

# Matarau School Newsletter Term 4 Week 8 2021

10 December 2021

## Thanks to

... our 2021 sponsors

## Persons of the week

... every child who received an award or trophy this week

... Cian Gunson who broke our year 4 boys' high jump record this term ... 1.13 metres (former record 1.07 metres)

... Mr Johnson who this week received an award for Exceptional Leadership in 2021.

... Paula and Miranda for your tireless work in our school office over recent very busy weeks

... Paula, Jenny and Pam for your work judging home gardens last weekend. This was a long day but your visits were very much appreciated. Thank you for your hard work.

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

Tuesday 14 December      Colour Run (more to follow)

Wednesday 15 December      Final day of school 2021

## **FINAL DAY / FINISHING TIME WEDNESDAY 15.12**

For bus timetabling reasons school will need to finish at 12:30 on 15 December (the final day of school) - **not 12:00 as earlier advised**. It is not compulsory for your child to attend on 15.12 but they are more than welcome at school. Much of the day will be used packing up and getting ready for "lock-up". If your child is attending and using buses on this day, **please note that buses will start from 12:30 and drop children off APPROXIMATELY two to two and a half hours earlier than normal**. Having said that, drop-off times will vary depending on loadings and so we are unable to be exact with respect to drop-off times.



### Colour Run - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

The cost of this event is \$10 per participant, which needs to be paid **BEFORE** the date of the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Masks

A reminder please that masks are to be worn by all visitors to the school.

Visits are for drop off and pick up and otherwise by prior appointment please.

### Class lists for 2022

Class lists for 2022 are now on display on the school noticeboard (by the hall). If you wish to view these two conditions apply please ...

... due to covid restrictions you will need to view these **outside of regular school hours (i.e. not between 7:45 am and 4:15 pm week days)**. You are welcome to visit outside of these times.

... you may photograph lists **but these must not be shared over social media under any circumstances** please to protect the privacy and safety of some children.

### Lost Property

A video of lost property items was shared yesterday on our facebook page. Please take a look and direct your child(ren)'s attention to any items they need to take home with them next week. All unclaimed items will be donated to charities.

### 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.

### Junior Readers

PLEASE RETURN ALL JUNIOR READERS ASAP as we will be doing a stocktake in our junior book room next week. Each year 100s of books go missing and cost the school approximately \$10 per book to replace. Please look under beds or on book shelves, and return anything you find on Monday. Thank you

### Camp Parents

Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they are keen to attend next year's year 5 and 6 camp. Please note that, under present conditions, parents attending any school camp will be asked to provide evidence of double vaccination. Any information you provide will be treated confidentially, but we are required to check.

### Masks for children

Masks are optional for students at Matarau School this stage. Based on what we are currently hearing from the government, masks look set to become a requirement for students in years 4 and up in 2022. We will stick to current settings (i.e. masks optional for children) until the end of this year, unless the situation necessitates a change. In the meantime, we ask you to work with us to make the transition to masks as seamless as possible. We are not without concerns with respect to the masking of children, but the conventional wisdom is that the

benefits, and inconveniences, will greatly outweigh the risks. Regardless of our opinions here, this will be a mandated requirement. We hope that early notice helps you prepare, purchase (or make masks), destigmatize etc.

Please note that masks for children year 12 and up when travelling on school buses is already a requirement.

### 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. Could be a good idea to buy a hat in advance of term 1 2022.

### Farewell - Mrs Wynyard and Mrs (Trish) Ringrose

It is with considerable sadness that we advise that Mrs Wynyard and Mrs (Trish) Ringrose will not be part of our teacher support team in 2022. Mrs Wynyard has worked at Matarau School for 14 years and will be remembered fondly by the many children who worked with her. Mrs Wynyard also tended our school gardens and is responsible for much of the colour that now adorns the school.

Mrs Ringrose has been with us for two years and is well respected for her determination to see children succeed, and for her timely words of advice to students.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs Wynyard and Mrs Ringrose for their dedication, for their genuine concern for the wellbeing and progress of the children within their care, for service beyond the call of duty, and for their many unseen acts of selfless service. Mrs Wynyard and Mrs Ringrose will remain very special friends of the school and we wish them the very best for their next adventure. Thank you for the difference you have made and the memories you leave behind.

### Staffing for 2022

The Board is pleased to announce 2022 staffing as follow...

Teaching staff	Support staff
Room 1a TBC ... likely start term 3	<b>Teacher Aides</b>
Room 1 Mrs Alexander	Mrs Crawford
Room 2 Mrs Easterbrook	Mrs Barnes
Room 3 Miss Gentil	Mrs Pol
Room 4 Mrs Baker	Mrs Ryan
Room 5 Mrs Jongkind	Mrs Hamilton
Room 6 Mrs Milicich	Mrs Wiegiersma
Room 7 Mrs Ringrose	Mrs Langley
Room 8 Mrs Burgin	<b>Information</b>
Room 9 Mr Pattison	<b>Technology</b>
Room 10 Mr Johnson	Mrs Sullivan
Room 11 Mrs Gunson	<b>Administration</b>
Room 12 Mrs Donaldson	Ms Hannam
Room 13 Snr Crump / Mr Delemare	Mrs Pol
	Mrs Sinclair (accounts)
Learning Support Co-ordinator - Mrs Marvin	<b>Caretaker / Grounds</b>
Learning Support / Pastoral Care - Mrs Williams	Mr Gardner-Lee
Release - Mrs Walker / Mrs (Clare) Ringrose	
Te Reo - Whaia Pera	
Music - Mrs Slykerman	<b>ESOL</b>
Reading Recovery / Junior diagnostics - Mrs Broughton/Mrs Robertson	Mrs Pol
Deputy Principal - Mrs Robertson / Assistant Principal - Mrs Donaldson	

### Special Thanks to

Our sponsors for their generous contributions to our School  
Staff for efforts, beyond the call of duty  
The Board for its unswerving dedication to duty  
Children for striving to attain your goals  
(and for supporting others towards the same end)  
To the many parents etc who have given their time to help in  
classrooms, camp, sports days, transport  
To those who have given us the benefit of the doubt  
when things didn't quite turn out right.

We have plenty of exciting things planned for next year including a focus on science and technology, envirocare, student ownership, student well-being, specialist music teaching, extension programmes, greatly increased reading support hours in the junior school, a couple of new breakout spaces, and a shade cover over our main quad (YES ... these are getting closer).

We look forward to sharing much more about these, AND OTHER THINGS, with you in the New Year.

#### As this is the last (official) newsletter of the year ...

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas. Best wishes to those who end their association with us this year - please keep in touch.

And to you all ... stay well and travel safely if going away.

*Final day of school 2021 ... Wednesday 15 December (finish 12:30 pm)*

*First day of school 2022 ... Tuesday 8 February*

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Kevin Trehella

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