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### Thank you to

... Mike Woods who has given his precious time to augment our PE programmes with his coaching skills. This is much appreciated Mike.

... Our 2021 sponsors for your generous and unwavering support over 2021. We know that some of you will not be sponsors in 2022 but please know that we are hugely grateful for your past support. Please stay in touch with us and check our facebook page from time to time.

... The Rumney family for letting us use their pool for aquabots this week.

### People of the Week

... Jorge Macpherson who showed huge kindness this week by helping and comforting a junior child who fell over on the playground.

... Sean Pivac .. see our website

... All of those awesome people who will be supporting our Trail Ride this weekend.

... Lily Donaldson who can spell "ENTHUSIASTIC" ... and she is only six.

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

13 March	Trail Bike Ride
14 March	Mid-point cohort entry
22 March	Weetbix Challenge
29 March	Hearing and Vision Testing
14 April	Final day for term 1 (2 May First day of term 2)

### Masks for visitors

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.

### Trouble settling?

Please contact Mrs Robertson ([rrobertson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:rrobertson@matarau.school.nz)) or Mrs Marvin ([jmarvin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:jmarvin@matarau.school.nz)) if your child is taking a while to settle, or if they just need a little support. We have an amazing pastoral team and they love to help out.

### Virtue - Humility

We are very excited to introduce our 2022 commencement virtue ... HUMILITY Please find support material attached and take the time ...

... to discuss humility with your children

... talk about how/where you exercise humility in your life

... celebrate examples

... set goals

... revisit in the coming weeks

Humility seems a tricky virtue to define, but it's worth the effort. Maybe explain to kids that being humble helps us to be kind to others because it reminds us that we are not perfect either.

### Disability car park

Please keep the disability car park clear for those who need it.

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### Goal Setting/Zoom meetings

Thank you to those parents who returned daft goal sheets this week and/or who booked a zoom meeting. If you would like a zoom meeting at any stage please contact your child's teacher ... nowhere near as good as face to face meetings, which we hope are in the not too distant future.

### Teachers e-mail address

Some parents are asking for their teacher's classroom e-mail address. This is really easy to work out by using the teacher's first name initial followed by their surname and then add @matarau.school.nz (example Andrew Johnson ajohnson@matarau.school.nz or Jayde Jongkind jjongkind@matarau.school.nz)

### Corona Virus ... Omicron etc.

1. Advise the school as soon as you can if you or your child have covid
2. Please keep us in the loop
3. Let us know if there is any way that we can help

If you would like information on the covid vaccine for children please email Paula on [admin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:admin@matarau.school.nz) (we have a number of hard copies we can send home on request).

And remember please that under no circumstances should a symptomatic child be sent to school.

### Senior Study Hour (Years 7 & 8)

Senior Study Hour operates 3:00 to 4:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children may attend anywhere from 1 to 3 of these weekly sessions. If you would like to register your child please do so by contacting Mrs Donaldson on kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz.

### Yummy stickers

We are starting collecting Yummy stickers again. Please collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores (and some Countdowns). The more you collect, the more sports gear we get. Please see Mrs Easterbrook in room 2 for more sticker/label sheets. All started or completed sheets can be returned to Mrs. Easterbrook.

### Year 7/8 Immunisations - HPV & Boostrix

The public health nurses who run the school-based vaccinations for HPV and Boostrix, have been seconded to help with the Covid-19 response which could delay and potentially suspend the normal roll out in of these vaccinations in school. They have encouraged parents/caregivers to take their children to get vaccinated by their GP when possible.

### Term Headlice Inspection

... will not take place this term due to covid distancing and contact protocols. Please check your children's hair weekly, and respond promptly in the event of infestation. We will resume inspections when circumstances allow. Thank you.

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## Final Word

An on-going thank you to those parents who have been keeping us informed of positive covid results and isolation periods. Your efforts have enabled us to get a very good picture of the rate of spread. It is our strong impression that children want to be at school with their friends and their teachers, and that face to face learning is the preference for most children (and parents). So our goal is to have as many children at school as possible for as long as possible. A special thank you to those parents in our phase/stage 1 group (i.e. those very keen to distance learn if this became advisable), I am sorry that you are still on hold, but the rates of spread of the virus has been slower than expected, and so we are drawing out the period of "at school" learning for the moment. We will review next week and keep you posted. Around 30% of our students are now on distance learning or similar (so classes on average are down by a third) but we have no obviously symptomatic children at school, and we have enough staff to manage classes at present. We are not sure why the spread is happening slower than in other schools, but let's celebrate that fact.

Enjoy the weekend and stay well.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL



## 13th March 2022

For more information see website [www.mataraufundraising.co.nz](http://www.mataraufundraising.co.nz)

Facebook page / event [Matarau School Trail Ride] or Silver Bullet

Pre registration / purchase of tickets available online with early bird discount.

Event limited to 600 riders (6 x 100 zones).

8:00am registration opens, 9:00am ride opens, 2:30pm last riders out.

Coffee caravan, bbq breakfast, lunch and cold drinks for sale

all day - cash only.

Pricing on the day - **CASH ONLY** (Early Bird discount available online only)

Main track \$35, Intermediate track \$25, Kids track \$5 donation into Rescue Helicopter bucket

Side x Sides welcome - see online for pricing structure.

**Thank you to our amazing sponsors**





## Community notices

### Free Children's Gear

Dance Shoes - Jazz - Ballet shoes - Variety of sizes up to about 11 years old Horse riding Jodpurs - sizes C4 and C10 Riding boots size 33 All kit in good order, and free, and ready for the aspiring dancer or horse rider  
Please contact Mary Finlayson 0274525398 to pick up.



Try  
squash  
for free!

**Kamo Squash Club**  
Butler Place Kamo  
**Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March**  
**1 - 4 pm**  
\*please have vaccine passes ready to show

**TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.**

Find Kamo Squash Club on Facebook



### Mid Northern Rugby Football Club

Yesterday at 10:23 AM · 🌐

...

Northland Rugby are proposing a new Girls Rippa Rugby Grade for this season, catering for girls aged 8yrs - 10yrs.

- 4-6 weeks April/May.
  - Could be played on a weekday afternoon.
  - Central location.
  - 2 games per team per week.
  - Girls playing girls (still leaves Saturday for other sports codes or if player still wishes to play tackle rugby with boys they can).
  - Teams would represent their rugby club, information will be sent to schools to refer players to local club.
- We are seeking interest and numbers to see if we can enter a Mid Northern team/s.

If you have a female player aged 8, 9 or 10 years old who is keen, please email [midnorthernjuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:midnorthernjuniorrugby@gmail.com) before Mon 14 Mar with:

PLAYER NAME

AGE

If we have the numbers, Hannah Shalders from Northland Rugby will work with clubs and teams to register players and kickstart this exciting opportunity.

**CALLING ALL GIRLS AGED 8-10 WHO  
WANT TO PLAY**

**Girls Club Rippa Rugby  
in the Whangarei Sub Union Pilot for  
2022!**

#### **How do you get involved?**

*Let your Junior Rugby Club Contact know if you are wanting to be involved so they have a idea of players interested and the number of teams to enter.*