

Matarau School Newsletter Term 2 - Week 10 - 2021

Thanks

... Grandparents for making our Grandparents day so special
... Those parents who supported and participated in our marae visits and our Matariki Day.

People of the week

... All children from the Matarau Motorcross team which came 2nd over the weekend in the Northland round of the North Island Schools Challenge.

The team would like to thank Measure Up Flooring and 23 Hair Boutique for sponsoring the team bibs.

... Mrs Slykerman's music extension group for your amazing performances this week.



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

26 July Start of Term 3

Final day of school 2021

... will be Wednesday 15 December.

Mid-year Interviews

Monday 2 August & Tuesday 3 August (plus the additional day of
4 August - Year 7 & 8 only)

Our online interview booking system is now open. Interviews are booked on a first in basis.

Please note that we have 2 concurrent interview cycles this year. You will need to book under 2 different codes (see below) ... On interview nights the change-over bells will ring every 15 minutes as per normal, but these bells will apply to the year 1 to 6 interviews only. The year 7 and 8 interviews will be of 10 minutes duration, all of these interviews will be held in room 11, and change overs will be at the direction of the teachers. All 3 senior school teachers will be present at the year 7 and 8 interviews. If you have children in years 1 to 6 and in year 7 and 8, please remember that times will overlap and so we suggest that you book your year 7 and 8 slot with spare slots either side to avoid double ups.

To book you need to visit - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz & enter the relevant code as follows ...

Junior and Middle School (years 1 to 6) the code is wnwv9

Senior School (year 7 and 8) the code is 4f2na

If you do not have access to the internet, or if you have any questions, please give Paula a call on Monday. Teachers are available at other times by appointment.

(Please note that on 2 and 3 August School will finish at 2:30 pm to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews and buses will run 30 minutes earlier. On 4 August (which is the additional year 7 and 8 interview day) school will finish at the usual time of 3:00pm with no changes to bus departure times).

In a forthcoming newsletter we will send you some simple tips on how to prepare for your interview.

(p.s. having two cycles enables us to provide parents of year 7 and 8 students with feedback from all of their child's specialist teachers, thus negating the need for multiple interviews. This also enables teachers and parents to identify whether issues are context or subject specific).

Notice of early finish on Monday & Tuesday 2 and 3 August

Please note that school finishes at 2:30pm on 2 and 3 August (only) to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days - the exception to this is the Kamo bus will still depart school at 3.50pm. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes. (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

High School presentation & open evenings

	WGHS	WBHS	KHS	Pompallier College
Presentation at Matarau	9 August 11am	27 July 1.30pm	28 July 2pm	
Open evening	12 August 5.30-7pm	5 August 4.30pm	11 August 5.30-7.30pm	15 August 2pm

International Schools English Exams



Practice papers are now circulating for the English Exam and can be swapped at the school office. Please help to ensure they have a set time and place to do these papers. Children are encouraged to do a minimum of two practise papers a week please. We will ensure they have some practice papers for the holidays.

Exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 17 August ... Mathematics - 31 August

Practice papers for the Maths Exam will be available from 26 July.

School Cross Country

Will be held Monday the 16th August. 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.

Te Horo - Cross Country Taniwha Challenge

Permission slips are going out soon. Cross Country is on Friday 6th August at 10am start / Henare Road, Pipiwai. Cross Country races for 5-12+ year olds. All are welcome. Postponement date Friday 13th August.

Whittaker's Chocolates

Thank you to all of our amazing families out there selling chocolates - outstanding efforts! *Not forgetting all those buying and eating them too!* 2 reminders before the holidays. Bank account details for DC are - Matarau School Parent Support Group - Kiwibank - 38-9022-0571286-00 and the finish date for selling / receiving money back in is 30th July 2021 - [end of week 1 of term 3]. Any queries please email matarau.psg@gmail.com. Thank you.

KINGS SEED FUNDRAISER



In association with Kings Seeds, we have a variety of seeds that we are able to sell as a Fundraiser for the school. Great time to be looking forward to planting for Home Gardens and Spring.

Early notice that order forms will be sent home beginning of Term 3. SO WATCH THIS SPACE !



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

This is the final newsletter of the term. Enjoy the coming holidays, have quality time together, and be sure to travel safely. Plenty to be excited about in the forthcoming term, including school and interschool cross-country events.

See you then!

And a final special surprise

You might like to visit our Facebook page to take a look at some performances by our music extension group. We are super proud of these kids. You might like to post some affirmations on our Facebook page.

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Kevin Trehwella
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We appreciate your support!!



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