

Newsletter

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Thanks

... Parents for your support as we resume "regular" school and for your co-operation with level 2 rules and regulations ... and for your many emails of appreciation to staff ... these were greatly appreciated.

... To Martyn and Anne Smith for, again, allowing us to use their farm for our annual school cross country. We very much appreciate being able to use this venue and thank you so much for your efforts in preparing for the event.

Persons of the week

... Pat on the back for all of those who engaged in the delivery, support or completion of distance learning over recent weeks.

... Every child who completed their cross country event this year. Special acknowledgments to follow later in the newsletter.

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

22 September	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parents' Meeting (3:15 pm)
29 September	Meeting of BoT
1 October	Last day of Term 3 (18 Oct. First day term 4)
21 October	Calf Club Day

Final day of school 2021

... will be Wednesday 15 December.

Year 7 and 8 Cambridge Programme

Parents of year 6 children will today have received some printed information on our year 7 and 8 programme. This programme provides an exceptional start to secondary school and positions our students for success. Former students consistently tell us how well prepared they were for the demands of secondary school, with many of them transitioning quickly to more advanced learning. We will hold an after school meeting at some stage soon to discuss this programme with you, but are more than happy to meet with you by appointment. The Cambridge programme is a **Junior Secondary Level Programme** and so it is demanding. Nevertheless, we can tailor children's programmes to suit children's needs and will invite parents to book a meeting mid-way through next term to have input into placement decisions. In the meantime, have a read of the material sent home today, access further material on our website, and let us know if you have questions. We are the only public school in Northland to offer this programme ... and the Board meets the cost.



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Calf Club Day

... will be held **Thursday 21 October** ... the Thursday before Labour Weekend. Any questions please to the school office.

Keeping Ourselves Safe - Police Education Programme

Parents are invited to a meeting in the staffroom 3:15 pm Wednesday 22 September to discuss the above programme. This meeting will be hosted by Gary Hayes, our allocated Police Ed Officer. Gary will give an outline of the programme, and take any questions you might have. Please advise the school office next week if you will be in attendance at this meeting.

Lockdown laptops

If your child was leant a school laptop for the lockdown period, please return this to school on Monday. Thankyou.

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.

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.

International Schools Competitions

Due to recent disruptions to school we have moved the ICAS Maths Examination to **Tuesday 28 September**. Children are encouraged to do a minimum of two practise papers a week please. Please help to ensure that children have a set time and place to do these papers. Practice papers can be exchanged at the school office.

Drink bottles

... please ensure all children bring a drink bottle to school each day. We have processes for refilling these if required.

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.

Applications for Out of Zone Places - Siblings

Applications for siblings of current students must be received by 29 September please along with all other applications. So ... even if you are seeking entry on sibling basis, and you are out of zone, a position will be held for your child only if an application is received, otherwise this position will be offered to another student. If we can help in any way please let us know.

School Cross Country

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
12 YR Boys	Luke O'Donnell	Corbett Rumney	TeAarahi Tito	Luke Hudson	Hunter Adams	Thomas Elias
12 YR Girls	Isabell Attwood	Oli Bradley	Bradee-Jayne Taituha	Tyla Bennett	Summer Curnow	Eva Pitchforth
11 YR Boys	Van Leith	Noah Misilei	Ben Donaldson	Kieran Langley	Isaac Delemare	Nelson Hall
11 YR Girls	LeArli Job-Neho	Lydia Jongkind	Maisey Easterbrook	Livia Henderson	Ruby van Boldrik	Lily Young
10 YR Boys	Tyler Curnow	Dane O'Donnell	Bodhi Mitten	Ryan Watkins	Lockie Leonard	Dane Gunson
10 YR Girls	Tia Welsh	SummerLee Gill	Quinn Slatter	Hannah Perris	Brianna Brown-Williamson	Kaylee Scott
9 YR Boys	Kaden Auton	Ashton Henwood	Tyde Job-Neho	Justin Wallace	Lachlan Smith	James Tobin
9 YR Girls	Emma Donaldson	Alexis Cell	Pippa Scott	Gwyneth Ah-Mu	Carla Lanigan	Pippa Goodin
8 YR Boys	Mason Leith	Ethan Watkins	Cian Gunson	Harry Easterbrook	Braxton Alexander	Darren Jarman
8 YR Girls	Katie Perris	Ady Gibbs	Amelia Henderson	Sadie Sands	Alyssa Gill	Katrina Walker
YR 3 Boys	Aiden Curnow	Oliver Gravatt	Nate Barry	Oscar Henderson	Tate Slatter	Maiki Tawhiti
YR 3 Girls	Kaylee Dinsdale	Chloe Wotherspoon	Inde Turner	Charlie Garden	Taylor Masefield	McKenna Taituha
YR 2 Boys	Oliver Bassett	Harley Coleman	Flynn Smith	Jaxon Welsh	Denim Hutchinson	Eli Tawhiti
YR 2 Girls	Brooklyn Alexander	Ellie Perris	Neve Harrison	Autumn Hinchliffe-Triebels	Ayvah-May Summers	TeHuuketai Williams-Crawford
YR 1/0 Boys	Blake Sawford	Heath Thompson	Kallum Horsford	Corbyn Stanners	Bennett Alexander	Tyler Leith
YR 1/0 Girls	Aubree Dinsdale	Lucy Whitehouse	Indee Martin	Annice Watkins	Maia van Boldrik	Maia Maisuriya

