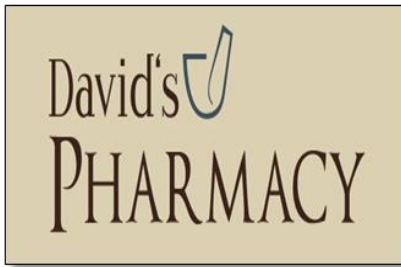




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Thanks

- ... To those wonderful parents helping out on our surf lifesaving days.
- ... To those who have booked an interview slot for next week.

People of the week

... to those staff who have been meeting and fare-welling students at the upper carpark during level 2. Good work!

Virtues Focus for 2021

Please take some time to discuss the conscientiousness virtue with your children at home. We have attached some support material to assist

- ... perhaps talk about what conscientiousness is
- ... how you practise 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!*

- 8 Mar Surf Life Saving Trip Room 3 & 4
- 8 Mar Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School
- 9/10 Mar Parent Interviews
- 11 Mar School Swimming Sport Year 3 to 8
- 12 Mar School Swimming Sport Juniors Year 1 & 2
- 12 Mar Surf Life Saving Trip Y7
- 19 Mar Surf Life Saving Trip Room 9 & 10
- 16 April Final day of term

*Please note that the **Zone Swimming Sports** to be held at **Kokopu School** on **8 March** will only proceed if there is a return to level 1 this coming Saturday. If the Zone Swimming Sports do not proceed we will negotiate with other schools in our zone to determine which children represent us at the interschool event on 17 March. We will keep you updated via our Facebook page.*

Term dates 2021

- Term 1 3 Feb to 16 April
- Term 2 3 May to 9 July



... 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 ... Homework

School Swimming Sports

Rather than proceeding with a "parentless" school swimming sports this week, we have decided to postpone our school swimming sports to **Thursday 11 March (years 3 to 8) and Friday 12 March (years 1 and 2)**. The race times remain as formerly advised via the school newsletter.

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

Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews)

The above are scheduled for 9 and 10 March - the **online bookings screen is open** This is a chance for you and your child (optional for year 1 children) to be heard and to hear some first impressions of how their year is unfolding.

To book your interview time Please book online via the following

website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code of **r96pw**

Please note that bookings are allocated on a first in basis and so don't delay.

Early Buses - early notice that buses will run 30-40 minutes early on 9 & 10 March because of parent interviews. Parents who transport their children by car are asked to pick them up at 2.30 pm please on these days. The exception to this is the Kamo bus will still depart school at 3.50pm (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes.

Interview nights

Please help by ...

- ... being on time
- ... moving on the bell
- ... jotting down any questions beforehand
- ... thinking about one significant area for growth for your child.

School Direction for 2021

Kevin is available to chat with anyone interested, and to hear your ideas, on interview nights on a drop by basis.

Drink Bottles

Please ensure that children bring their drink bottle to school each day. It might be a good idea for them to keep this in their schoolbag when they get home, take it out to fill it in the morning, and then pop it straight back into their bag.

Senior Study Hour (Years 7 & 8)

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.

Matarau School Trial Ride - **Sunday 14th March**

We need your help on the day! Please contact Lisa

lryan@matarau.school.nz if you are able to help out with all sort of jobs.



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.

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.

Lunches & Sushi

Lunch orders need to be in by 8am on Thursday morning. You can order online www.lunchonline.co.nz or ring 0800 565 565. Every Friday Lunchonline can deliver Sushi to school.

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.

Social media

We like to think of ourselves as approachable. Issues naturally arise from time to time, and we will always do our best to resolve these. Please feel free to contact us directly with any questions or concerns. If you contact us directly, we can check out the relevant facts, give critical context, ensure that accountability rests in the right places, and set a plan in motion very quickly. Most issues are sorted very fast when all the facts are put on the table. **Accordingly, please note that the school has a policy of not responding to comments made on social media.** Social media does not always bring out the best in

people, it is not a forum for teasing out complex issues, and so please think twice before you contribute to a thread.

Finally

Last year the board made a decision to fund a part time music teacher to support class music programmes, and provide music extension options for children with a special interest or ability in music. So, on most days, you will hear the sound of music (no pun intended) coming from somewhere in the school. Children are doing more singing, using instruments, moving to music and so on. Thank you to Mrs Slykerman who is an incredibly skilled music teacher (and motivator), and well done to those staff and children stepping beyond their comfort zone to give things a go. Thank you also to those parents who have commented favourably on these new programmes, and to the board for having the vision to support these programmes.

We hope to connect with many of you on interview nights. If the nights in question do not suit, please note that teachers are highly available by appointment.

Nga mihi
Kevin Trehwella
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