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Thank you

... Parents for your support with distance learning last term

... Mrs Marvin and her team for the balloons and streamers at the gate on the first day of term.

People of the Week

... All of those children who joined Marley's Mob ... more to follow from Marley next week.

... Our new families ... we hope you are feeling welcome ... please contact us if you have any questions or if we can help in any way.

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

12 May	Hearing and Vision Tests
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 3

Masks for visitors

Encouraged if indoors, but not enforced.

If your child is struggling socially or emotionally ...

... we have staff in learning and pastoral support roles who are more than willing to help out. If you would like someone to monitor and support your child over coming weeks please email Mrs Robertson rrobertson@matarau.school.nz or Mrs Marvin jmarvin@matarau.school.nz

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**. Consents for both events will be issued shortly and so please keep an eye out for these.



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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

Children who bring a plain T-shirt & coat hanger to school on **Tuesday 17th May** will be invited to a workshop to stencil the Pink Shirt Day logo onto their T-shirt to wear on the Thursday.

Marley's Holiday Reading Programme

As advised earlier, we want to celebrate all of those children who made an extra effort to read over the holidays. Thank you to those who have sent photos of their children (and pets) reading, some of these really set us smiling. We would like to set up a photo board at school to memorialise the children's reading efforts. 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.

Learning Support Programme

A number of children have been placed in Learning Support programmes to commence term 2. This is a valuable opportunity for a more personalized and intensive learning programme, in an area of need, and parental support with assigned homework tasks is expected. Please contact Mrs Marvin or Mrs Robertson if you have any questions about this programme.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions - Years 4 - 8

There has been enough interest in these competitions to proceed again this year. So, **last chance**, if you would like your child included, and they are up to two practice papers a week for a period of approximately 6 weeks, please give Miranda a call next week or e-mail to admin2@matarau.school.nz

An important message on behalf of the major sporting organisations and Sport NZ

A number of sporting organisations are expressing growing concerns that not all NZ children receive the right messages at weekend sports events. Parents are asked by these organisations to give serious attention to the following suggestions ...

What NOT to say	What TO say
Did you win?	Did you have fun?
You played rubbish!	How did you play?
Why did you do that?	What did you learn?
You're so talented	What would you do differently next week?
False praise	Did you try your hardest?
You were so much better than X	I'm proud of you.
It doesn't matter	I love you

Remember to affirm and support coaches and managers often!

Soon to be 5 year olds we may not know about

If you have moved into zone, or know someone who has moved into zone, and you / they have a soon to be 5 year old (i.e. turning 5 before the end of the year), and the school has not been advised of this, please let us know next week. This information is important for us if we are to plan for optimal numbers in our junior rooms. Thank you.

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.

A wee reminder - Fitness for school - Covid precautions remain in place

It is **ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL** that **sick children are NOT sent to school**. There are no conditions that would warrant this. **To send a sick child puts other children, and staff, at risk, and could have serious knock-on effects**. So, if your child has a cough, a sore throat, head or body aches, fever, breathlessness etc., please keep them home and seek medical advice if necessary. Please keep them at home for a minimum of 48 hours after cessation of final symptoms, or longer on the advice of their doctor ... **always err on the side of caution**. We suggest that you have a contingency plan in place in the event that your child is unwell, or in the event that the school contacts you with a request that you pick up your child. If you are contacted by the school to pick your child up please arrange this promptly, a staff member will be waiting for you.

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.

Final words

Welcome to the new term. We are very excited to have so many children back at school, and to have parents back on site. Our goal this term is to move as close to 'normality' as we can, minimising disruptions to regular programmes, and resuming things like whole school assemblies, singing, senior rotations, interschool sports etc. While some things are out of our hands, there are a number of things we can do to minimise further disruptions to school including adhering to the 'covid precautions' above. So our best chance of a normal term is complying with these guidelines, working together and looking out for each other. Please let us know if we can help in any way whatsoever, we will do our best.

Ngā Mihi

Kevin Trewhella
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

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Te Mahau

**Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable**



Term 2, 2022

NORTHERN WHANGĀREI

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm
unless otherwise stated

Date	Hub Locations
Thurs 12 May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
Thurs 26 May	Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga
Wed 8 June	Te Horo School Library, 3239 Pipiwai Road, Pipiwai
Thurs 9 June	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
Thurs 30 June	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei
	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo



Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Specialist
make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or
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