

Newsletter reminders and updates

Term 2 Week 4

Term Calendar

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)

Thanks

... to those who helped out with this week's middle-school sports tournament.

... to our Parent Support Group for the great work that you do and for the great start you have made to the year.

... Craig Curnow, Paula Hannam and Brenda Sinclair whose efforts in managing the schools finances were reflected this week in perhaps the best Audit Report the school has ever received. Thank you for your diligence! (Our Audit Report will be uploaded to our website shortly).

People of the week

... Harley Coleman for being extraordinarily kind this week. Harley had to leave school early on Pink Shirt Day, but left his money behind so someone else could enjoy a Pink Shirt Day cake. Well done Harley!

... Our Marley's Reading Programme prize winners! Keep up the reading!

... Eli Renall for amazing manners this week. Well done Eli!

... Emily Pearson who can now spell **appropriate**. Well done Emily!

... Bailey Harper who can now spell **New Zealand** (she says her parents are clever and they taught her how). Well done Bayley, and her parents!

... Our year 8 netball team ... which had a really difficult game on Saturday past, but nevertheless persevered. They won the game (well done), but even more, played to the rules, were respectful toward the opposition, humble in victory, and calm in the face of some pretty rough stuff. Awesome role models girls. A real high moment for you all.

Adjustment to staffing - New room - Kim Barnes

As many of you will know, the board appoints a new teacher to our junior school at mid-year when numbers warrant this. We are pleased to announce that Kim Barnes will teach in room 1a from 25 July (start of term 3).

Additionally, Kim will assist with teaching in room 1 from 7 June (mid-point this term), to coincide with the arrival of our next intake. This will give Kim a chance to establish relationships with our new students prior to the commencement of room 1a (at the start of term 3). We are very excited to add Kim to the junior teaching team.

Plastics and the Environment

Please help us to reduce the amount of plastic coming to school each day by using compartmentalised lunchboxes and/or removing plastic wrappings from items before packing. We have explained to children that plastic dropped here enters waterways, and eventually the sea, and that this can cause sometimes irreversible damage. If you have time, perhaps you could reinforce the critical importance of caring for our environment, and that even small things, added together, can make a huge difference.

A chance for children to win some house points!!!!

From next week children with close to zero plastic lunchbox wrappings will be eligible to win house points. So from next week children with a lunchbox with no, or a single plastic wrapping, are eligible for 10 house points each day. We suggest that children pack their own lunches where possible so they feel like they are real conservationists. This is a ROOM 4 technology project and room 4 will monitor and report on outcomes. While room 4 is hoping for a full team (whole school) approach to this, children's participation is entirely optional.

Board of Trustee Elections

Board elections are fast approaching. Boards play a critical role in the running of schools. If you think you might be interested in putting your name forward later this year, but want to know more, please email Becks at bot@matarau.school.nz.

All correspondence will be in confidence.

Cambridge ... survey of former students

We would be keen for as many of our former Cambridge students as possible to complete a Google survey. If you have a child who was on this programme last year, please ask them if they would be willing to be surveyed. If they say yes, and we hope they will, could you please email their current email address to Mrs Donaldson at kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

We have been getting great feedback from former students, and secondary schools, but want to ensure our programmes are as well calibrated as possible. Thank you for your assistance!

School Photos

Ordering online is the easiest way www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz You can order right up to photo day.
PLEASE DO NOT PAY INTO THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Medication

For safety reasons, children should not have any medication in their bags.

If your child needs any medication during school time.

Please, let them bring these to the office.

Where they will keep safely. Thank you for your understanding.



Whittakers Chocolate fundraiser begins next week. A yellow notice was sent home yesterday. 1 box per family will be sent home later next week unless a yellow form is returned advising extra required or opting out.

If any queries please message Lisa at lryan@matarau.school.nz or Kim kbarnes@matatau.school.nz

Matarau Road

This is a tricky piece of road. This road is narrow with numerous blind-spots.

Please ...

... be very careful entering and exiting the upper car park. Edge to the brow of the rise so you can be sure of any on-coming vehicles.

... if you are picking your child up, and you are parked on the other side of the road, please collect your children and walk them to your car.

... for pick up, please use the lower bus bay if you can to reduce pressure on the carpark.

... if you have children year 3 and up, and you can pick them up at 3:15 pm (rather than 3:00 pm), this would really help.

... if you see a vehicle driven in an unsafe way in the vicinity of the school, please take the registration number and let our school office know. We WILL follow this up.

... and always reduce your speed when passing the school, particularly before 9:00 am and after 3:00 pm

PINK T-SHIRT DAY

Last week we celebrated Pink t-shirt day we raised \$418, - which will go to the Mental Health Foundation.



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) - Science and Technology

Kevin is happy to meet with anyone with further questions at any stage, just flick him an email and we will set up a time.

Player of the day

Netball

Fantail	Annice Watkins
Pukeko	Cosima Towey
Tui	Neve Harrison
Weka	Aubree Horsford
Kiwi	Sarai Rudolph-Horne
Moa	Sophie Garden
Stars	Summerlee Gill
Mystics	everyone !



Basketball

Minis	Oli R and Luke Schimmel
Crushers	Cooper F and Oliver B

Link to order Matarau Hoodies

<https://uniformhub.co.nz/collections/matarau-school>



Yummy stickers

Keep collecting Yummy stickers! 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.

Please

Final Word

Most of you will be aware that some schools in Auckland (and Whangarei) have implemented stricter covid measures in response to an escalation in transmission. We cannot rule this out in our case, at some stage, but we are very keen to avoid this if we can. We are enjoying the freedoms of orange level (green would be better), and have very much enjoyed resumption of assemblies, interschool events, crossing bubbles, and having parents coming and going from the school. You can significantly assist us to retain these freedoms by doing the excellent work you have always done including ... ensuring that unwell children do NOT come to school ... and that isolation protocols are adhered to, and advised to the school. You score an A grade to date for your efforts on all of these fronts. Please stay vigilant so we retain our current freedoms.

And please remember ...

If you have a child who has attend our school who is now at secondary school, please ask them if they would complete Mrs Donaldson's google survey. We get very positive feedback from the secondary schools but want to continue to refine our Cambridge delivery to ensure it is as good as it can be, as well as being responsive to emerging expectations in secondary schools. Thank you!

Ngā Mihi

Kevin Trehwella

Principal

Community notices

Accommodation wanted

I am looking for self-contained accommodation for a mum and two children from South Korea. They arrive in New Zealand in October for 4 weeks. Please ring Eric at 02102486446 or email 12waipapa@gmail.com

Local Businesses we need you! Are you interested in helping grow the future STEM workforce in this community? We are a House of Science member school, and this charity is offering a great opportunity that will help every child in this region. For \$3,000 a year you can 'Adopt' a House of Science resource kit, giving our local primary and intermediate schools the tools to deliver engaging hands-on science lessons.

But wait, there's more: every new kit sponsor that signs up before June 17th gets to nominate a school who will receive a digital microscope to keep and will go into the draw to win one of seven \$100 packs of CookieTime goodies. Our teachers and students would LOVE a digital microscope! The kit sponsor also gets to put their logo on the outside of the kit, acknowledging their commitment to supporting the local community. Each kit reaches 1,000-2,000 students a year so this is a great investment. Contact the House of Science head office today on 0508 468 724 or email info@houseofscience.nz (Note: sponsorship is tax deductible as HoS is a registered charity).

To find out more about House of Science, see <https://houseofscience.nz>

Indoor bowling

Every Wednesday night at 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 at 43550141 or Ben Foster at 43551570

Firewood for sale

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



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