

Matarau Newsletter Term 4 week 2 2020

Thank you

... to those who were able to join us on Calf Club Day
... to those who have supported our Book Fair
... to those who supported the PSG compost fund-raiser and the road-side cleanup
... and to the PSG for the many ways they support our school
... to Fonterra for their generous support of this fundraiser, Calf Club Day and so on. We are very appreciative of the support that Fonterra gives to rural schools
... to Knee Deep Plumbing who did work for school at no cost. Thank you for your generosity

Sunhats

A reminder that sunhats are compulsory in term 1 & 4 (sunblock is at your discretion). Please check that your child has their regulation navy blue Matarau School sunhat as they head to school each day. You can buy a new one for \$10 or there is a limited supply of second hand ones for \$5 each, from the office. Northland has the highest rates of sun cancer in the world. Let's all step up here please. Enforced from Monday.

Drink bottles

... please ensure that your child brings their drink bottle to school each day. Water is the best drink of all.

Spring into... BOOKTOBER - Please continue to support booktober.

Read to raise money for books this October! Kids read to yourselves and your parents and/or parents read to your kids to encourage a love of reading in your family. All the while, raise money for our Library and our community to encourage others to READ! So ... grab your sponsor sheet (sent home before the holidays) ... select a goal ... get some sponsors ... and read, read, read. How could it be easier than that? And ... just to cap it off, you get an invite to the Booktober party at the end of October with prizes, pizza and pride! So shut down those screens this October and spring into a book!

Pubertal Change Booklets 2020 - 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 over the next two weeks if you would like to drop by to view a booklet, or you may 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 at some stage soon.

Input to year 7 placement decisions

Pathway decisions will be made some time in the week beginning 16 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. If you would like the opportunity to have input into placement decisions please email Mrs Donaldson on ... kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz preferably by 9 November please.

Headlice Checks

... will take place next week. A huge thank you to those who are helping out with this.

School Cups

2020 prize giving is coming fast. If you have school cups at home please get these back to school at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Non-attendance

If your child is sick (or absent from school for other reasons) please take a moment to leave a message on our school answer phone (by 9:30 am at the latest) or email us on admin@matarau.school.nz Failure to advise us of an absence means that we have to spend time tracking children, time which could be better serving you in other ways.

Calendar Art

Orders from your kid's artwork can still be placed until **Monday the 26th October**.

Tennis Competition - 4 November

A reminder that parents are required to transport and supervise their own children please or to prearrange delegation of these responsibilities to another attending parent. Any questions to Mrs Donaldson please.

Home Gardens

Hopefully all home gardens are now well underway. Remember that seedlings should be hardened off before planting into the garden. This involves putting your seedlings out during the day in a sheltered spot, and then bringing them in at night for a few days. Then leave them out at night for a few more days before planting into the garden. Once planted, feed with a seaweed feed (or soak pots in it before planting). This helps avoid transfer shock.

Home garden diaries will be due in on Thursday the 19th of November. This will allow us to get the dairies to the judges in time. Any students who have not received there diary (or have misplaced them), will need to see Miss Gentill by the end of next week.

Please upload photo's or share & receive gardening tips on our Facebook page if you can... www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens

High School Orientation days

Whangarei Girls High School & Kamo High School on Friday 13th November

Whangarei Boys High School - Tuesday the 24th November

Parents need to transport their own child(ren).

2020 Self-Review

You might be surprised how early planning starts for the year to come. Much of term 4 is given over to self-review. This involves reflecting on what went well, not so well, how we will deploy resources to best effect in 2021 etc. If you would like to know more about this process, or even to have some input, a meeting has been scheduled for

Thursday 19 November 3:15 pm (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.

School Athletics Competitions

... will be underway very soon. These are an opportunity for children to experience a range of track and field events (including shot put, discus, high jump, long jump and sprints) and to compete against school standards. If your child enjoys sports, and especially competitive activities, you might like to encourage them to get involved. Most events will be covered during class time over the coming weeks. We will let you know if any new records are set.

Finally

Thanks for your support in the run up to Calf Club Day, this tradition marks us as a rural school and is an important part of who we are. Your contributions great and small, and often behind the scenes, have been very much appreciated.

Enjoy the long weekend and travel safely if going away.

Kevin Trehwella

Community notices

Whangarei Group Calf Club annual Central Day at Barge Park Thursday 5th November

Anyone can enter a calf, lamb or goat, whether they won ribbons or not at Calf Club Day. Turn up on the day and enter - no pre-registration required. Parents have to take their own kids and organise themselves.

Maunu Tennis Club Centenary Celebration - Saturday 28th November

At Maunu Tennis Club 694 State Highway 14 Whangarei. Courts open at 12.00. Formal welcome 1.00. Come along and see the new courts, view the displays and catch up with club mates. For more information contact Sue & Ray Webb 09 434 6898.