

Matarau Newsletter week 4 2020

Thank you...

The senior school would like to thank Duane Trubshoe and RAC (Robert Alison Contracting) for the kind donation of the large piece of polythene.

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. Children without their sunhats are confined to shade areas - which will annoy them like crazy. Sunblock is at your discretion but is a very good idea, and is recommended by most experts in the field.

Sunblock

Some of you may be aware of an "all-day" sunblock which could be applied in the morning before your child leaves home and will last all day. David's Pharmacy in Kamo is selling this sunblock Cetaphil Sun Kids, at a special price for Matarau parents of \$27 (normal retail \$34) which gives 8 hours protection. If you buy any other sunblock you get 20% discount of the retail price. All you need to say is that your children attend Matarau School or take in your Newsletter to get the Cetaphil Sun Kids for \$27 or the 20% discount.

Attached you will find more information about the sunblock.

If your plans change

... and your child will, or will not, be at Matarau School next year contrary to your earlier indications, please let us know as early as possible as this may have implications for class placements and class numbers.

Headlice Inspections

Please check your child(ren)'s hair weekly and respond promptly in the event of infestation. Happy to connect anyone with a health nurse if you need advice, guidance or support.

School Cups & Trophies

2020 prize giving is coming up fast. If you have school cups at home please get these back to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

Requests for Term Contributions / Events Fees

... will be emailed today, issued next week. Please contact Paula if you have any queries about these. Term Contributions are optional, but encouraged. Events fees are a legitimate fee for non-compulsory events from which children can be exempt on request. We are more than happy to agree on a time payment option which works for you if this is helpful ... just drop by!

Art Scholarship - Years 4 to 8

Due date for these **Monday 16 November** (3:00 pm). Your child's teacher is available to help in any way they can in the run-up to this date.

Booktober

Please return any Booktober forms and money to the office by Monday.

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

Please check at home for library books and junior readers

... Remember to check under beds, in book cases etc. Returning these items to school helps ensure they are available for other students ... especially critical with junior readers where we need complete sets of readers. Thank you.

Zone Athletics - Poroti School - Years 3 to 8

Our zone athletics will be held at Poroti School on **Wednesday 11th November**. This is an all-day event. ***Please note that there will not be regular classes on this day for year 5 to 8 students. Attendance for year 3 and 4 students is optional, and classes will run at school for those year 3 and 4 students who do not attend.*** Please return consent forms to school as soon 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 preferably by **9 November** please.

Home Gardens

If your child is in our 2020 Home Garden Programme their home garden will need to be visited by judges. Consent to Visit forms were sent home this week. Please complete and return your consent to visit form next week so we can arrange for the visit. Please contact our school office on Monday if you did not receive a form. Please note that judges will not visit your child's garden unless the Consent Form Visit form has been received by the school.

Home Garden Diaries

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

School lunches from 'Hole in One' Cafe

School lunches can be ordered and paid online. Please refer to last week's newsletter for details - this newsletter can also be accessed via our website. 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.

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).

Ten Pin Bowling

This week 4 teams went to Ten Pin Bowling. The two teams below made it into the finals next week! Congratulations to you all.

Team "Jazz hands" Amy - Ollie - Florrie - Jackson

Team "Wedges" Zak - Jesse - Tayla - Morgan

Motor cross Nationals

Congratulations to the following children who rode exceptionally well last weekend at the mini motocross nationals in their respective classes.

Cooper Robinson 1st - Jackson Robinson 5th - Rhys Perris 14th - Liam Perris 1st -
Hannah Perris 6th - Max Nathan 14th - Molly Nathan 14th

Finally

A few dates to pencil in ... our Kapa Haka Group performs at the Whangarei Festival
4 December (more to follow) ... **school prize giving 7 December**.

Community notices

We are looking to buy a lifestyle section to build on or a family home in the Matarau area or its surrounds. Please phone Tina Peters on 0275416211

Whangarei A&P Show

Great News! There is only 1 month to go until the Whangarei A&P Show. As with previous years we are looking forward to seeing all the baking, arts, crafts and creations that you can come up with.

Please spread the word among your family, friends and colleagues to get creating and submit their entries to the Home Industries Room in the Events Centre.

I would also like to remind you that there is a wonderful primary school only colouring competition with the chance to win prizes. Last year the entries were excellent and the awesome colouring was a delight to see.

Please see attached leaflets.

Kamo Scout Group is recruiting

Boys & girls ages 8-18

Scouts is about having fun while gaining valuable leadership skills and self-confidence by doing outdoor adventures and opening up many opportunities. If this sounds like something you are interested in then join today and get your **FIRST MONTH FREE**.

Cubs(ages 8-10): Tuesday nights

5:30pm-7:00pm

Scouts(ages 10-14): Monday nights 6:00pm-8:00pm

Venturers(ages 14-18): Monday nights 6:00pm-8:00pm (can also help with gaining Duke of Ed)

Please make contact with Brian on the night you are attending as we may not be meeting at the hall. Location: Kamo Scout Hall 15C Three Mile Bush Rd ph:0220405064 Email:

corney.brian@gmail.com