Advertisement for out of zone enrolments 2022 - Matarau School

The Board of Trustees of Matarau School has determined that ...

... there will be sufficient places for priority 2 students.

... there will be 8 places at year 0 – 2 for students in priorities 3 to 6

... there will be 2 places at years 3-4 for students in priorities 3 to 6

... and 4 places at years 5-6 for students in priorities 3 to 6.

... and 3 places in our Cambridge Programme (Year 7 and 8)

Priority 1	Special character
2	Sibling of current student
3	Sibling of former student
4	Child of former student
5	Child of board employee
6	All other applicants

For information and Out of Zone Application Forms please contact our school office on 09 4335823 or at admin@matarau.school.nz

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 29 September. The outcome of any ballot, should a ballot be necessary, will be advised shortly after 20 October.

Yummy stickers

This is a reminder that if you have any completed Yummy sticker charts hanging around, please send them in. We have an extension (until the end of L2), but I'd like to gather them ASAP! I'll also collect the unfinished ones too, as they all add up, BUT not for another week. Thank you! Mrs. E.



Matarau School Parent Support Group Compost Fundraiser

We are selling the amazing Fonterra compost in loads of approx 1 cubic metre (those that have purchased before know how generous these loads are) for the bargain price of **\$20 per cube**.

Sunday 26th September. Pick up Jordan Valley Road between 10am and 2pm

Our gate volunteers will greet you and check you off the list. Drive around to the loader and you're loaded up in minutes. Hardest part will be watching someone unload it for you when you get home.

Please order via our website <https://mataraufundraising.co.nz>

Bank account for online payment will be provided after your order is submitted. No cash sales on the day please. If you would like assistance with ordering please contact us via email matarau.psg@gmail.com.

Covid level 1 or 2 required to proceed with this event, if higher we will contact purchasers via email prior to.

Term Headlice Inspection

Headlice inspections before lockdown indicated moderate levels of infestation. A whole school inspection enables us to get on this problem at the same time, thus reducing levels of infestation across the school, and ultimately reducing the need for repeat treatments. It is highly important, if you received notification of infestation, or suspected infestation, that you treat your child if you have not already done so. We are happy to put parents requiring support or guidance in touch with our public health nurse. If you did not get a notice please check your children's hair weekly and act promptly in the event of infestation.

Lunchorders

Remember you can order a nice warm lunch every Thursday or Friday Sushi. Orders need to be in on the day before 8am. Please visit the website www.lunchonline.co.nz for ordering.

2022 Enrolments

We are receiving quite a number of OOO enrolment enquiries. 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. Thank you for your assistance. If you are undecided, or your circumstances are unclear, take whatever time you need.

Finally

Great to be back at school. If your child needs a bit of extra assistance to settle back into school after lockdown please email Rachael Robertson on (rrobertson@matarau.school.nz) and someone will connect with them early next week.

Nga mihi
Kevin Trehwella
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