



Matarau School Newsletter Term 1 Week 9

Thank you

... To all of our 2022 sponsors ... we greatly appreciate your on-going generosity and support ... someone will make contact with you very soon (likely next week).

People of the Week

... Coaches and managers stepping up to the joys and challenges of leading one of our 2022 sports teams. Thank you in anticipation for the skill, commitment, patience, and goodwill you will inevitably bring to these roles.

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

14 April	Final day for term 1
2 May	First day of Term 2

After School Care

If you think you would use our After School Care programme please contact Tracey on 021 127 1115 to enrol, or for more information.

Year 8 - Tech

Please note, the next tech date is Friday 6 May. Any questions to Mrs Donaldson please.

AIMS Games - Year 7 and 8 - 3 to 9 September

Any questions to Katie please on kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

School next week

A huge thank you to parents for giving us clarity around which children will be on-site next week. Although we have around two thirds of staff sick, or in isolation, we certainly have enough staff (with backup from relievers) to operate four (out of twelve) rooms next week. As indicated earlier, we do appreciate your efforts to continue with distance learning if you can, this has created spaces at school for children of parents who are unable to arrange supervision for their children.

As also indicated earlier, if distance learning presents difficulties in any way for you, we will make a space for your child next week ... just flick Paula an email if circumstances change and your child needs to be here.

Message from Marley

Below is a photo of Marley helping Paula with her reading. She tells us that Paula is doing very well, and she would like all of the children to do just a little bit of extra reading as part of their distance learning next week ... and continue this into the school holidays.

Marley is keen for children to email her at (admin@matarau.school.nz) with a word or two about their current reading. What they are reading? Why they like their book? About a favourite character ...etc. ... and Marley will post these on our facebook page next week.



Finally

Thank you for your support this term. We know that covid, and the associated mandates, have put pressure on everyone. Our goal has been to keep school as normal as possible and as safe as possible. Balancing these two objectives, meeting government requirements, and respecting the understandable diversity of opinion on just about everything, has been a challenge. We have done the best we can, and have our fingers crossed for a return to "orange level" in term 2 ... with MUCH less stringent requirements. With your support, we managed to ensure that around eight weeks of a ten-week term was relatively normal, programmes were becoming embedded, kids reconnected with friends and teachers, and made new friends, and on many days we had 90-95% student attendance. We managed to get some diagnostic work done, and the necessary preconditions are in place for a successful term 2. We have some really exciting things to get our teeth into next term, and will share these with you as soon as we get the chance.

Thank you again for your support ... especially over the last week (and into next week) ... you have been amazing! Travel safely if going away. See you next term!

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