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Thank you

... To those who attended mid-year interviews. Remember staff are highly available at other times by appointment.

.. Caden Gunson and Riley Perris for ringing the bells on interview night. You guys did an awesome job!

People of the week

... Our Parent Support Group for their work in the build up to Quiz Night and for their work behind the scenes.

Virtues Focus for the remainder of this term ... and for ever!

As you all know our COURTESY runs through into term 3. So PLEASE work diligently to ...

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

... show how you apply courtesy in your life

... discuss how your child has progressed with their courtesy goals.

Term Calendar ... Much more to follow as dates come to hand!

12 Aug. ... School Cross Country
13 Aug. ... Taniwha Challenge (Zone cross Country) at Te Horo School
13 Aug. ... Cambridge meeting
14 Aug. ... MATHEX
15 Aug. ... Quiz Night
18/19 Aug. ... Small Sticks Hockey (and then 25/26 July)
24 Aug. ... ICAS English Exam
26 Aug. ... Interschool Cross Country
27 Aug. ... School Photos
28 Aug. ... Lit Quiz
1 Sept. ... ICAS Maths Exam
25 Sept. ... Final day of term (12 Oct. – First day of term 4)

School Cross Country

... will be held next Wednesday, 12 August, on the Smith property across from the school (same location as last year). We hope you can support us on the day. It would also be helpful if each child has a towel and a spare set of clothes. A rough schedule of race times follows.

11.50	12/13 year old Girls	1.20	8 year old Boys
12.00	12/13 year old Boys	1.30	Non 8 year old Girls (Y3s)
12.10	11 year old Girls	1.35	Non 8 year old Boys (Y3s)
12.20	11 year old Boys	1.40	Year 2 Girls
12.30	10 year old Girls	1.45	Year 2 Boys
12.40	10 year old Boys	1.50	Year 0/1 Girls
12.50	9 year old Girls	1.55	Year 0/1 Boys
1.00	9 year old Boys	2.00	Kindy Race (all together)
1.10	8 year old Girls	2.20	Prize Giving



School Annual Report

... including financials is now on our school website ... just click on the "About Us" tab.

Player of the day

Netball teams:

Fantails	31 July Puawai T.	3 Aug. Pippa P.
Weta	31 July Sadie W.	3 Aug Bella P.
Moas	31 July Tia W. & LeArli J-N.	
Kiwi	31 July Samara W.	3 Aug Ava B.
Stars	31 July Summer D.	3 Aug. Bradee-Jayne T. & Corbett R.
Mystics	31 July Paige H. & Amy E.	3 Aug. Mila P. & Nyree P.

Basketball

Mon-stars	Cian and Lachlan S
Warriors	Malachi & Flynn H
Stars	Ashton R & Tayla T
Mavericks	Olie

Home Gardens

Please discuss with your children the possibility of having a home garden this year. This programme gets underway some time later this term (timeline to follow), and culminates in judging at year's end with a trophy presented at prize giving. We will send an expression of interest form out **next** and so please let your child know if you want one of these forms sent home.

Scholarship

Early next term we will be calling for expressions of interest in our 2020 Art Scholarships. This is an opportunity to present a portfolio of artwork for judging, with the potential to win a school cup and a small prize. Maybe chat to your children about this and, if you would like the information early, just give the office a call next week. We have had some outstanding portfolios in years past and are keen to see this tradition continue.

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 term3, for those who opted for term payment, will come out shortly couple of weeks.

Headlice

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.

As part of our COURTESY focus we are currently encouraging the following at school (all levels)

- ... **Please** ... when we need something
- ... **Thank you** ... when we receive something
- ... **Excuse me** ... when we need to say something
- ... **Waiting** ... to let OTHERS go first
- ... **Showing kindness** ... because that is the Matarau way

Teachers will be re-visiting these often in class and celebrating gains ... feel free to reinforce at home.

School photos

School photos are scheduled for Thursday 27th August. Last week 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

Please send all orders to the office or order online by 12th of September.

TRIVIA NIGHT Saturday 15th August

With trivia night just next weekend (15/08/20), preparations are well under way for fun filled night.

We still have some tables/seats available, bookings @ mataraufundraising.co.nz.

If you're interested in sponsoring a table for the night your generous support for our school would be greatly received. Please contact Fiona on 0272952726 / Steph on 0212661262. Or find us on Facebook.

