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Thank you

... For your support as we readjust to level 2
... To the Blagrove family for the generous donation of a chrome book.
... To those who returned the Parent Survey last week ... your efforts were very much appreciated. Our application for a decile review has been received by the Ministry and so now we wait for the outcome!

People of the week

... Again, our Parent Support Group for all their hard work in the build up to Quiz Night ... and then for their gracious acceptance that it was risky for this to go ahead under level 2 ... Please support their alternative fund raising efforts ... more to follow!

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!

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)

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. **If you are asked to have your child tested for covid-19 please also ask your health care provider if isolation is recommended and advise the school accordingly.**



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Previous Newsletters

Tax Refund on donations
Change of clothes

Headlice Cambridge Programme
Intended Secondary Schools

Matarau Library Link
Attendance

"Calling all gardeners - save this date! Sunday 13th September.

The Matarau School Parent Support Group have a compost fundraiser coming up, just in time to prep your garden for summer veges. We are selling compost by the trailer load, \$20 for the first trailer and \$10 per trailer load after that.

There will be a second opportunity on October 18th. More details to follow."

Drink bottles

As drinking fountains have been temporarily decommissioned under Level 2, please ensure all children bring a drink bottle to school each day. We have processes for refilling these if required.

The number of Out of Zone places for 2021

Just a reminder that a formal application needs to be made for any available place(s) for 2021 and **this includes out of zone siblings**. We will advise the numbers of out of zone places VERY soon. These will be publically advertised in mid-September and applications will close 14 October.

2021 Enrolments

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. If your child(ren) will not be with us in 2021, and you have not yet advised of this, please email Paula (admin@matarau.school.nz) or leave a message on our answer phone.

Level 3 Distance Packs

... were sent home last week. Please do not use these. Please put them in a safe place so that if we need them you have them on hand. Should we ever re-enter level 3 we may not have much notice and so this helps us to be prepared.

Cross Country Photos

We were truly sad that cross country proceeded without parents this year. We promised you some photos and these can now be accessed via your child's seesaw account. If you have forgotten your child's password please contact your child's teacher. ENJOY!!! WELL WORTH A LOOK!!!

ICAS English and Maths Exams

... **these are still on ... 24.8 and 1.9 respectively**. Regrettably the build up to test day has not been as thorough as in earlier years. During lockdown some children received all available practice papers and, although there were advantages to this, it did deprive us of our usual progressive build up. We fully understand if some of the children who expressed initial interest do not proceed with these exams and, after checking with parents and children this week, we know numbers will be down. Nevertheless, we will test next week. Well done to those children who stayed the distance.

Home Gardens

Expression of interest forms have been issued to children who have shown interest and children of parents who requested these. Please return these to school as soon as possible so that we can get diaries etc organised.

Art Scholarship (Year 4-8)

Maybe chat to your children about this and, if you would like the information early, just give the office a call next week. Your child's teacher would also be more than happy to discuss this with you. We have had some outstanding portfolios in years past and are keen to see this tradition continue.

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.

Sausages

Seniors will have sausage sizzles on Wednesday of next week (and then again in 3 weeks time) ... thank you for your support.

School Lunches

Please put your lunch order in by 9am Thursday morning at the Office.

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, Muesli 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.

You can pay cash or to Matarau School Bank account number 12 3093 0239515 00

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.

Player of the day

Netball Stars Piper D. & Isabell A.

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.

Term Contributions

... those who opted for term payment of school contributions received a contribution request recently by email.

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 for viewing in the coming weeks. Please ask your child to check the lost property if you are missing any clothes from your child's wardrobe (the lost property bins are located between rooms 11 and 12)! As usual, all items left at end of term will be donated to charity.

Finally

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. Children often see themselves as bullet proof and do not see ...

... 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 continually working on 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.

Nga mihi
Kevin Trehwella
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Community notices

Lamb for Calf Club Day

Murray Owen 0274511580 \$50/lamb Option to hand lamb back after calf club with full refund.

Comrie Kindergarten

Do you have a kindergarten aged child that is not currently on the Comrie Park waiting list? With our cohort entry system, spaces become available in groups twice a term and they are looking for more children now. For further information, please get in touch with them on 433 5045 or pop in to 109 Matarau Road 8:45 - 2:45 during school terms.