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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... For your support in the run up to Calf Club Day ... and in advance to sponsors and judges.

### People of the Week

... Our library team for their gigantic efforts of late sorting, culling, strategizing and prioritising.

... New students and families ... thanks for joining the team ... let us know where we can help!

... All of those wonderful people who have got behind our Parent Support Group chocolate fund-raiser. You are awesome!

### Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

19 October	October meeting of the Board of Trustees
22 October	Calf Club Day
26 October	Labour Day Holiday
28 October	HPV vaccination 2 (from 9:30)
2 November	School athletics competitions under way
4 November	Year 5-6 Tennis Tournament
5 November	Senior Ten Pin Bowling
9 November	Senior School Dramatic Production
11 November	Zone Athletics at Poroti School
16 November	Portfolios due for the Art Scholarships (3:00 pm)
16 November	Senior School Speech Competition
23 November	Hearing and Vision Tests
25 November	Year 7 Fun day
26 November	Year 7 Sailing day
30 November	School Team Athletics Day
1 December	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
1 December	Year 8 Waka Ama Day
2 December	Year 8 visit to the Adventure Forest
3 December	Year 8 Paintball and Swim Day
4 December	Year 8 Formal Dinner
4 December	Our Kapa Haka group performs at Whangarei Festival
7 December	School Prize Giving (underway 6:30 pm)
8 December	End of year reports issued
9 December	Confirmation of classes 2021
10 December	Final day of school (school finishes 3:00 pm)

*For all your electrical needs*

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### Matarau School Parent Support Group Compost Fundraiser - round 2

We are selling loads (approx cubic metre) of compost for \$20 for 1st trailer load and \$10 for all subsequent loads. Pick up is at the Fonterra yard on Jordan Valley Road, on **Sunday 18th October**, between 10am and 1pm. Please email Lisa [lryan@matarau.school.nz](mailto:lryan@matarau.school.nz) to order. Bank account details will be provided for payment along with a location map. No tickets will be issued or required as we'll confirm your order via email once your payment has been received and add you to the list that our volunteer will have with them at the gate on the day. Queries to Karen Walker or Lisa Ryan. Thank you for supporting our school and community. **Huge shout out to Fonterra for their support with this fundraiser.**

**Road side clean up.** Jordan Valley Road and surrounding areas. Sunday 18th Oct. Fonterra on board to help us with rubbish bags, rubbish removal and treats for the kids. If unable to attend on the 18th and would still like to participate please let me know, maybe clean your road/area and ensure someone takes photos. Seniors please note this is a "Community Service" colour for you. Any queries email Lisa [lryan@matarau.school.nz](mailto:lryan@matarau.school.nz) mobile 027 4543630

### Sunhats

A reminder that sunhats are compulsory in term 1 & 4. 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.

### 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!

### Out of Zone Applications

The outcome of OoZ applications has now been advised. If you have been offered a place, **please be sure to send your acceptance slip back to the school office before the due date 30 October**. The school often continues to receive enquiries on available places for several weeks after ballot date and so, if you do not formally accept an offer of place, **there is a high likelihood that this will be offered to someone else**. Any questions please just drop by or phone Paula.

### 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.

### Pathways for year 6 students entering our year 7 & 8 programme next year

While all Year 7 & 8 programmes contain elements of Cambridge, we are keen to place students in pathways which best align with their current and future potential. In short, because the Cambridge Programme can be quite challenging, we want to get initial placements right (although changes down the track are sometimes made).

Mrs Donaldson will co-ordinate the placement process and, as part of this process, will also meet with previous teachers, and review the achievement (and other) data we have in our system. Parents are also invited to contribute to pathway decisions. Careful placement will help ensure that our year 8 students are very well prepared for year 9. We will have three year 7 and 8 classes next year, and have advertised only two places for out of zone students at this level to keep class numbers as low as possible.

### **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](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz) preferably by 9 November please.