And lastly... don't forget to get creative and come dressed as your favourite book character. You may win a prize for it.

Matarau PSG.

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. Please drop items to the school office for collection

Matarau School Library

Please also encourage your children to visit Matarau School Library link on our website (under the links tab) to view the books we have in stock. Happy searching!!

2021 Enrolments

We know this might seem early, but very soon the Board of Trustees will set the number of out of zone enrolments for 2021. Our goal is to keep numbers at, or below, nationally recommended staffing levels. Early information on which children will, or will not, be with us in 2021 is very helpful in achieving optimal class numbers, and also gives us an indication of how many places to advertise for out of zone families. We also receive regular out of zone enquiries, and need to be in a position, very soon, to advise if places are likely to become available by a departing child.

SO ... this message is for those who already know that their children will not be with us, or are unlikely to be with us, in 2021. This email is not for those who are undecided, and need further time due to uncertainty.

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 possible, by phone message over the weekend or on Monday, or drop by to chat with Kevin. Thank you for your assistance.

Sibling 2021 Enrolments

If you live in zone, or currently have a child enrolled at Matarau school and have another child who will start in 2021, please advise the school office as soon as possible by, leaving a message on the answer machine - 433 5823. (This is not a guarantee of places for out of zone) Yet to be decided by the Board.

Sausages

Seniors will have sausage sizzles on a Wednesday of weeks 6 and 9 ... thank you for your support.

School Lunches

Friday lunch orders are back next week. Please put your order in by Thursday morning at the Office.

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.*

Zone Cross Country - Te Horo Taniwha Challenge - Year 3-8s - 13 August

Permission forms were sent home last week for the Taniwha Challenge (Cross Country at Te Horo School). As the date of this event was shifted from 6 to 13 August, we will assume that you are willing to roll-over consents, and offers of assistance, to 13 August **UNLESS YOU ADVISE US TO THE CONTRARY BY THIS COMING MONDAY PLEASE.** Sorry, too late for further hangi orders.

Change of Clothes

Due to current weather conditions we suggest that students (especially younger students) have a spare change of clothes in their bag for wet weather accidents. This set of clothes could also be used for cross country practice runs which are being held most days. Thank you.

Wellness for school

Remember please ... cough, runny nose, fever, headaches etc ... please keep your child at home and not return them to school for 48 hours after cessation of last symptom. Any doubts please consult your child's GP. Remember to have a care plan in place in case we request pick up from school.

Netball - SOME FEES OUTSTANDING

Netball fees for the 2020 season are now \$22.00 per junior player (year1-6) and \$40.00 per intermediate player (year 7-8) - Unpaid fees needed to have been paid by Friday 3rd July where possible please. Fees can be paid online to the school bank account 12-3093-0239515-00, please add a reference of "Netball" and "child's name" or pay cash to the school office.

Intended Secondary Schools for current year 8s

A notice was sent home last week regarding intended secondary schools, if you have not yet returned this to school please send it along to school on Monday.

... parents of year 8 students are asked to keep us informed please of any change in intended secondary school. This is so that we can do our best to get you the information you need and so that we can be of maximum assistance with class placements.

Attendance

The school is required to monitor attendance rates (and morning arrival times) and to investigate (and sometimes refer) in the event that attendance falls below the Ministry benchmark. Regular school attendance is a critical component of educational success and there is an expectation that children will be at school each school day unless there is a good reason for them to be absent.

Finally

This week we sent home a survey which we need you to complete please so that we can put our best possible case for a decile review. A successful application could positively affect our government funding and relieve financial burdens on parents and the school. If you did not get the survey to us this week, please send it to school on Monday in the envelope provided. Our application will not be considered if we do not put the strongest possible case, which includes the maximum number of possible returns. Any questions to Kevin please.

Nga mihi
Kevin Trehwella
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Community notices



Trivia night

15/08/20

Doors open

@6:30pm

7pm start

Matarau school hall

**Trivia, games, prizes,
raffles, late snacks inc.
BYO drink/picnic style
food for your table.**

**Come dressed as your favourite book character
& make the stories come alive.**

**MORE INFO AND BOOKINGS VISIT
MATARAUFUNDRAISING.CO.NZ**

Or Contact

Fiona 0272952726

Steph 0212661262

**\$25pp
Teams of 6
per table.***

***Small teams can be
joined upon request**