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Welcome to term 2 !!!! A special welcome to our new families !!!!

Early Thanks

... To those parents who have helped in the run up to year 7 camp, and to those who have booked to spend camp with us.

... And special thanks to Mrs Donaldson for months of work preparing for camp and Rebecca Anderson for going beyond the call of duty preparing camp menus, food etc.

Person of the week

In case you missed it, Mrs Ringrose (Shelley) was granted full teacher registration at the end of last term. We are so lucky to have Mrs Ringrose on the team, she is amazing. You might like to congratulate her if passing.

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

10-14 May	Year 7 camp to Auckland
11 May	Year 8 Writers' Festival
20 May	Visit by Monarch Theatre Show (years 1-6)
21 May	Pink Shirt Day
24 May	Pink ribbon afternoon tea (3:30 pm in the staffroom)
26 May	Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament
26 May	Meeting of BoT
2 June	Year 4-6 Winter Sports Tournament
3 June	School Photos
7 June	Queen's Birthday
8 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY
30 June	Meeting of BoT
9 July	Final day of term 2 (26 July - start of term 3)

Mid-year Interviews ... will be held very early in term 3.

Teacher Only Day

Please note that a Teacher Only Day has been scheduled for **Tuesday 8 June**. School will be closed for instruction on this day, and Matarau School buses will not run on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience arising from this. We have timed this day so that those who wish to travel away with family can tack another day to their vacation.

Parent Support meeting ... Monday 10th May after school 3.10pm, meet in the library. All new faces welcome.

Pink Shirt Day

... is scheduled for Friday 21 May and children are invited (NOT COMPULSORY) to wear a pink shirt or some other item of pink clothing. This is now an international event giving everyone the opportunity to stand united against any form of bullying. *Gold coin koha can be dropped to the office on the day, donated to Mental Health NZ to support victims of bullying and to develop anti-bullying programmes.*

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Pink Shirt Workshops

Children who bring a plain T-shirt to school Wednesday 19 May (the Wednesday before Pink Shirt Day) will be invited to a workshop to stencil the Pink Shirt Day logo onto their T-shirt to wear on the Friday.

Headlice Inspection

Our term headlice inspection has been scheduled for Thursday 20 May. If you are able to assist, please contact Paula next week. Here is our once a term chance to "knock this problem on the head". All offers to help greatly appreciated.

Learning Support Programme

A number of parents were advised last term that their children had been placed in Learning Support programmes to commence term 2. This is a valuable opportunity for a more personalized and intensive learning programme, in an area of need, and parental support with assigned homework tasks is expected. Please contact Mrs Marvin or Mrs Robertson if you have any questions about this programme.

Tax donation rebate

If you need verification of your donation for 2020 please contact Paula next week. If you wish to donate your rebate back to school please give Paula a call.

Interschool Winter Sports Tournaments

The year 7 and 8 tournament is scheduled for 26 May and the year 4 to 6 tournament is scheduled for 2 June. Consents for both events will be issued shortly and so please keep an eye out for these.

Year 7 Camp - Non-attendees

All year 7 children are expected to attend camp, this is part of their school programme. If approval has been given for a year 7 child not to attend camp, they will be required to attend school during this week and an alternative programme will be prepared for them. Any questions to Mrs Gunson please.

If your child is struggling socially or emotionally ...

... we have staff in learning and pastoral support roles who are more than willing to help out. If you would like someone to monitor and support your child over coming weeks please email Mrs Robertson rrobertson@matarau.school.nz or Mrs Marvin jmarvin@matarau.school.nz

A wee reminder - Fitness for school - Covid precautions remain in place

It is ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL that sick children are NOT sent to school. There are no conditions that would warrant this. To send a sick child puts other children, and staff, at risk, and could have serious knock-on effects. So, if your child has a cough, a sore throat, head or body aches, fever, breathlessness etc., please keep them home and seek medical advice if necessary. Please keep them at home for a minimum of 48 hours after cessation of final symptoms, or longer on the advice of their doctor ... **always err on the side of caution.** We suggest that you have a contingency plan in place in the event that your child is unwell, or in the event that the school contacts you with a request that you pick up your child. If you are contacted by the school to pick your child up please arrange this promptly, a staff member will be waiting for you.

School Photos

Are scheduled for 3 June ... order forms will be sent home in coming weeks.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions - Years 4 - 8

There has been enough interest in these competitions to proceed again this year. So, **last chance**, if you would like your child included, and they are up to two practice papers a week for a period of approximately 6 weeks, please give Miranda a call next week.

Pool Keys

If you hired a pool key last term thank you. Please return your key to school by the end of next week. Thank you!



AIMS GAMES HOCKEY TEAM FUNDRAISER

Grab a bag (or 2) of chicken manure. Fantastic fertiliser for your garden! Available end of May.

\$10 per bag please email Melissa to order: mlangley@matarau.school.nz

Also... Got jobs that need doing or need some extra help around home??

- Does that lawn need mowing....
- Chicken manure need spreading...
- Garden need weeding...
- Fence needs painting...
- ... Hire some of our team to do it for you!!

Email Melissa to arrange mlangley@matarau.school.nz



We appreciate your

An important message on behalf of the major sporting organisations and Sport NZ

A number of sporting organisations are expressing growing concerns that not all NZ children receive the right messages at weekend sports events. Parents are asked by these organisations to give serious attention to the following suggestions ...

What NOT to say	What TO say
Did you win?	Did you have fun?
You played rubbish!	How did you play?
Why did you do that?	What did you learn?
You're so talented	What would you do differently next week?
False praise	Did you try your hardest?
You were so much better than X	I'm proud of you.
It doesn't matter	I love you

Remember to affirm and support coaches and managers often!

Soon to be 5 year olds we may not know about

If you have moved into zone, or know someone who has moved into zone, and you / they have a soon to be 5 year old (i.e. turning 5 before the end of the year), and the school has not been advised of this, please let us know next week. This information is important for us if we are to plan for optimal numbers in our junior rooms. Thank you.

Finally

Welcome to the new term. Please stay involved, and contact us early with any questions.

Also ... please consider incorporating our twice a term virtues focus within your discussions at home if you are not already doing so. You are your children's most significant role models, if they know that the virtues matter

to you, they are more likely to matter to them. Good families, schools, institutions, nations etc don't happen by accident, they happen because enough people show that how we treat each other matters. As advised in term 1, CONSCIENTIOUSNESS is our over-arching virtue for 2021, partly because research shows this is one of the main predictors of life success. A supporting virtue will be advised in a week or two.

Best wishes to our year 7 camp team for next week. Fingers crossed on the weather front.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Community notices

Family Works will be running the **Incredible Years** programme for parents of children aged between 3-8 yrs. old from the **19th May through to the 2nd September 2021**. If parents have driven more than 5kms there will be travel costs given in the way of a \$10 petrol voucher and if they have younger children there will be free childcare offered on site.

This programme is for parents only, to learn different parenting strategies and tools for their children's behaviours. I have attached the details of the programme and who the parents are to contact to enrol.

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CIRCUS KUMARANI:

Whangārei Term 2 Class Timetable

Thursday

3-4pm Homeschool Circus
(all levels)
\$15 Casual / \$130 Term

4-5pm Minis Circus
(ages 6-10 years)
\$15 Casual / \$130 Term

Friday

4-5:30pm Youth Circus
(ages 8-18 years)
\$20 Casual / \$170 Term

5:30-7pm Open Circus Jam
(all levels & ages)
Koha / Donation

Concession Cards are
available

Followed by Fire Spinning

Held weekly at Kamo War Memorial Hall

Register or find out more at circuskumarani.co.nz

<https://www.facebook.com/hockeynorthland>

On the hockey northland page, there is a post about Funsticks.

This is for the younger children who are too little to play hockey in a team, or who have never played before.

It is usually recommended that they do this, before joining a school team.



HOCKEY NORTHLAND

FUN STICKS 2021

Funsticks programme for year 1,2,& 3
Term 2 - 8 week programme
starting Saturday 15th May

Fridays 4-5pm
Saturdays 9-10am

\$20 for 8 sessions

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To register visit our website www.northlandhockey.co.nz or our facebook page Northland Hockey

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