### **Player of the day**

Basketball Matarau Stars Justin W. & Tayla T.  
Matarau Staff Netball Ms Simone Gentil

### **Headlice Checks**

Are scheduled for week 3 - day to be confirmed. Please give Paula a call or email ([admin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:admin@matarau.school.nz)) if you are available to help.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Tennis Competition - 4 November**

Parents of children participating in the forthcoming interschool tennis competition are asked to return consents on Monday please so that we can confirm their entries. 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.

### **Home Gardens**

Welcome back to the new term. By now your seedlings should be well underway. Don't panic if you have had a few mishaps. As the weather warms up, the seeds will germinate much faster and you still have time to replant if need be.



### **A few tips for planting out...**

Remember to 'harden' your seedlings off before planting out into the garden. This involves taking your seedlings outside to a shelter spot during the day, then bringing them back inside at night. Gradually build up so that they are then out at night. This process should take approximately a week.

When transplanting out (or planting into bigger containers), water with a something like a seaweed tonic afterwards. Some gardeners like to soak the pots in a bucket of this tonic before planting out, and some with water afterwards. Both methods work well. This helps with transplant shock. Remember to put your stakes in early for plants like tomatoes and beans. This avoids the roots

being damaged later on.

If you are running short on space - look at ways to grow things vertically. Cucumbers and pumpkins can grow upwards on frames. Lots of plants can also be grown in buckets and grow bags. Please upload photo's or share & receive gardening tips on our facebook page if you can... [www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens](http://www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens)

### **Home Garden Diaries**

Garden Diaries are due to the school office by **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest.

### **High School Orientation days**

Whangarei Girls High School & Kamo High School on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Whangarei Boys High School - Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Finally**

A busy term ahead but great to be back and to know you have all returned safely from your holidays. We hope to see you lots around the school this term. Always drop by or call if you have questions. See you on Calf Club Day if not before.

Regards, *Nga Mihi*  
Kevin Trehwella  
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### **Community notices**

#### **Short term rental (up to 6 months while we build)**

It's for myself (primary school teacher), my 11year old son in a wheel chair, my senior mum and my son's companion dog. Ideally something with a lock up garage. Preferable from end of October, early November. Kerri, phone 021 484490

**Northland Caledonian Pipe Band** are calling for anyone wanting to learn drums or bagpipes. Lessons are on a Monday night. Its awesome fun! Contact [northcalpb.co.nz](http://northcalpb.co.nz) or Sarah on 027 858 5729 or 09 437 0530.

#### **Ruakaka Surf Club**

The Open Day at our clubhouse Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10.30-12pm as a chance for new families as well as returning families to come and take a look at the club and see what we have to offer with training starting the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November for Junior Surf. We also have limited numbers of Rookie positions available if you know any youngsters keen (typically 12-13 year olds) Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Deb Fong RSLSP Administrator 021 2246068

#### **Monday Market at Kaurihohore Hall - Monday 26 October**

There will be home baking and preserves, plants and produce, soaps, jewellery, patchwork products, children's toys and clothes, photography canvases, a children's book and young artist at work, all produced by local craftspeople and growers. There will also be a sausage sizzle and cafe available.

**Whangarei Lions Club Fireworks - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November** Gates open at 6pm tickets \$5 school children, \$10 single and \$25 Family (2adults, 2children or 1 adult, 4 children)

## Calf Club

Please accept this cordial invitation to join us  
for Calf Club day – Thursday 22 October.

### A few quick essentials ...

... animals here by 9:00am please

... events on the lower field are underway by 9:30 am

... the hall is open for the viewing of indoor exhibits from 10:00 am

... no shared lunch this year ... we suggest that you bring a picnic lunch to share with your own children or simply send along their regular lunch (and maybe include a special surprise)

... no cake auction this year .. sadly!

