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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... To parents who have generously given of their time over 2020 ... your support has been very much appreciated and always makes a difference. Hopefully we will see some of you at our morning tea this coming Tuesday

### People of the Week

... Our zone athletics team (thanks to the parent support team)  
... Our Kapa Haka team ... BEST WISHES FOR THE WHANGA FESTIVAL  
... Cian Gunson who opted in a basketball game this week to pass to a team mate when in an ideal position himself to score. Well done Cian!

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

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 -3 February 2021 First day back 2021

### 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).



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## 2020 Prize Giving - Monday 7 December

The evening will start at 6.30pm and will conclude approx 8.00pm with a supper.

Grandparents are especially welcome.

**Families are asked to bring two plates of finger food please for a shared supper**

Attendance on this night is optional for 5 year olds (all other children are asked to be present please).

## 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 Miranda next week to assist us with catering.*

### **Reminders**

- ... Sunhats each day please (and drink bottles also please)
- ... Please return netball skirts to the office.
- ... Year 8 leaving books are now needed urgently please and so, if you haven't yet, please get these to the school office so we can prep these for prize giving.
- ... Please check at home for ICAS tests, library books and junior readers.

### **Kapa Haka practice performance**

**Tuesday morning the 1<sup>st</sup> December** our Kapa Haka group is having a practicing their performing in the hall. They practising at 12:15pm. You are welcome to come and watch.

### **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.



### **2021 School Stationery - New Supplier**

We have a new stationery supplier for 2021 orders - Baigents Office Products. They are a local company with a store on Commerce Street.

Stationery lists will be available in the next couple of weeks. We will advise when you can order online or by calling into the store.

### **Digital Devices 2021 - year 5 and up (NOT REQUIRED AT YEAR 4 IN 2020)**

We prefer laptops and chrome books, as these fill our device needs better than an iPad, but whatever your child has we will work with. Parents should feel under no pressure to purchase devices for their children ... this is your call ... we will do our best to provide as many shared (non take home devices) as we can.

We will continue to ensure that time on devices is not overdone, there will always be plenty of time for learning and interacting in a variety of ways.

## 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.

## Player of the day Basketball

Monstars	Cian & Lockie
Stars	Tyson & Dane
Warriors	Aamani & Malachi
Mavericks	Caden & Van

## Scholastic

Orders are open until Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. While school is closed from the 10<sup>th</sup> December you can still order online and get the books delivered over the holidays at your place. Delivery cost will be added to your order.

## Swimming Lessons 2021

In past years Cristina Robles has taken swimming lessons after school. Cristina is well qualified to take swimming lessons and these lessons have been popular in the past. Cristina will take lessons on Mondays and Tuesday starting from 8 February running over an 8 weeks period at a cost of \$200 per student. If interested please phone Cristina on 021464300 or email her at [swim1deep@gmail.com](mailto:swim1deep@gmail.com). Cristina is happy to answer any questions you might have and to provide you with more information

## Class Lists

... will be on display in the hall noticeboard 9 December - 2:00 pm. More to follow in next week's E newsletter.

## Staffing 2021

... will be confirmed in our e newsletter sent at the end of next week

## Salt & Oil Fundraiser

You may be interested in this, our final fundraiser for the year, as potential Christmas presents. The school will receive a proportion of these sales. This is also a local company you would be supporting.

These natural bath soaks from Salt & Oil can also be used as foot soaks and body scrubs, are vegan, cruelty-free, and made by a local family-run business. Ordering is very simple.

visit <https://www.saltandoil.nz/matarau-christmas-fundraiser> and enter MATARAU in the code section to ensure we receive the benefit. Orders must be made by the 1st of December to be included in our fundraising even



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SO:Mg mag oil spray to ease sore muscles and aid sleep. 150ml \$21.50

## 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.

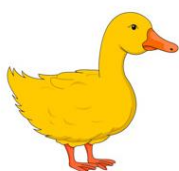
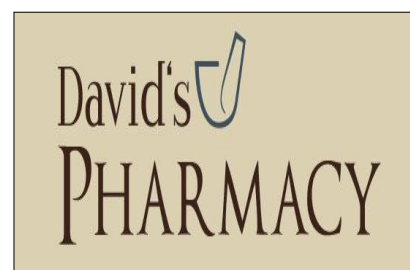


### **Finally**

Thank you to those who fed-back on the proposal that we opt into the Ministry School Contributions Scheme. All feed-back was in support of this proposal, and so we advised the Ministry this week. Some parents fed back that they would still like to pay their contribution to support others in need, or as an alternative to being involved in fund-raising. Please note that donations can still be made, but we cannot request these. So ... this means that in 2021 the Board will not request payment from families of either the school contribution or the events fee. The Board is thrilled at this opportunity to relieve the financial burden on families, and would like to sincerely thank those parents who, over many years, paid their voluntary contributions, even when their own finances were tight. Often families experiencing hardship declined our advice to give contributions a miss for a year or two, until they got back on their feet, deciding instead to pay their contributions at \$5.00 a week. Please be aware that your contributions and support were always greatly appreciated.

Regards, *Nga Mihi*  
Kevin Trehwella  
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### **Free ducks**

We are looking for a good home before the holidays for our two ducks. Please email [sgentil@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sgentil@matarau.school.nz) if you are interested.

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