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# Newsletter

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### Thanks

... to the Calf Club judges who judged via video clips this year..... we appreciate your flexibility, and your commitment to making sure that we had a Calf Club of sorts in 2021.

... coaches and managers of school sports teams for your commitment this season. Not always the easiest of roles ... we truly appreciate that you stepped up to these roles in 2021.

### Persons of the week

.... children who did their very best preparing animals for judging and/or indoor exhibits for display in the hall.

... the many parents who took some time over recent weeks, in spite of their own challenges, to express their appreciation for the efforts of school staff. Staff have truly appreciated this.

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

Monday 25 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 26 October	Staff Only Day
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 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. The school is required to take a requisite number of Staff Only days and the Board chose these days to provide long(er) weekends for families who might want to take advantage of this. Time will largely be spent in preparation for the implementation of the digital, science and technology curricula.

### 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 next week.

### 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).

### 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**



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**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.**

#### Junior pick up

Just a gentle reminder that children departing early (2:40) should be picked up from the top carpark rather than the bus bay at the end of the day. This way we can supervise them all the way to you and be sure they are safe.

#### Calf Club Indoor Display

We are pleased to make available for viewing this years indoor calf club exhibits from levels 0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.

Videos of year groups have been taken and links will be available for you to watch on our School Facebook page. We appreciate this is quite different, but hope you can still celebrate your child's effort.

Here are the links to the videos of the calf club exhibits.

Year 1- 2 <https://youtu.be/TYlthJGhItw>

Year 3-4 <https://youtu.be/6HkBZjqtSdA>

Year 5-6 <https://youtu.be/NoUUotnBLHE>

Year 7-8 <https://youtu.be/TID3vwKrfi0>

Year 7-8 Art <https://youtu.be/lb7U29spsks>

#### Art Scholarship (Years 4 to 8)

If your child is intending to enter a portfolio in this year's art competition, please make sure you have advised their teacher by the end of next week.

Their teacher will send you all of the information you need. Art portfolios will need to be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday 15 November.

#### Hockey & Netball

The season is over. Can you please return your t-shirt / netball dress to the office. Please pay all outstanding fees asap.

#### 2022 Enrolments

We are receiving quite a number of OOOZ enrolment enquiries. If you DO KNOW that your child WILL NOT, OR VERY LIKELY WILL NOT attend Matarau School in 2022, and you have not already done so, can you please advise the school office as soon as possible by phone message over the weekend or on Monday?

#### Out of Zone Applications

The outcome of OOOZ applications has now been advised. If you have been offered a place, **please be sure to send your acceptance slip back to the school office before 29 October.** The school often continues to receive enquiries on available places for several weeks after ballot date and so, if you do not formally accept an offer of place, **there is a high likelihood that this will be offered to someone else.** Any questions please just drop by or phone Paula.



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### 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.

### 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 over the next two weeks if you would like to drop by to view a booklet, or you may 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.

### Spelling Bee Competitions

... are under way very soon. If you are keen for your child to participate, and they are a strong speller, please flick their teacher an email this weekend.

### 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.***

### **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.

### **Drink bottles**

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

### **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.

### **Home Gardens**

Welcome back to the new term. By now your seedlings should be well underway. Don't panic if you have had a few mishaps. As the weather warms up, the seeds will germinate much faster and you still have time to replant if need be.

If your seedlings are already in the garden, with the variable weather at the moment it could be advisable to cover them, to promote growth. This could be as simple as cutting the bottom of a milk container and placing over the seedling.

#### *A few tips for planting out...*

Remember to 'harden' your seedlings off before planting out into the garden. This involves taking your seedlings outside to a shelter spot during the day, then bringing them back inside at night. Gradually build up so that they are then out at night. This process should take approximately a week.

When transplanting out (or planting into bigger containers), water with a something like a seaweed tonic afterwards. Some gardeners like to soak the pots in a bucket of this tonic before planting out, and some with water afterwards. Both methods work well. This helps with transplant shock.

Remember to put your stakes in early for plants like tomatoes and beans. This avoids the roots being damaged later on.

If you are running short on space - look at ways to grow things vertically. Cucumbers and pumpkins can grow upwards on frames. Lots of plants can also be grown in buckets and grow bags.

Please upload photos or share & receive gardening tips on our Facebook page if you can...

[www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens](http://www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens)

### **Finally**

A huge thank you to staff, parents and students for a great start to term. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we adapt to new requirements, and thank you again to those parents in essential services who made sacrifices to allow us a day or two to get ready. Unfortunately, there will be a number of customary term 4 events which will not take place this term, and some events (e.g. athletics, prize giving etc.) which will look a bit different. We are committed to keeping things as normal as possible, as well as to ensuring that productive learning takes place. We don't know what covid will do to system wide educational standards ultimately, but our aim is to minimise its impact on our students. Along the way we will make a few mistakes, we will need to experiment here or there, but we will get there.

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