

Matarau School Newsletter Term 4 Week 6 2021

26 November 2021

Thanks to

- ... Our Art judges
- ... Mrs Donaldson for working so hard on our art video
- ... Our home garden parents for their support over recent months

Persons of the week

... Every child who placed an entry in our Art Scholarship ... well done for the exceptional quality of your work.

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

- Monday 10 December Reports sent home
- Tuesday 14 December Colour Run (more to follow)
- Wednesday 15 December Final day of school 2021

Early notice that school will finish on midday on Wednesday the 15th December. Children attending on this day may be picked up or travel home on their usual bus. All buses will run approx. 3 hours earlier on that day. The Kamo bus will likely not run earlier on this day.

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 Monday 29 November**.



Colour Run - Tuesday 14th December

The cost of this event is \$10 per participant, which needs to be paid **BEFORE** the date of the 10th of December. The cost will cover the powdered paint for your child, as well as a great experience of completing a selection of obstacles course activities ranging from waterslides, crawling under nets, dodging water pistols and

sprinklers, throwing items at a target etc.!

Each class will rotate through the obstacle course and will remain in their class 'bubble'. Non-participants will be watching their class complete the obstacle course from the grass bank.

Payment can be made via the internet or cash to the school office. School account: 12-3093-0239515-00 / Reference (your child's name and the word 'colour')

Students are to wear an old **WHITE** shirt (or light coloured one) and old shorts. These clothing items will most likely come home covered with powdered paint, so please don't allow your child to wear good or new clothes. Students are to bring a change of clothes and a bag to transport 'coloured' clothes home in. The School has limited supply of safety goggles. If you have swimming goggles, or safety glasses, please send them on the day with your child.



Reminders

- ... adults are required to wear masks please if visiting the school
- ... Sunhats each day please (and drink bottles also please)
- ... Please let us know if your plans change and your child will (or will not) be attending Matarau School next year.
- ... Headlice checks ... please check your children's hair weekly and respond where necessary
- ... Please return ICAS papers to the office.
- ... Please return netball skirts to the office.

Year 8 Dinner

On Friday 10 December our year 8 students are invited to attend a year 8 formal dinner at Gengy's starting 6:00 pm (arrival 5:50 pm) and concluding at 7:30 pm. Parents are asked to please arrange drop off and pick up. This is an opportunity for them to celebrate their time together, to get excited about their next step, to talk about their Poor Knights excursion, and to simply have some fun. We think this will be a special time for them and hugely thank parents in advance for getting them to and from the venue. **A consent form has been sent home today and so please get this back to school early next week.** Any questions please to Mrs Donaldson on kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz.

Home Gardens

Please note that gardens will not be **judged on 4 December** where a 'Consent to Visit' form was not returned to school. If your child(ren) are no longer able to participate, please advise Mrs Burgin @ rburgin@matarau.school.nz. Please note that gardens need to be accessible to judges on 4 December - all day please. **Please ensure that gates are unlocked, dogs are tied up, and a balloon on your gate would assist the judges to locate your driveway.**

Digital Devices 2022 - year 5 and up (NOT REQUIRED AT YEAR 4 IN 2022)

We prefer laptops and chrome books, as these fill our device needs better than an iPad, but whatever your child has we will work with. Parents should feel under no pressure to purchase devices for their children ... this is your call ... we will do our best to provide as many shared (non take home devices) as we can. We will continue to ensure that time on devices is not overdone, there will always be plenty of time for learning and interacting in a variety of ways.

Lost Property

Please ask your child to keep a special eye out for specific lost items when they visit lost property over coming weeks. We will send a video of our lost property home sometime in the next couple of weeks, if you see a familiar item maybe remind your child that this one belonged to them and that you expect them to pick it up. Items unclaimed by term's end will be donated to charities.

Junior Readers

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc) for junior readers and send these along to school next week. It is important that we have complete sets for 2022. So ... we are missing quite a few and so a thorough search at home would be really appreciated.

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 preferably by **MONDAY** please.

Prize Giving

Prize Giving will be filmed and photographed in "bits" in the week starting 6 December and will be made available later that week or early in the final week once it has been put together and edited.

Picking Children up early ...

... please advise the office (and not your child's teacher) if you need to pick your child up early. The office will fetch your child from their classroom at the requested time, and deliver them to the designated school gate for pick up.

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Sunhats

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.

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.

Period products Year 6's

If your daughter needs any period products please contact the office and we will provide your daughter with them.

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 not today, these will be sent home next week.

Encyclopedia Britannica

... free to a good home. Mint condition. If interested, please email Kevin on principal@matarau.school.nz First in first served.

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 for ordering.

Finally

A reminder to take a look at our Art Exhibition via the link on our facebook page, and maybe write a few supportive comments for the children to read if you have time. Congratulations, again, to these children.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella

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Community notices

Covid permitting, **Whangarei Record Fair** @ 116 Bank Street on the 27th November 2021, proudly supported by Creative Northland, ONEONESIX and Beagle Radio. It would be great if you are able to publicise this in any way, be it notice boards, newsletters, etc. Many thanks in advance.



NewstalkZB

This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB - it's the Star of Christmas singing competition... on The Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show!

Be treated like a Star!

*Win flights (if out of Auckland), accommodation, music studio tour
and studio time with Nathan King, judge from POPSTARS*

If you can sing, and are under 13, email your audition singing a Christmas song to christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz or call 0800 843 864 before *13th December*. Then tune into Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning from 6am to see if you've won!