... prize giving will be AROUND 12 noon

... please do NOT remove exhibits or placed cards prior to 2:00pm or take your children home before 2:00pm

... please bring along your loose change as there will be opportunities to buy tea & coffee for \$1, sausages for \$2 each, sparkling water \$1 and ice blocks are for sale by the hall

### Calf Club - Indoor Exhibits Details

As children will be making most exhibits at school over the period 19 to 21st October parents are asked to send the items below to school on Monday 21 October (flowers on Wednesday 23rd). Items not specifically requested below will be provided by the school. All children must complete a minimum of 5 of the 7 exhibits. Each exhibit has a maximum size no larger than a standard shoe box. All exhibits must be at school by Wednesday, 11:30am.

### Calf Club - Scholastic Book Fair

Will be on display all next week - from 19 - 23 October, including on Calf Club Day. Books will be available for purchase & order. EFTPOS will be available.

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## 2020 Calf Club – Indoor Exhibits

2020	Year 1 - 2	Year 3-4	Year 5 - 6	Year 7 & 8
<b>Floral arrangement</b>	<b>Done at school</b> A Posy in a cup.....Please bring a cup or mug and small flowers, greenery to create mini posie. (completed on Wed so container will need to hold water)	<b>Done at school</b> A Posy in a cup.....Please bring a cup or mug and small flowers, greenery to create mini posie. (completed on Wed so container will need to hold water)	<b>Done at school</b> Floral arrangement in an interesting/unusual container Please bring container and flowers on Wednesday - container will need to hold water. These need to be arranged at school by the children, not at home.	<b>Done at school</b> Floral Arrangements in an interesting/unusual container. Please bring a container & flowers on Wednesday - these will be arranged at school by the students. Container must be able to hold water.
<b>Art</b>	<b>Done at school</b> Ephemeral art Using only natural materials, create an insect or creature.	<b>Done at school</b> Ephemeral art Using only natural materials, create a native animal.	<b>Done at school</b> Paper Mache Egyptian style bottle cats. Bring a small plastic bottle from home.	<b>Done at school</b> Cacti Art
<b>Fruit and/or Vegetable Creation</b>	<b>Done at school</b> Bring a variety of vegetables (not cut up) No more than 5 fruit or vegetables	<b>Done at school</b> Bring a variety of vegetables (not cut up) No more than 5 fruit or vegetables	<b>Done at school</b> Bring a variety of vegetables (not cut up) No more than a TOTAL of 5 fruit or vegetables. (Completed on Wed)	<b>Done at school</b> Bring a variety of whole vegetables (not cut up ) No more than 5 fruit or vegetables in total.
<b>Construction from materials or on a digital device</b>	<b>DONE AT HOME</b> Create a decorated stick use a variety of materials to wrap, thread, glue onto a stick (wand size)	<b>DONE AT HOME</b> Make a small diorama of native bird habitat and model of a bird using natural materials.	<b>DONE AT SCHOOL</b> Photography. (A5 size) Theme - nature	<b>Done at school/Home</b> Triptych Photography Macro project - a series of 3 photos linked together.
<b>Miniature model</b>	<b>Done at school</b> Clay relief	<b>Done at school</b> Egg carton bird	<b>Done at school</b> Pencil Sharpener Animal- bring a small container with a plastic lid from home	<b>Done at school</b> Tree-house Creation
<b>Decorating Biscuit, cup cake</b>	<b>Done at school</b> Decorate a cookie Round cookies and icing provided. Please provide edible decorative items.	<b>Done at school</b> Decorate a cookie Round cookies and icing provided. Please provide edible decorative items.	<b>Done at school</b> Decorate a cookie Round cookies and icing provided. Please provide edible decorative items.	<b>DONE AT HOME</b> Fudge Creations - Either plain Chocolate or Russian - no nuts etc) displayed in an interesting and creative way. Complete by Wednesday morning
<b>Upcycled</b>	<b>DONE AT HOME</b> Garden art made from recycled materials (eg. Wind chimes, bird feeder,	<b>DONE AT HOME</b> Create a bird feeder from up-cycled materials.	<b>DONE AT HOME</b> Upcycled Bag/Basket (no larger than a standard shopping bag)	<b>DONE AT HOME</b> Create an Owl out of recycled materials. Base no larger than A4 sculpture etc.)