

E-Newsletter Term 1 Week 8

People of the week

... Constable Gary and associates who were visiting our school with Misty the police dog.



Virtues Focus for 2021

Just a reminder ... please take some time to discuss the conscientiousness virtue with your children at home. Some support material was sent home a couple of weeks back and this can also be found in the newsletter section of our website.

... perhaps talk about what conscientiousness is

... how you practice it in your life

... what it might look like for your child

... maybe set some conscientiousness goals at home

Let us know of any special successes so that we can celebrate these with you.

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

26 March	Jumpfest Flipout
2-6 April	Easter break
16 April	Final day of term
3 may	First day of term 2

Easter break

A reminder that Tuesday 6th April is part of the Easter school break. So children finish school at 3pm on Thursday 1st April and do not return until 9am on Wednesday 7th April

Northland Swimming Champ

This event is canceled. We would like to congratulate our champion swimmers who qualified for this event. Luke O'Donnell – Summer Curnow – Ben Donaldson – Tyler Curnow – Zac Burgin and Jacob Attwood.

Please don't let your child bring Pokémon cards to school. We notice this is causing problems.

Arrival Times

A reminder please that children must not be dropped at school before 8:00AM as we cannot guarantee their supervision before this time.

International Schools Competitions

Over time interest in these programmes is diminishing. We know that children (and parents) lead busy lives, and it is not always easy to squeeze in the recommended practice papers. Further, these competitions are now moderated within the school, and are not sent offshore for marking and ranking, this means that our moderation process is not as accurate as it once was as we not have access to aggregated data. Having said this, and within the limitations specified above, we are willing to run this competition again for those who are keen, and who are willing to supervise two practice papers at home each week over an approximately six-week period. So, if are keen for your child to be involved please email Miranda in our school office next week at admin2@matarau.school.nz

WPSSA Swimming Results

Year 4

Backstroke	Jacob Attwood 4 th – Braxton Alexander 10 th - Katrina Walker 15 th
Breaststroke	Zac Burgin 1 st – Jacob Attwood 4 th
Freestyle	Zac Burgin 1 st – Jacob Attwood 4 th – Katrina Walker 14 th

Year 5

Backstroke	Emma Donaldson 14 th
Breaststroke	Pippa Goodin 6 th

Year 6

Backstroke	Tyler Curnow 4 th – Flynn Perkins 7 th – Ava Boaks 6 th – Tia Welsh 17 th
Breaststroke	Tyler Curnow 3 rd – Lockie Leonard 6 th – Ava Boaks 17 th
Freestyle	Flynn Perkins 5 th - Tyler Curnow 7 th

Year 7

Backstroke	Ben Donaldson 3 rd – Maisey Easterbrook 12 th
Breaststroke	Ben Donaldson 4 th – Dane Gunson 8 th – Molly Nathan 10 th - Keeley Scott 13 th
Freestyle	Ben Donaldson 7 th – Dane Gunson 11 th – Maisey Easterbrook 11 th

Year 8

Backstroke	Luke O'Donnell 4 th – Broadie Fransisco 6 th – Summer Curnow 4 th – Isabell Attwood 9 th
Breastroke	Luke O'Donnell 6 th – Van Leith 8 th – Summer Curnow 2 nd – Isabell Attwood 10 th
Freestyle	Luke O'Donnell 6 th – Summer Curnow 3 rd – Isabell Attwood 11 th

Player of the day - Basketball

Matarau Crushers	= Bentley P & Eli T
Matarau Magics	= James T
Matarau Mavericks	= Van L

EASTER FUNDRAISING

Please support our Easter Fundraising by buying tickets from your child.

Hockey Trials.

Next week, we will be running hockey trials for the Year 7 and 8 teams, on Tuesday 30 March, and the Year 5 and 6 on Thursday 1 April. This will be at lunchtime, and will involve independent selectors. This will help us determine which teams students will be placed in. If your child(ren) are unable to attend due to illness, please let Mrs Burgin know on the day.

Request for Parent Helpers

If you have a few hours each week to work in a classroom, the library etc, please connect with your child's teacher or the school office and we will match you to a task of your choice. Parent help at school makes a huge difference to staff workloads, frees staff to work with children, and contributes to the smooth operation of the school. We know you are busy, but would be hugely grateful for any time you are able to give.

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.

Gearing up for Winter Sports

When children wear our school colours on a Saturday morning, they bear a special responsibility to represent our school well. This means more than putting in your best performance on the field/court, it also means demonstrating sportsmanship, supporting other team members, playing fairly, encouraging others, respecting coaches and referees etc. Every child wearing our colours, and every parent who accompanies them, is expected to represent us this way, it is a condition to being in one of our teams.

The ultimate goal of all that we do (including playing sport) should be to grow character, in ourselves and in others. Please do not question referees, support coaches and managers unequivocally (and if you have a question see them early, privately, and with an open mind), respect the opposition (including their support team), and be careful with your words from the side line. Egos (not only children's egos) can be fragile, and so choose your words carefully. Please let us know of special Saturday achievements so we can celebrate these in the newsletter. Best wishes for the best season ever.

After School Care

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

Cyber – safety

Have you noticed just how often issues of cyber safety appear in the media. It is becoming more and more critical for parents to know what their children are accessing and when. If you need assistance Mr Delemare is highly available to work with you, just leave a message at school and he will get back to you.

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Kevin Trewhella

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