

Term Calendar

17 May	Head lice check
18 May	Winter sport Year 7&8
19 May	HPV vaccination Year 7/8
19 May	Pink Shirt Day
25 May	Winter sport Year 4 - 6
31 May	School photos
6 June	Queen's Birthday
23 June	Matariki Day
4/5 July	Mid-year Interviews
8 July	last day Term 2
25 July	first day Term

Term dates

Term 3 ... 25 July to 30 September

Term 4 ... 17 October ... TBC (possibly 14 December)

School Photos

Order forms are sent out to children this week. Please complete asap, ordering online is the easiest way www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz

PLEASE DO NOT PAY INTO THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Drop off in the morning

If you can use the bottom bus bay for drop off please do. If using the upper carpark, please remember that the yellow area is for drop off only. Please move on after drop off as quickly as you **safely** can. Carpark spaces are usually available if you need to connect with someone. Please do not park in the yellow zone.

Pick-up of other people's children - Important Safety Message

On rare occasions a parent will pick up another person's child(ren) from school and drop them at home, or contact the child(ren's) parents to pick them up from their own home. While this is usually very well intentioned, we must ask please that no child is picked up from school by other than their parent, or by someone arranged by their parent and advised prior to the school office.

POD for basketball

Matarau Minis = Daniel & Bennett

Matarau Crushers = Nikau & Harley

Interschool Winter Sports Tournaments

The year 7 and 8 tournament is scheduled for **Wednesday 18th May** and the year 4 to 6 tournament is scheduled for **Wednesday 25th May**. Please send any outstanding consents to school at your earliest convenience.

Parent Support Group meeting

Tuesday 17th May at 730pm. Zoom. Invite will be posted on PSG Facebook page. Everyone welcome.

Headlice Inspection

Our term headlice inspection has been scheduled for **Tuesday 17th May**. If you are able to assist, please contact Paula next week. Here is our once a term chance to "knock this problem on the head". All offers of help greatly appreciated.

Pink Shirt Day

... is scheduled for **Thursday 19th May** (to accommodate our senior students who are at tech on Friday) and children are invited (NOT COMPULSORY) to wear a pink shirt or some other item of pink clothing. This is now an international event giving everyone the opportunity to stand united against any form of bullying. *Gold coin koha can be dropped to the office on the day, donated to Mental Health NZ to support victims of bullying and to develop anti-bullying programmes.*



Pink Shirt Workshops

Please bring a plain T-shirt & coat hanger to school from Monday the 16th of May and you will be invited to a workshop to stencil the Pink Shirt Day logo onto their T-shirt to wear on the Thursday.

If you'd like to donate to the cause, a gold coin can be dropped off at the office on Thursday.



Bring gold coin to purchase some baking that will be on sale at lunchtime on Thursday.

If anyone is able to bake and donate please let Lisa Ryan know. Details will be updated on PSG Facebook page.

Marley's Holiday Reading Programme

For those who haven't managed to flick us a photo yet, it isn't too late. So if your child did some extra reading over the holidays, or even this week, please email them to Paula (admin@matarau.school.nz) and we will prepare them for display. They will also go in the draw for prizes.

Scholastic

The new Scholastic folder is out! Book orders for Issue 3 need to be in by **Friday 20th May** .

Yummy stickers

Keep collecting Yummy stickers! 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.

RAT tests

We have a small supply of RAT tests available at school. Please let us know if you need any tests by emailing Paula at admin@matarau.school.nz or ring to 4335823. If you are covid positive or a close contact and you need these please DO NOT come into school. We can organise to leave these in the schools mailbox for collection.

School Focus 2022 (and 2023)

Every 2 years or so we identify a curriculum area for particular focus. As advised last year, our 2022/23 focus is science and technology (with digital technology and enviroschools tacked on the side). Staff have undertaken professional development, and action plans are almost in place. Primarily we want to get children excited about science and technology, to equip them with science inquiry skills (e.g. the abilities to observe, measure, predict etc), to give them confidence to do real hands on science, and to become systematic in the ways they make sense of what they see. If you would like to know more about this programme, including how we intend to teach the scientific process, measure and report on progress etc., you are invited to meet with us in the library 3:15 Monday 23 May. If you think you will be in attendance at this meeting please advise Miranda at (admin2@matarau.school.nz).

Final Word

We were excited last week to get confirmation that some of our new building projects are set to start sometime early next term. It has been a long wait. Projects include an all-weather cover over our main hardcourt area, enabling year round sport, a special purpose bathroom/toilet facility in our junior block, a workspace for our learning support staff and a breakout area in our junior school. These projects have been a long time in the wings and will make a big difference.

Ngā Mihi

Kevin Trehella

Principal

Community notices

Indoor bowling

Every Wednesday night 7:30pm all welcome (2 games) First 2 games Free / Children till 18y \$5/year - Adults 18y and up \$40/year More information you can contact Allen Agnew 43550141 or Ben Foster 43551570

Firewood for sale

Gum or blackwood \$120/cube, pine \$80/cube. Can mix. Free local delivery. Ph Kevin 0211915911.



Ritchies Buses

... are currently looking for drivers. If interested, you might like to contact them. We will send out further information with next week's newsletter when we have this.