

Matarau School Newsletter Term 3 - Week 2 - 2021

Thanks

... to all parents/caregivers who visited our school library on parent/teacher interview afternoons
... to those who attended mid-year interviews. Remember staff are highly available at other times by appointment.

... Dane Gunson, Oli Bradley and Ben Donaldson for ringing the bells on interview night. You did an awesome job!

... to all parents that support us at the Te Horo Cross Country

People of the week

...Mrs Gunson, Tyla R, Ashton R and Dane G who ran/walked 4kms and Senor Crump who took on the 11kms at the 'Kaitaia Run Walk' last Sunday the 1st August.

Dane G came in 4th and Ashton R 6th for the male competitors.
Awesome effort boys!

... Ellie Gibbons who supported a younger cross country runner by completing a lap with them at Te Horo. Awesome sportsmanship!



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

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.

Final day of school 2021

... will be Wednesday 15 December.

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.

Basketball- Player of the day

Matarau Minis, Brooklyn Alexander
Matarau Crushers, Aiden Curnow

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



PIZZA & DONUT DAY



*Wednesday
11th August*



Pizza slice \$2
Donuts \$2 each

Pre Orders only. Orders to office by
3pm Monday 9th August

Each student needs a separate order form.

Drinks and ice blocks available on
the day \$2 each



Fundraising for AIMS Netball team



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.

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.

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

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 remember when paying online it's **NOT** the school bank account. The Matarau School Parent Support Group bank account is 38-9022-0571286-00. 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.

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Kevin Trehwella
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