

Thanks

.... To our wonderful calf club judges who have indicated their willingness to work to level 2 restrictions should we be in level 2 on Calf Club Day.

... To parents who have diligently worked to our level 2 rules in recent weeks. This has been very much appreciated.

People of the week

... Teariki Nyhuis for amazing progress in reading in recent months. Well done TeAriki for all of your hard work.

... Skyla De Bruyn for amazing manners at all times. Great role model Skyla

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

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

Looking ahead ... more to follow next term!

18 October	First day of term 4
21 October	Calf Club day
25 October	Labour Day
26 October	Staff Only Day (School closed for instruction. No buses this day)
17 November	Zone Athletics
22 November	Staff Only Day (School closed for instruction
24 November	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
1 December	Year 4-6 Interschool Athletics
13 December	Likely Prize Giving Date
15 December	Final day of term

Final day of school 2021

... will be Wednesday 15 December

Extension Music Groups

If your child was in one of our extension music groups with Mrs Slykerman this term, we are keen to roll them over to next term. If you do not want your child to be rolled over to another term, or if you have questions, please contact Mrs Slykerman on rslykerman@matarau.school.nz by the commencement of term 4. Thankyou.

Calf Club Day

... will be held **Thursday 21 October** ... the Thursday before Labour Weekend.

CALF CLUB - INDOOR EXHIBITS

A list of indoor exhibits for respective levels of the school were sent home with last week's newsletter (and an electronic copy is attached to this newsletter). While most exhibits are done at school in the days prior to Calf Club Day, one of the exhibits is to be done at home. Please remember that, while you can give guidance, *these exhibits MUST be substantively the work of your child* out of fairness to other children. Items for **construction** of exhibits are required at school on **Monday 18**

October please, flowers on **Wednesday 20 October**. Children are required to complete a minimum of 4 of 5 possible exhibits. Any questions please ask your child's teacher.

Please note that we will not be having a shared lunch or a cake auction this year due to covid. Alternatively, we suggest that you bring a picnic lunch to be shared within your family group, or children can bring their lunch with them as they do on any regular school day (maybe with the inclusion of something special).

Calf Club day if we are still in level 2 on 21 October

The decision has been made to proceed with a highly modified Calf Club Day if we are still in level 2 on 21 October. In a nutshell, calves and goats will be judged on the lower field starting 9:00 am (on 21 October), lambs at 12:00, and pets when we return to level 1 if this is feasible. Indoor exhibits will be on display in the hall on 21 and 22 October but people will be required to book a visit time so we can manage numbers. All visitors to the site will be required to be masked, use sanitiser on entry, use the QR code, and maintain social distancing. Children with animals may have one support adult only on the day. Adults will be confined to the bottom field. As stated above there will be no shared lunch and classes will remain in their bubbles. REMEMBER, THESE CONDITIONS ONLY APPLY IF WE ARE IN LEVEL 2 ON 21 OCTOBER.

Staff Only Day

Teachers throughout NZ have an entitlement to a specified number of staff only days in a given period to work on planning and professional development. Accordingly, please note that Staff Only Days will be held on Tuesday 26 October and Monday 22 November. School will not be open for instruction on these days and buses will not run. We chose these dates so that families had the option of extended weekends.

Home Gardens

Garden Diaries were sent home with children who have indicated they are participating. Over the holidays we suggest that ...

... gardens are dug over and composted

... all seeds are planted

... seedlings in after Labour Weekend

... pest control measures are in place

Any questions don't hesitate to connect, and remember to take a look at our Facebook page (a great source of motivation & creativity) www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens

ICAS papers

Exams are finished. Please return ICAS English and Maths practice papers to the office after the holidays.

Whangarei Girls High School - 2022 ENROLMENTS

Orientation Day for our Year 9, 2022 intake has been changed to
Friday 26th November.

If you want your student to attend WGHS in 2022 and haven't yet enrolled, please go to www.wghs.school.nz and follow the enrolments tab. This will ensure your student is registered for our Orientation Day on 26 November.

School Cups

If your child received a cup at last year's prize giving, please return it to school asap.

Sunhats

A reminder that sunhats are compulsory in term 1 & 4. Please check that your child has their regulation navy blue Matarau School sunhat ready for next term. You can buy a new one for \$10 or there is a limited supply of second hand ones for \$5 each, from the office. Northland has the highest rates of sun cancer in the world. Let's all step up here please.

Art Scholarship

This is early notice that entries for this year's Art Scholarship Competition will be sought early next term. If your child is interested, please let their teacher know. If you would like to discuss their suitability for this competition with their teacher, please feel free to do so. If you would like a bit more information, please contact the school office. More to follow next term.

Applications for Out of Zone Places

Results of our ballot (if held) will be advised by 27 October.

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.

Yummy stickers

*We have an extension to collect Yummy stickers until **Friday the 29th October**.* 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. Thank you! Mrs E.

Final Word

Thanks for your support. Holiday well, and safely. See you next term.

Enjoy the weekend.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL