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Thanks

... to all of those parents who have juggled their time to help out with a variety of end of year events. These events could not proceed without your support.

Persons of the week

.... Teachers for all of the additional hours spent on reports over recent weeks.

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

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.

Prize Giving

Prize Giving will be filmed and photographed in "bits" next week, and will be made available later that week or early in the final week once it has been put together and edited. This means that early next week children will know which children are recipients of the various awards. We are sorry that we cannot have you at their presentations, and that you will need to wait a week or so to view virtual prize giving. We want to make this special nevertheless, and will do our best in this regards. Congratulations in advance to all of these children who will be honoured in some way next week.

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.



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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.

Staffing 2022

- ... will be advised in next week's newsletter

Class lists for 2022

Our custom is to place class lists on the hall noticeboard at the end of year for interested parents to view. Accordingly, class lists will be placed on the noticeboard on Friday 10 December. 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.

Collecting children early

With current covid restrictions, parents are strongly discouraged from entering the school unless they have an appointment (and then masks and sign-in at the office are a requirement please).

If you wish to collect your child early please ...

... phone the office (not your child's teacher) when you arrive and wait outside the **side gate**

... your child will then be collected from their classroom and brought to you (this means they don't miss too much schoolwork)

Please allow time, when collecting your child, for the office staff to locate them and for them to collect all their belongings. (Classes may be on the bottom field, in the library, computer suite etc.)

Thank you so much for your co-operation ... you have been truly amazing.

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 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.



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

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.

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.

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

Departure of Mrs Lunn

It is with considerable regret that we advise of the resignation of Mrs Lunn from her teaching position at Matarau School effective from the end of this year. Mrs Lunn has been a much valued colleague and friend to all staff, and a highly respected classroom teacher. Mrs Lunn has always stepped up when needed, has gone the extra mile as a teacher, and has made many valuable contributions during her five years at our Matarau School. Mrs Lunn will be dedicating her time to the family business from next year and we wish her the very best with all of her endeavours in the years to come. She will remain a very special friend of the school and will be greatly missed.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL



Finally

As we gear up for prize giving we feel a high sense of duty in properly recognizing the very significant achievements of a good number of children. We all owe a great deal to these children. Prize Giving always reminds us that real success seldom happens by accident. It is usually the result of diligent effort. Full credit, in advance, to every child who receives an award at prize giving, and to all of those children who worked hard to grow their learning, achieve their goals, overcome their fears and enrich the lives of others. But just as important, behind every successful child is a backstage team of parents and teachers who get stuck in and do their best, in a job that is often more an art than a science. You can take some credit too.



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Pizza day at Matarau School

Thursday 9th December

(Whole Pizza – 19cm diameter!)

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