

# Matarau School Newsletter Term 4 Week 2 2021

## Thanks to

- ... to all of those wonderful folk involved in our compost fund-raiser
- ... to those who took the time to view our Virtual Calf Club indoor exhibits
- ... to our wonderful Calf Club judges for your efforts over the past weeks
- ... to those who have informed us of changes in their child's circumstances for next year

## Persons of the week

Caeli Payne and Keeley Scott who provided incredible support and care for a student with a suspected broken arm this week.

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

Monday 22 November	Staff Only Day
Wednesday 24 November	Meeting of Board of Trustees
Wednesday 15 December	Final day of school 2021

## Staff Only Days

This is confirmation that a further Staff Only Day will be held on **Monday 22 November**. School will not be open for instruction on this day and buses will not run. As with our Staff Only Day last week, time will largely be spent in preparation for the implementation of the digital, science and technology curricula.

## Parents of Year 8 Students

Please note that year 8 students received a book voucher this week to be put toward their year 8 leaving book. Thank you in anticipation for assisting them to select a suitable book. Please note that **leaving books are due back at school by 29 November**.

## Prize Giving

Around the country, school prize givings are being done very differently this year. Along with other schools, we still want to acknowledge excellence and effort, and are keen to create a virtual prize giving of sorts. Our policy is to publish non-portrait photos, only first names, and to use a private platform. We may use a youtube link with access only by invitation, but inevitably we will need to trust all users not to share this, or to only share it with close family members e.g. grandparents. If you do not want your child's non-portrait photo (meaning not close up), their first name, and their special honour, being shared on a private youtube link please advise Kevin next week ([principal@matarau.school.nz](mailto:principal@matarau.school.nz)). In the event that we do **NOT** have your consent your child would still receive their award, but it would not be shared publicly. So ... ff we do NOT hear from you we will assume we have your consent.

## ICAS PAPERS ENGLISH & MATHS

We are still missing some ICAS practice papers. If you borrowed some papers can you please return these to the office.

## SCHOOL CUPS

If your child received a cup at last year's prize giving, and this has not yet been returned to school, please return this to school on Monday.

## Calendar Art closing Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> November

You can order your child's art on the website

[www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)

Please use our school code **KZ654**

### Yummy stickers

This is a reminder that if you have any completed Yummy sticker charts hanging around, please send them in. We have time until Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> November. I'll also collect the unfinished ones too, as they all add up. Thank you! Mrs. E.

### Sunhats

A reminder that sunhats are compulsory in term 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.

### High School Orientation day

Kamo High School	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Whangarei Boys High School	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Huanui College	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Whangarei Girls High School	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November

*Parents need to transport their own child(ren).*

**If you have any of the junior school's spare clothes at home, please could you send them back in? We have run out of pants and shorts.**

### Art Scholarship (Years 4 to 8)

If your child's teacher can assist in any way with the preparation of your child's art portfolio, please make contact with them. A reminder that portfolios will need to be submitted **by 3:00 pm Monday 15 November**.

### Home Gardens

Hopefully all home gardens are now well underway. Remember that seedlings should be hardened off before planting into the garden. This involves putting your seedlings out during the day in a sheltered spot, and then bringing them in at night for a few days. Then leave them out at night for a few more days before planting into the garden. Once planted, feed with a seaweed feed (or soak pots in it before planting). This helps avoid transfer shock.

**Home garden diaries will be due in on Thursday the 18th of November.** This will allow us to get the dairies to the judges in time. Any students who have not received their diary (or have misplaced them), will need to see Mrs Burgin by the end of next week.

Please upload photos or share & receive gardening tips on our Facebook page if you can... [www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens](http://www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens)

### **Pubertal Change Booklets 2020 - Year 6s**

In the past, we have issued child-oriented pubertal change booklets to year 6 children to take home and discuss with their parents. If you are the parent of a year 6 child, can you please advise the school office next week if you would like to drop by to view a booklet, or if you would like to pick your child's booklet up yourself? If we do not hear from you, all year 6 children will bring a booklet home at some stage soon.

### **Pathways for year 6 students entering our year 7 & 8 programme next year**

While all Year 7 & 8 programmes contain elements of Cambridge, we are keen to place students in pathways which best align with their current and future potential. In short, because the Cambridge Programme can be quite challenging, we want to get initial placements right (although changes down the track are sometimes made).

Mrs Donaldson will co-ordinate the placement process and, as part of this process, will also meet with previous teachers, and review the achievement (and other) data we have in our system. Parents are also invited to contribute to pathway decisions. Careful placement will help ensure that our year 8 students are very well prepared for year 9.

We will have three year 7 and 8 classes next year, and have advertised only two places for out of zone students at this level to keep class numbers as low as possible.

### **Input to year 7 placement decisions**

Pathway decisions will be made some time in the week beginning 15 November. Parents of year 6 students who would like to have input into these decisions are invited to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson. These appointments will be held via "google meet" sometime week beginning 15.11. We anticipate these discussions will take around 20 minutes per child. If you would like the opportunity to have input into placement decisions please email Mrs Donaldson on ... [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz) preferably by 8 November please.

### **Lunch orders**

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](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) for ordering.

## ***Matarau School Senior School Compost Fundraiser***

We are selling the amazing Fonterra compost in loads of approximate 1 cubic metre (those that have purchased before know how generous these loads are) for the bargain price of \$25 per cube.

