



Newsletter

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Thanks

... Children and parents for a great start to term

... To the grandparent of a room 6 child who made a very generous donation to room 6 recently. This donation was made after our recent Grandparents Day and was very much unexpected, but very much appreciated!

Persons of the week

... Jake Turner who turns up at the upper carpark morning after morning to help Mrs Burgin take gear from her car to the classroom. Well done Jake!

... Our new families and students. Welcome!

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

2 & 3 August

Mid-year Interview

4 August

Additional interviews only year 7&8

6 August

Te Horo Cross Country

10 August

Headlice inspection

12 August

Mathex Y5-8

16 August

School's Cross Country

17 August

ICAS English exam

30 August

Staff Only day

31 August

ICAS Maths exam

1 September

Barge Park Cross Country

6-10 September

AIMS Games

1 October

Last day of Term 3 **(18 Oct. First day term 4)**

New Virtue

As you all know "conscientiousness" is our overarching virtue for 2021. In order to support our efforts to "grow" in conscientiousness children will be learning about ORDERLINESS over the coming weeks. Please find attached some information on orderliness to support your efforts at home. Please support by ...

... discussing this at home

... talking about how orderliness helps you

... setting some home orderliness goals (e.g. getting ready for school, keeping the bedroom tidy etc)

... letting us know of any special orderliness achievements so that we can celebrate these at school.



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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. -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).

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).

(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).

Parent / teacher interviews

Please help the process along by ...

- ... being on time and moving on the bell
- ... bringing with you any thoughts on their digital (see saw) portfolio
- ... noting down any questions or concerns beforehand

Please note that these interviews primarily exist for the sharing of achievement information. All matters discussed are kept confidential.

Parent Interviews and the Library

While you are waiting for your turn to talk to your child's teacher at interviews why not pop into our AMAZING library, lovingly decorated by our Teacher Aides? Have a tea or coffee then sit back and read a book or simply relax in the warmth. Everyone who visits the library can go in a draw to win one of five \$25 Scholastic book vouchers for their child/ren. We look forward to seeing you there.

Attendance Term 2 ... looking to term 3

The school is required to monitor attendance rates (and morning arrival times) and to investigate in the event that attendance falls below the Ministry benchmark. Regular school attendance is a critical component of educational success. If you received a letter last term advising of less than ideal attendance please make contact with us so that we can work together to improve your child's school attendance. Sometimes the solutions can be quite simple ones. An attendance audit will be repeated one month into this term.

Final day of school 2021

... will be Wednesday 15 December.

School Cross Country

Will be held early next term on **Monday 16 August** and so please pencil this in to your diaries. Children will be having practice runs as we approach this event, and so it would be hugely helpful if they could bring running gear, including suitable footwear, to school each day. Many thanks.

Term Headlice Inspection

We are looking at having our term headlice inspection on **Tuesday 10 August**. If you think you might be able to help, please give Paula a call next week.

International Schools Competitions

Practice papers are now circulating for the English and Maths Exams 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.

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

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

Te Horo - Cross Country Taniwha Challenge

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.

Change of Clothes

Due to current weather conditions we suggest that students (especially younger students) have a spare change of clothes in their bag for wet weather accidents. Remember, this set of clothes could also be used for cross country practice runs which are being held most days. Thank you.

Homework

Please do your best to ensure that children complete their homework on designated afternoons, or drop a quick note or email to their teacher if things are getting a bit hectic at home. Most of all we do not want to be chasing homework from children whose circumstances make homework "too big an ask" for them. While we think that there is benefit from doing homework for most children, we are more than happy to excuse students from homework at a parent's request.

Wellness for school

Remember please ... cough, runny nose, fever, headaches etc ... please keep your child at home and not return them to school for 48 hours after cessation of last symptom. Any doubts please consult your child's GP. Remember to have a care plan in place in case we request pick up from school.

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.

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

Orders are now open for The Kings Seeds. - Seedy School Fundraiser Programme.



Orders are being taken via the website <https://mataraufundraising.co.nz/> and paid using online banking. There is an option for friends and family who are not local to order and have them sent.

The Seedy Schools Fundraiser programme offers children and families quality time in the garden through sowing seeds and growing plants together. Seeds can be purchased to give as gifts to friends and family.

We will be doing two rounds of seed orders; first round need to be in by the 14.08.21. The second round will need to be in by the 04.09.2021. That should mean that we are getting the orders through in a timely manner, and shouldn't have too much of a wait getting them out.

Any queries to matarau.psg@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for supporting the school.

2022 Enrolments

We know this might seem early, but very soon the Board of Trustees will set the number of out of zone enrolments for 2022. Our goal is to keep numbers at, or below, nationally recommended staffing levels. Early information on which children will, or will not, be with us in 2022 is very helpful in achieving optimal class numbers, and also gives us an indication of how many places to advertise for out of zone families. We also receive regular out of zone enquiries, and need to be in a position, very soon, to advise if places are likely to become available by a departing child.

SO ... this message is for those who already know that their children will not be with us, or are unlikely to be with us, in 2022. This email is not for those who are undecided, and need further time due to uncertainty. So, if you DO KNOW that your child WILL NOT, OR VERY LIKELY WILL NOT attend Matarau School in 2022 can you please advise the school office as soon as possible, by phone message over the weekend or on Monday, or drop by to chat with Kevin. Thank you for your assistance.

Sibling 2022 Enrolments

If you live in zone, or currently have a child enrolled at Matarau school, and have another child who will start in 2022, please advise the school office as soon as possible by leaving a message on the answer machine - 433 5823. (This is not a guarantee of places for out of zone) This has yet to be decided by the Board.

Finally

Welcome back. Plenty of exciting events planned. Please get in behind our conscientiousness and manners initiatives. The manners initiative is based on the idea that small things do matter, that when we extend courtesies to others, when we put others first, not only do they feel great (and leave with good impressions), we feel great too.

And a special welcome, again, to our new families!

Nga mihi
Kevin Trewhella

PRINCIPAL

We appreciate your support !



Kia ora

*Your school is currently participating in the **GET FIREWISE** program and your children are learning about fire safety. The program includes vital home fire safety education such as **FIRE is FAST, Smoke Alarms Save Lives, Get Down, Get Low, Get Out FAST, Make an Escape Plan and to have A SAFE MEETING PLACE.***

*As part of the **GET FIREWISE** package Fire & Emergency are offering free home fire safety visits to all members of your community.*

What is involved

Firefighters will make contact with you to arrange a suitable time to visit and conduct a fire risk assessment of your home. During their visit they will offer advice on correct type of smoke alarm for your home, where they are best placed and installation. The firefighters will take time to help you develop your own escape plan tailored for your home. They will also make recommendations on how to protect your property from fire or anything fire risk related, contact us now before it's too late. You may even qualify for free smoke alarms & installation.

Please Call 0800 693473 to book a free Home Fire Safety Check

Fire Fact "A House Fire Can Become Fatal within 5 Minutes"



FREE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**NORTHLAND
RUGBY**

DAYS

This is an opportunity for ALL schools and clubs in the Northland Community.

MANGAKAHIA SPORTS COMPLEX
Monday 2nd August

PIONEER RUGBY PARK-DARGAVILLE
Tuesday 3rd August

OKAIHAU PRIMARY SCHOOL
Wednesday 4th August

Join us at one of our community days happening in August. The community team from the Northland Rugby Union will be there to take the kids through some fun, engaging skill-based activities suitable for all ages.

The team from FMG and Farmlands will have the BBQ fired up to refuel everyone from 5pm.

ALL SESSIONS
3:30PM-5:30PM

FMG
Advice & Insurance

Farmlands
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Cancer Society Auckland Northland
Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

SunSmart Schools Winter Newsletter July 2021



Join the SunSmart Schools Programme & Become a SunSmart School

The SunSmart Schools Programme provides accreditation by the Cancer Society of NZ for New Zealand schools that have developed and implemented a sun protection policy for Terms 1 and 4. The policy must meet CSNZ's minimum criteria, which ensures students and teachers are in a sun safe environment. For more information on becoming a SunSmart school check out the website - sunsmartschools.co.nz

Be SunSmart This Winter

Do not let the cold weather fool you. Did you know that heat and UV are not closely related? This means your risk of sunburn has little to do with the temperature and much more to do with the UV Index.



Overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation leads to skin cancer and also causes wrinkles, skin blotches and eye damage.

Not sure when you are most at risk? Visit niwa.co.nz and when the UV is 3 or more, slip, slop, slap & wrap.



Get involved this Daffodil Day

Every year schools across Auckland & Northland get involved in Daffodil Day to support the Cancer Society's work and raise awareness.

This year, your school can organise great fundraising events, set up an online fundraising page, collect donations online, and maybe have a friendly competition with other schools in your area - all through the Daffodil Day website.

Registering your school's Daffodil Day fundraiser is super simple! Just enter your contact details, your school's MoE number, order your resources and personalise your online fundraising page. More information can be found on our Daffodil Day website - www.daffodilday.org.nz/schools

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