

Newsletter week 6 2020



People of the Week

- A special shout out
... To those amazing children who raised nearly \$1,500 for the school in the recent Booktober Book promotion. This is a truly impressive achievement and these children deserve high praise for their efforts.
- A shout out today also to Ben Donaldson who has put many hours into the establishment of a school tennis club. Ben organised the club in the first instance, signed up members, took donations, bought prizes and tennis equipment, organized a tournament etc etc. You can be super proud of what you have achieved through your passion and leadership here Ben.
- A huge thank you to all those that supported our junior fundraiser this week. Thanks to those who baked goodies too - we are so grateful! Money raised will go towards our outdoor beautification project in the junior area. Watch this space!
- Thanks to these people for their donations to our Beautification project...
Nick Holmes at Tree-cycle for donating lengths of Manuka for a fence around the sandpit. The Crawford's for donating topsoil and timber rounds. The Leonards for donating rocks and timber. Ross for building our bird boxes and planter boxes.

Reminders

- ... Sunhats each day please (and drink bottles also please)
- ... Please let us know if your plans change and your child will (or will not) be attending Matarau School next year.
- ... Headlice checks ... please check your children's hair weekly and respond where necessary
- ... Please check at home for library books and send these along to school next week (really important as soon it is stock take week).

School Council Disco - TONIGHT!!

The School Council will hold a disco on Friday 20 November in the school hall starting at 6:00pm. This is for year 4 to 8 children. There is no official theme, but children may dress up if they are wanting to. Children have been asked to bring a gold coin donation to cover costs.

Year 4-6 Parents are asked to pick their children up promptly please by 7:30pm. Year 7-8 Parents are asked to pick up their children promptly by 8:00pm.

Children are asked to bring a plate for a shared meal. There will be a couple of tables set up at the back of the hall for this. Please make sure that you collect your containers at the end of the night.

Year 8 Leaving books

Thank you to those parents who have assisted their year 8 child to purchase a suitable leaving book. Just a reminder that these books are due at school please on **23rd November**.

High School Orientation days

Whangarei Boys High School - **Tuesday the 24th November**. *Parents need to transport their own child(ren).*

BOOKTOBER

36 diligent readers raised \$1500 in our recent BOOKTOBER home reading programme. We will buy books for Woman's refuge so that kids who are housed there will have good quality reading material during their stay.

We would like to celebrate these student's efforts with a PIZZA and PRIZE party, **next Friday 27th November in the Library at lunchtime**.

Thank you to these students for getting behind this great cause and getting some extra reading mileage at the same time....



Matarau School Cracker Car Boot Sale - Friday 27Nov - 4pm - 7:30pm - bottom field \$5 per car, \$15 per car and trailer. For those that have booked their park already ... Pull out the decorations ... Best Christmas decorated car, space or people or person will have get their park for free!!! Text Carmen your name and car registration to reserve your spot - 027 433 8056

Home Gardens

Please note that gardens will not be **judged on 28 November** where a 'Consent to Visit' form was not returned to school. If your child(ren) are no longer able to participate, please advise Mrs Burgin @ rburgin@matarau.school.nz. Please note that gardens need to be accessible to judges on 28 November - all day please. Please ensure that gates are unlocked, dogs are tied up, and a balloon on your gate would assist the judges to locate your driveway.

School Team Athletics Day - Monday 30 November

You might like to drop by Monday 30 November to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years, the day will start with a rotation through various field and novelty events and culminate in competitive and social track events, and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. Gets underway at 9:20, lunch 12:20 to 1:00, prize giving 2:40 (approx.) Please ensure children have their water bottle (named), sunhats, sunblock (*strongly advised - but at your discretion*), suitable (sun safe) clothing and suitable footwear. Children are encouraged to dress in their house colours (creativity encouraged).

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting **10:30am Tuesday 1 December**.

This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2020.

So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips,.. whatever .. please join us if you can.

Can you please advise Miranda next week to assist us with catering.

Kapa Haka

On **Friday 4th December**, Whaea Pera is taking our Kapa Haka group to perform at Te Whanga Kapa Haka Festival at Parua Bay School. The day begins with a Powhiri at 10:30 and all are welcome to come and support. This is a family fun day and there will be food available for purchase.

School Prizegiving

Please pencil in **7 December** for prize giving ... getting underway 6:30pm in the school hall. According to custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. *If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prize giving please give Miranda a call next week.*

Ministry Funded Donations Scheme

Thank you for your feedback on whether or not Matarau School should enter the *Ministry School Donations Scheme*. Your feedback will be tabled at our board meeting next week. We will keep you informed.

Junior Readers

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc) for junior readers and send these along to school next week. It is important that we have complete sets for 2021. So ... we are missing quite a few and so a thorough search at home would be really appreciated. *If you are able to help with our junior reader stock take places give Mrs Robertson a call next week.*

Player of the day basketball:

Monstars-Sarai and Toby Stars-Tayla T Warriors-LeArli Mavericks-Piper

Lost Property

Please drop by to check the lost property bin sometime over the next couple of weeks. Items unclaimed by term's end will be donated to charities.

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). Placement meetings have been scheduled for next week. If you have not yet done so, and would like input to the placement decisions, please email Mrs Donaldson on kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

Class Placements 2020

A great deal of thought goes into class placements at the end of each year. Lists go through several stages of refinement, and alternatives are weighed until we feel that we have got it right. We recognise the value of friendships, and classes are not streamed academically. The goal is always to achieve balance and fairness across, and within, rooms. We give no guarantees at all but, if you would like us to consider something, please email Kevin this weekend with your thoughts (principal@matarau.school.nz). We do not take requests for teachers unless under the most exceptional circumstances, but you might have thoughts on a critical friend, a less than ideal association, areas needing extension or consolidation etc. Your requests are always treated in confidence and are passed only to the senior teacher leading the placement process in each part of the school. The final decision must always be ours, simply because every decision ripples, and we must never advantage one child at the expense of another.

Matarau School Honey is now for sale

Room 5 is proud to announce this year's Matarau School Honey is now for sale. It is available at the school office. The price is \$10 for an approx. 500g jar.

Cash is preferred but money can also be transferred into the school account.



School lunches from 'Hole in One' Café

From next week on school lunches can be ordered and paid online. Please see the inlay with this newsletter how to order a school lunch. Orders have to be in by 8am Thursday morning. If you have any delivery queries you can call 'Hole in One' directly on 0800 565 565.

Sunblock

Not as good as broad-rimmed hats and clothing which covers shoulders etc BUT still a good precaution ... Remember ... special offer on all-day sunblock at David's Pharmacy ... and price reductions on all sunblock products for all Matarau families ... just say that your children come to Matarau School.

Community notices

Ruatangata Christmas market - car boot sale - Book Market

Saturday 14 November 2020 / Market tables \$12 - Car Boot \$8

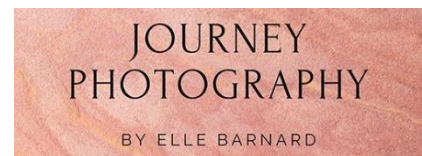
Contact Sheila: 027 521 7759 (Market table) or Agnes: 09-4335641 (Car Boot)

Vintage Style Mini Sessions! 22 November (rain date 29

November) Sessions are 20 mins in length with a professional photographer and include Journey Photography's styling guide, refreshments and a link to your online gallery. These unique mini

sessions are on the back of a 46 Chevy Pickup Truck, ideal for the whole family or just the kids, perfect for Christmas pressies and payment options are available! Email

- elle@journeyphotography.co.nz FB - Journey Photography by Elle Barnard



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