Matarau School Newsletter Term 2 - Week 8 - 2021

Thanks

- ... to those parents who helped out on the Marae trip (and Whaea Pera for a great job)
- \dots to those people working so hard to support our Parent Support Group chocolate fundraiser. We know that many people are selling these via their workplace. A huge thank you!
- ... to those parents who visited our library over recent weeks.

People of the week

- ... Millie DeBaugh who went out of her way, without being asked, to take a younger student down to the bus to retrieve her school bag this week. Well done Millie!
- ... Luke Hudson who earned his black belt in karate recently. Huge achievement Luke. Well done!
- ... Taylor Masefield for the most amazing story this week. Keep up the good work Taylor
- ... Eileen McNaughton for baking for AIMS games fundraising even though she doesn't have a child in any AIMS team.

<u>Term calendar</u> ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

29 June Marae trip Room 5-7 30 June Meeting of BoT

1 July Grandparents day Room 1-7

6 July Matariki Celebration

9 July Final day of term 2 (26 July - start of term 3)



Matarau School Grandparent's Day



Inviting grandparents (or someone special to your child)

To our Junior Grandparents day at Matarau School.

On Thursday July 1st 2021, 9:00am - 11:00am

Please come to the school hall at 9:00am for a 9:15am start

Year 1-4 children will sing for you at 9:15am. Following this, your grandchild will take you back to their class for some activities and sharing.

Please RSVP to your child's teacher. We look forward to meeting you!

Mid-year Interviews

... have been scheduled for 2 - 4 August (week 2 of term 3). Interviews for children in years 1 to 6 children can be booked on either 2 or 3 of August. Interviews for children in years 7 and 8 can be booked on either 2,3 or 4 August. Booking information will be made available via next week's newsletter.

International Schools English and Maths Exams

A reminder that the English exam is scheduled for 17 August and the Maths exam for 31 August.

Practice papers and marking sheets for the English Exam will be made available from Monday 28 June. Practice papers for the maths exam will be made available from 26 July.

Plastics and the Environment

Please help us to reduce the amount of plastic coming to school each day by using compartmentalised lunchboxes and/or removing plastic wrappings from items before packing. We have explained to children that plastic dropped here enters waterways, and eventually the sea, and that this can cause sometimes irreversible damage. If you have time you could reinforce the critical importance of caring for our environment and that even small things, added together, can make a huge difference.

Lost Property

With the end of term fast approaching, parents are invited to come and look through the lost property some time over the next two weeks. This can be found between rooms 11 and 12.

School Cross Country

Will be held early next term (date to be confirmed). If your child is serious about placing in the school competition you might want to start them training over the holidays. First practice will be soon after commencement of the new term - so come prepared with running shoes.

New virtue - KINDNESS ... Please ...

- ... discuss this with your children at home and revisit often
- ... talk about how you practise kindness in your life
- ... set some kindness goals
- ... let us know of instances so we can share these





BASKETBALL

Calling all keen basketballers that would like to play in Term 3 & 4. Any student from year 1 to 8 can play. Proposed dates are: Wednesdays, July 28th, August 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, September 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th, October 20th,

November 3rd, 17th & 24th & December TBC. \$60 per player. Due to numbers we may add a 2nd team in the year 5/6 and the 7/8 grade and also if there's enough interest we will have a year 1&2 team. First in first served basis so please contact Lisa Ryan ASAP - <a href="https://linear.org/

<u>Player of the Day - Basketball</u>

Matarau Crushers Bentley Matarau Magics Ashton R Matarau Mavericks Piper D

Secondary Schools for 2021

If your child is in year 8 and you have not yet advised Mrs Donaldson on their likely secondary school for 2022, please contact her next week on kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz so that we can ensure that you get the information you need moving forward.

Whittakers Chocolates

Thank you to all that have sold and paid for chocolates already - what an outstanding effort! Few reminders, please return chocolates to school asap if you think you'll be unable to sell, we have families waiting for more to sell. Please get in touch if you'd



chocolates to sell, we will process a 2nd order early next week and finally - please remember when <u>paying online</u> it's **NOT** the school bank account, check the envelope that was with your order for the <u>Parent Support Group Kiwibank account number</u>. Any queries please contact the PSG via FB or email <u>matarau.psg@qmail.com</u>

Yummy Stickers

Please collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World,

PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores (and some Countdowns). The more you collect, the more sports gear we get. Please see Mrs Easterbrook in room 2 for more sticker/label sheets. All started or completed sheets must be returned to me before the end of term 3. Thank you! Mrs E.

Finally

Remember to encourage your children into reading over coming weeks. This might be a good time to get some reading material for the holidays. Let us know if we can help.

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We appreciate your support!!

Kevin Trewhella PRINCIPAL



Matarau School last season Honey for sale

Honey is available at the school office. The price is **\$8** for an approx. 500g jar. Preferable transfer money into the school account or pay cash at the office