***WHEN: Sat 30th October. WHERE: Pick up Jordan Valley Road between 9:30am and 2pm.***

Yard is located on the right-hand side of Jordan Valley Road approx. 400mtrs from Rushbrook Road on your left. Will have something at the gate to grab your attention. Drive in, meet with our gate volunteer then 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!

**Cash only please. \$25/cube or two cube for \$40.**

Please email [lryan@matarau.school.nz](mailto:lryan@matarau.school.nz) if you have any questions. 0274 543 630 for on the day contact.

***\*In addition to the Compost Fundraiser we are completing a Roadside Clean up - Sat 30th Oct, starting from Fonterra compost yard at 9am.***

***Bring gloves, hi vis if you have one (we can provide if not) and a drink bottle.***

***All children need to be with an adult, if you can't stay but have students wanting to help please let us know and we'll try buddy them up. Vehicle required per group also. Trailer or a ute is helpful.***

## Finally

A genuine thank you, again, for working so diligently to the level 2 protocols. Thanks for wearing your masks when you visit, checking in to the office etc. You are awesome!

## 2021 Calf Club Day Results

### LAMBS - JUNIORS

	1st	2nd	3rd	HC
Leading	Neve Harrison	Lily Donaldson	Alexis Judkins	Imogen Harold
Calling	Ellie Perris	Imogen Harold	Lily Donaldson	Neve Harrison
Rearing	Imogen Harold	Lily Donaldson	Alexis Judkins	Ellie Perris
Best Pet	Lily Donaldson	Neve Harrison	Alexis Judkins	Imogen Harold

### LAMBS - LOWER INTERMEDIATE Y3/4

	1st	2nd	3rd	HC
Leading	Emma Sidford-Matheson	Zach Priest	Charlize Clayton	Chloe Wotherspoon
Calling	Charlize Clayton	Zach Priest	Emma Sidford-Matheson	Olivia Barnes
Rearing	Zach Priest	Chloe Wotherspoon	Emma Sidford-Matheson	Olivia Barnes
Best Pet	Zach Priest	Emma Sidford-Matheson	Charlize Clayton	Olivia Barnes

### LAMBS - UPPER INTERMEDIATE Y5/6

	1st	2nd	3rd
Leading	Casper Harold	Emma Donaldson	Carla Lanigan
Calling	Casper Harold	Aamani Rudolph-Horne	Emma Donaldson
Rearing	Casper Harold	Carla Lanigan	Emma Donaldson
Best Pet	Aamani Rudolph-Horne	Casper Harold	Emma Donaldson

### LAMBS - SENIORS

	1st	2nd	3rd
Leading	Ben Donaldson	Ayla Sharpe	Summer Dackers
Calling	Summer Dackers	Ayla Sharpe	Keeley Scott & Skye Stevenson
Rearing	Ayla Sharpe	Summer Dackers	Maisey Easterbrook
Best Pet	Isaac Delemare	Ben Donaldson	N/A

### CALF - JUNIORS

	1st	2nd	3rd
Leading	Toby Alison	Bailey Harper	Flynn Smith
Rearing	Flynn Smith	Zara Ringrose	Bailey Harper
Best Pet	Zara Ringrose	Bailey Harper	Flynn Smith

**CALF - INTERMEDIATE Y3-5**

	1st	2nd	3rd
Leading	Lydia Alison	Rex Philip	Rhys Perris
Rearing	Rex Philip	Lachlan Smith	Rhys Perris
Best Pet	Rhys Perris	Rex Philip	Lachlan Smith

**CALF - SENIORS Y6-8**

	1st	2nd	3rd
Leading	Toby Ringrose	Liam Perris	Tayla Bennett
Rearing	Liam Perris	Toby Ringrose	Tayla Bennett
Best Pet	Liam Perris	Toby Ringrose	Tayla Bennett

**GOATS**

	1st	2nd	3rd
Leading	Heath Tonks	Kiri Tonks	N/A
Calling	Kiri Tonks	Heath Tonks	Alexis & Aurora Cels
Rearing	Kiri Tonks	Heath Tonks	N/A
Best Pet	Kiri Tonks	Heath Tonks	N/A

**PET - JUNIOR**

1st	2nd	3rd	HC
Luke Schimmel	Cooper Fergusson	Eli Gibbs	TeHuuketai Williams-Crawford for Booklet

**PET - INTERMEDIATE**

1st	2nd	3rd	HC
Mikayla Langley	Sarai Rudolph-Horne	Rose Peters	Skyla de Bruyn

**PET - SENIOR**

1st	2nd
Mariela Shortland-Mendez	Savannah Armstrong for Booklet

**Special Ribbons / Awards**

<b>Best Pet Overall / Champion</b>	<b>Mariela Shortland-Mendez</b>
<b>Reserve Champion</b>	<b>Luke Schimmel</b>
<b>Champion lamb</b>	<b>Summer Dackers</b>
<b>Reserve Champion lamb</b>	<b>Casper Harold</b>
<b>Best Pet lamb overall</b>	<b>Zach Priest</b>
<b>Best Led lamb overall</b>	<b>Ben Donaldson</b>
<b>Best Reared lamb overall</b>	<b>Ayla Sharpe</b>
<b>Best Called lamb overall</b>	<b>Ellie Perris</b>

Champion Calf	Rex Philip
Reserve Champion Calf	Liam Perris
Best Beef Calf	Rhys Perris
Best Dairy Calf	Lachlan Smith
Best Led Calf	Toby Alison
Best Reared Calf	Liam Perris
Best Pet Calf	Rhys Perris
Champion Goats	Kiri Tonks
Reserve Champion Goats	Heath Tonks

