

# David's PHARMACY

## Newsletter


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### Newsletters (Keeping Informed)

Newsletters are issued to the eldest child in each family every second Friday. Please ensure your child hands the newsletter to you when they arrive home. If your child is absent, newsletters will be held until their next day of attendance. Copies of our newsletter are also available on our website and are emailed - if you would like to receive your newsletter by email, and do not currently, please contact us.

### Thanks

- ... To iSPORT and Westpac for donation of 25 new balls.
- ... To Simon Barnes for repairs to the junior nova roof. Much appreciated Simon.
- ... To those wonderful parents helping out on our surf lifesaving days.

### Person of the week

... Eva Pitchforth who was noticed on two different occasions, by two different people, being hugely kind to someone who needed a friend. Well done Eva!

### Virtues Focus for 2021

Coming to a school near you soon. Watch this space!

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

22 Feb	Surf Life Saving Trip Room 7 & 8
23 Feb	Individual Duathlon
24 Feb	Team Duathlon
25 Feb	Swimming Time Trials
1 Mar	Surf Life Saving Trip Room 5 & 6
4 Mar	Year 3-8 Swimming Sports
5 Mar	Junior Swimming Sports
8 Mar	Surf Life Saving Trip Room 3 & 4
8 Mar	Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School
9/10 Mar	Parent Interviews
12 Mar	Surf Life Saving Trip Y7
19 Mar	Surf Life Saving Trip Room 9 & 10
16 April	Final day of term

### Term dates 2021

Term 1	3 Feb to 16 April
Term 2	3 May to 9 July
Term 3	26 July to 1 October

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### From our last newsletter .... Accessed on our website

... 9:00 am advice of absences ... Voluntary Donations ... Corona virus - Safe practices/Being prepared  
... Senior Options programme ... School Gates ... Cell phones at school ... Learning Support Programmes  
... Pool keys .... Bus times ... Parent Helpers in rooms etc. ... Communications ... Contact Details  
... Optional Conditions for Learning ... School Sponsors .... Guitar Lessons

### School Duathlon Events - 23 and 24 February

... for year 4-8 students, will take place as follows ...

Individual Event - Tuesday 23 February ... 12.50-1.40pm

Team Event - Wednesday 24 February ... 12.50-1.40pm

Students will need bike, helmet & appropriate clothing. Parents welcome to support the racers. We can store bikes in the school hall between events. Any questions in the run up to this event should be directed to Mr Delemare please. If your child has not yet registered for these events they can do this themselves or via their classroom teacher.

### School Swimming Sports

Please keep 4 March (years 3 to 8), and 5 March (years 1 and 2) free to join us for swimming sports. Details for the year 3 to 8 Swimming Sports are as follows ...

#### **Year 5-8**

9:30 - 10:30 freestyle one length

10:30 - 11:00 freestyle two length

11:00-11:30 backstroke one length

11:30 - 12:00 backstroke two length

12:00 - 12:30 breaststroke one length

12:30 - 1pm breaststroke two length

#### **Year 3 & 4**

1:05 - 1:40pm one length

1:40 - 2pm two length

2pm House Relay-Boys Relay-Girls Relay

2:15 Novelty Relay

2:30 Prize giving

### Headlice Inspections

Recent inspections indicated fairly low levels of infestation. If you received an email advising of infestation, or suspected infestation, and have not yet done so, it is critical that you treat your child before school on Monday please so that we contain this problem. Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please.

### Digital Devices

From time to time we get questions on how much children use digital devices at school. This is an excellent question, and there are myriad reasons why it is such a good question. At Matarau School we try to limit device usage to around 30% of learning time. While digital devices are a necessary part of life, and an invaluable learning tool, there are other important ways for children to learn, and too much screen time can have a definite downside. Our goal is balance and we will audit this regularly.

### Hearing your child read

Please show an interest in what your child has done at school each day. If you have time, read to them, listen to them read, and spend time discussing what you/they have read. Research continues to indicate that reading from text (hard copy) as hugely more beneficial, in the development of reading and thinking skills, than reading from a screen. So... books with covers, and pages that turn, remain the BEST way to learn to read. If you need help hooking your child into home reading please connect with their classroom teacher.

### School Direction for 2021

Kevin is available by appointment to talk about the direction of the school this year, and is happy to speak with individuals or groups. We can also arrange chats on topics of special interest, just let us know where your interests especially lie. Writing, reading mileage (including use of the library), science and technology and student wellbeing (including growing kindness and resilience) are topics of special

interest to us this year, and so drop by to chat, or tap your child's teacher on the shoulder if you want to know more.

### **Senior Study Hour (Years 7 & 8)**

There are a number of benefits to your children continuing their year 7 and 8 education at Matarau School (enumerated on our website), but one of these is Senior Study Hour. This is an opportunity for your child to have supervised time to complete, or continue, work related to their regular class programme. They do not usually receive new work here, it is a chance to consolidate what they are learning, as well as to practise in areas of weakness, to close any gaps, to ask questions, to work in a smaller group, and maybe to get some targeted support. They may also get the opportunity to take some concepts a little further, or to complete homework with a teacher on hand if they are having difficulty. There is no cost to parents of children involved in Senior Study Hour. **Senior Study Hour operates 3:00 to 4:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.** Children may attend anywhere from 1 to 3 of these weekly sessions.

