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### Thanks

... To those parents who supported our sports teams at a variety of events this week.

... To those parents who paid term contributions over recent weeks. These are voluntary payments but they really do make a difference.

### People of the Week

... Our Ten Pin Bowling teams - FIRST place in both year 4 to 6 and years 7 and 8 ... against teams from throughout Whangarei. What an achievement!

... Those brave children who have taken part in spelling bees over recent weeks.

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

16 November Portfolios due for the Art Scholarships (3:00 pm)

16 November Senior School Speech Competition

16 November Sailing day - Room 9

20 November School Council Disco year 4-8

23 November Hearing and Vision Tests

25 November Year 7 Fun day

26 November Year 7 Sailing day

27 November Car Boot Sale

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)

3 February 2021 First day back to school



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### Ten Pin Bowling First Place teams



**Year 4-6: SummerLee-LeArli-Lachlan-Caleb**



**Year 7/8: Amy - Ollie - Jackson - Florrie**

### Sailing

The final sailing day (for room 9) will take place Monday 16 November. Please ensure that students are at school by 8.45. They need to bring lunch, drink, hat, sunblock, suitable attire for the water, towel, and suitable footwear. Any questions please to Mr Patterson.

### Central Day, The Whangarei Group Calf Club



#### **Photo Northland Calf Club Day**

Most obvious Pet Lamb Paige H.

Senior Rearing Lamb Summer D.

Best team lambs Kate E.-Vienna R.-Paige H.

Reserve Champion Goat Isabell A.

### School Council Disco

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.

Children in years 1 to 3 will have a lunchtime disco starting at 12:45pm. There is no official theme, but children may dress up as they wish.

### Home Garden Diaries

Garden Diaries are due back at school next Thursday - 19th November - please note there can be no extensions to this date as the booklets will be taken to the judge on Friday afternoon.

'Consent to Visit' forms were sent home last week. This should have been returned to school by today - Friday (13th of November). If this was not brought back to school, can you please return to school on Monday. If your child(ren) are no longer able to participate, please advise Mrs Burgin @ [rburgin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:rburgin@matarau.school.nz).

Please note that gardens will be judged on 28 November so gardens need to be accessible to the judges across that day (with all dogs tied up please).



## **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 return any outstanding cups and trophies by this coming Monday please.
- ... Please check at home for library books and send these along to school next week (really important as next week is stock take week).
- ... Please return netball skirts to the office.



## **Art Scholarship - Years 4 to 8**

Due date for these is Monday 16 November (3:00 pm). Please drop portfolios and art displays to the library. We will set these out for judging at the end of the day.

## **High School Orientation days**

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

## **Player of the Day**

Basketball - Wed 11<sup>th</sup> : Warriors - Wayne Stars - James Mavericks - Van

Netball Staff Team - Stacey

## **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 23 November.

## **Car Boot Sale**

Kids! Make room for Christmas! Start cleaning your rooms and sorting your toys, clothes and games. You can make some Christmas pocket money by selling stuff you don't use at our Car Boot Sale, Friday night 27 November. \$5 per car, \$15 per car and trailer.  
Text Carmen your name and car registration to reserve your spot - 027 433 8056

## **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.*

## **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](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz)

## **School lunches from 'Hole in One' Cafe**

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.

## **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.

### 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).

### 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 Helen a call next week.**

### 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 **10:30 am 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.

*If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.*

### 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](mailto: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.**

### Finally

We would like this week to give a special shout out to our school sponsors. Sponsor contributions enable us to replace/purchase laptops for class use, improving access to devices, and lifting the financial burden on families. Sponsor money this year has funded 15 devices. We are well aware that our sponsors support the school out of a spirit of generosity, rather than for personal gain, but we encourage you to support them when you can, and to recommend them to others.



Regards, Nga Mihi  
Kevin Trehwella  
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