at school on Saturday 15 August. Doors open @6.30pm for a 7pm start. Tickets are \$25pp with teams of 6 per table. Smaller groups can be combined to make a team of 6 upon request.

Come dressed as your favourite book character and make the stories come alive. BYO Drinks and Picnic style food for your table. So, come and join us for a fun filled night of trivia, raffles, prizes and late snacks included.

Bookings @ mataraufundraising.co.nz or contact Fiona 0272952726 or Steph 0212661262

We also are in the process of putting together **raffles** as part of the Trivia Night Fundraising. We are looking for any donations of food or beverage items. Could include your favourite pickle or jam, preserved fruit or just a grocery item. Items for a blokes raffle & items for a gals raffle. So, if you know of any suitable businesses you can ask, through friends and families. Please drop items to the office for collection

Finally

We are looking forward to connecting with you next week at interviews. Remember, if you are busy on interview nights, teachers are more than happy to arrange another time to connect, just flick them an email. I will be in my office for most of this time and so please feel free to drop by to discuss any matters of a general nature.

Nga mihi

Kevin and the Teaching Team

Community notices

For sale

Friesian bull calves for sale. \$50each + gst Ph Jeremy 022 1056077.

Kamo Scout Group is recruiting

Boys & girls ages 8-18

Scouts is about having fun while gaining valuable leadership skills and self-confidence by doing outdoor adventures and opening up many opportunities. If this sounds like something you are interested in then join today and get your **FIRST MONTH FREE**.

Cubs (ages 8-10): Tuesday nights 5:30pm-7:00pm 7:00pm / Scouts (ages 10-14): Monday nights 6:00pm-8:00pm / Venturers (ages 14-18): Monday nights 6:00pm-8:00pm (can also help with gaining Duke of Ed)

Please make contact with Brian on the night you are attending as we may not be meeting at the hall. Location: Kamo Scout Hall 15C Three Mile Bush Rd

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