If you would like to register your child please do so by contacting Mrs Donaldson on [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz).

### **Sunhats**

A reminder that school bucket sunhats are compulsory in terms 1 and 4. Please ensure these are packed at the beginning of each school day. New hats can be purchased from the office for \$10. Clothing which covers the shoulders is also advisable with sun block at your discretion.

### **Punctuality**

In order to aid in the smooth operation of classes (and in order to teach an important life skill) we request that children are at school at least 10-15 minutes before the morning bell to give them time to settle, connect with their teacher, and prepare for the day ahead. If running unavoidably late please give the school office a call, we understand that sometimes things don't quite go to plan. Many thanks.



### **Swimming Time Trials ... DESPERATELY NEED A COUPLE MORE PEOPLE PLEASE**

If you are able to help with swimming time trials on the morning of Thursday 25 February please let Paula (in the office) know. These trials help us to place swimmers in appropriate races for forthcoming swimming events. Some of you are experts at this and we would love to have your assistance again. Thank you in anticipation.

*Parents of year 3 children who would like their children to participate in the competitive races at our school swimming sports (as opposed to the usual junior water confidence activities) are asked to advise their child's teacher early next week please - we will then include these children in the time trials.*

### **Pick up of Children**

1. Where possible parents are asked to pick their children up from the bottom bus bay or upper carpark (in the former case children are asked to wait by Room 13, heading down when they sight your car). This is a dangerous stretch of road and we request that all parents assist us to minimise risks.
2. If dropping children off in the upper car park please note the designated drop off zone. **Please do not park in the zone** and move on as quickly as you safely can.
3. If you have made arrangements for somebody else to pick your child up from school, the office must be advised beforehand. Any visitors to the school should report to the office first.
4. Parents of non-bus children are asked to pick their children up by 3:20PM (or later by arrangement with the School Office).

### **We would be especially grateful to hear from parents able to help with ...**

... preparation of Monday lunches (beans and noodles) ... from around 11:30 to 12:45. Not too onerous but a good fund-raiser. Please give Paula a call if you can help. Even if we roster you.

... people able to cover library books, freeing our librarian for other tasks. This can be at any time that works for you. Once trained you can do this from home.



### **Medical Forms/Address/Contact Details**

On enrolment parents provide important details on contacts / custody issues / medical conditions / medications etc. Please continue throughout the year to keep us informed so that we can properly discharge our duty of care to your child(ren).

### **Medications**

Medications should be held at, and administered from, the school office. **Where we currently hold medication for your child, please call by the office within the next 2 weeks to check expiry dates and arrange replacement where necessary.**

### **Homework**

Home Learning is **encouraged but optional** at Matarau School. For most children this will mean 4 nights home learning a week (around 20 minutes each night), with most of this time spent on word learning, maths basic facts and reading, with one activity related to their class programme. Parents should feel free to advise their child's teacher if the load needs to be lightened for any reason, or if they wish their child excused from home learning altogether. This saves tension and time wasted chasing home learning. **If you do NOT want your child to receive home learning, please advise their teacher NEXT week.** If you are on board, please set a regular time and place, and advise us if we can help with any "speed wobbles" along the way. Let's start as we mean to continue, by getting routines well established.

*(Although the research is a little inconclusive, we believe that regular home learning routines lead to better performance, a better preparation for secondary school, and better longer term outcomes for a good number of children).*

### **Scholastic**

The new scholastic book club is out. Please send all orders to the office or order online by 26<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **Lunches & Sushi from 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Lunch orders need to be in by 8am on Thursday morning. You can order online [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) or ring 0800 565 565. From this Friday on, Lunchonline can deliver Sushi to school every Friday. The first 2 weeks they give 15% discount!

### **Netball**

If you like to play Netball this season, please bring in your netball notice to the office so teams can be organised.

### **After School Care**

If you think you would use our After School Care programme please contact Tracey on 021 127 1115 to enrol, or for more information.

### **Finally**

Thanks for your assistance this week as we entered and exited level 2. It seems to us that second (or third ...) time around we are entering and exiting levels more smoothly and you deserve high praise for your 100% c-operation. Our goal is always to keep school as "normal" as possible, and as safe as possible, and to get the balance right. Odds are that we will transition through levels again, and so please be ready and have your plans in place. Teachers are well prepared for distance learning should we enter level 3 or 4 at some future point, and we have worked on improving our systems across the

board. Along the way, never feel embarrassed to ask questions or seek assistance ... we are in it together!

**Last comment** ... if you have not seen our recent Facebook post on the stunning achievements of former student Leila Nicholson maybe take a look. Leila's career has taken an interesting turn and she is now in a very senior and cutting edge science role. Leila's example is evidence, not that evidence should be needed, that girls can do pretty much anything. We hope Leila's example is a great encouragement to our girls. We would really love for every girl in the school to click on Leila's article, scroll to comments and click like on Mr.T's comment. This way Leila will know 'the like' is from a Matarau student.

Nga mihi  
Kevin Trehwella  
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### Community Notices

The Pipes and Drums are Calling! 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.



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