

Matarau school Newsletter Term 2 Week 8

Thank you

- ... To those who have already booked their interview slots
- ... To those who supported our Matariki Day celebrations today

People of the Week

Black Ferns



Renee Holmes. Kendra Reynolds & Angel Mulu

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

27 June	Rippa Rugby postponement day (Rooms 8-10)
4/5 July	Mid-year Interviews
8 July	last day Term 2
25 July	first day Term 3

Calf Club Day

We have had lots of questions about Calf Club Day. We can now confirm that Calf Club Day 2022 will be held on Thursday 20 October.

Board election dates

13 July	Electoral Roll closes
15 July	Call for nominations
3 August	Nominations close
10 August	Voting papers issued
7 September	Election closes (4:00 pm)
12 September	Final day for postal votes
13 September	Results announced
14 September	New Board takes office

Board Election - Returning Officer

At this week's board meeting Paula Hannam was appointed returning officer for our forthcoming election. Any questions in the run up to the election should be addressed to Paula please admin@matarau.school.nz or 4335823..

Board of Trustees

Matarau School owes much to the dedication and foresight of its current and previous boards. Accordingly, we would like to encourage interested parents to consider running for the school Board of Trustees.

Boards can help to shape a school's direction, they make decisions on the allocation of resources, and constitute an important bridge between school and community. The job is not always an easy one, but you really can make a positive difference. You do not need any special prior experience, just a willingness to put the kids first, to support staff in their work, to work with the wider board team, and to dedicate 2 or 3 hours of your time each month. So please give this some thought and drop by if you have any questions. More to follow

If interested in running for the board, or just wanting to know more, please email Becks on bot@matarau.school.nz

Mid-year Interviews

Monday 4 July & Tuesday 5 July (plus the additional day of 6 July - Year 7 & 8 only)

Our online interview booking system is now open. Interviews are booked on a first in basis. Please note that we have 2 concurrent interview cycles this year. You will need to book under 2 different codes (see below) ... On interview nights the change-over bells will ring every 15 minutes as per normal, but these bells will apply to the year 1 to 6 interviews only. The year 7 and 8 interviews will be of 10 minutes duration, all of these interviews will be held in room 11, and change overs will be at the direction of the teachers. All 3 senior school teachers will be present at the year 7 and 8 interviews. If you have children in years 1 to 6 and in year 7 and 8, please remember that times will overlap and so we suggest that you book your year 7 and 8 slot with spare slots either side to avoid double ups.

To book you need to visit - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz & enter the relevant code as follows ...

Junior and Middle School (years 1 to 6) the code is uwvj8

Senior School (year 7 and 8) the code is cz34j

If you do not have access to the internet, or if you have any questions, please give Paula a call on Monday. Teachers are available at other times by appointment.

(Please note that on 4 and 5 July School will finish at 2:30 pm to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews and buses will run 30 minutes earlier. On 6 July (which is the additional year 7 and 8 interview day) school will finish at the usual time of 3:00pm with no changes to bus departure times).

In a forthcoming newsletter we will send you some simple tips on how to prepare for your interview.

(p.s. having two cycles enables us to provide parents of year 7 and 8 students with feedback from all of their child's specialist teachers, thus negating the need for multiple interviews. This also enables teachers and parents to identify whether issues are context or subject specific).

Notice of early finish on Monday & Tuesday 4 and 5 July

Please note that school finishes at 2:30pm on 4 and 5 July (only) to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days - the exception to this is the Kamo bus will still depart school at 3.50pm. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes. (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

High School Open Evening

WBHS	Thursday 4 th August - from 4.30pm
Kamo High School	Tuesday 9 th August at 5:30 to 7:30pm
WGHS	Wednesday 10 th August at 5.30pm - 7.30pm

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.

We also love it when parents with older children pick their children up at 3:15'ish rather than 3:00.

Whittaker's

Please remember: if you need to return unsold chocs please do so ASAP as we still have families selling extras.

If you'd like more chocolates to sell please let Lisa know.

Direct credit to the PSG account please (not the school account)

Matarau School Parent Support Group.

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Thanks everyone, we've purchased and hopefully then sold more chocolate than we did last year!

Headlice

Let's stay on top of this. Please check your children's hair weekly and respond promptly in the event of infestation.

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Whanau Group Facebook Page

This page is a great place to go to share ideas and ask questions, and so feel free to make a visit any time and to engage with other whanau. Some years back (pre-covid) we had a whanau support groups which met periodically to chat about whatever was relevant at the time, and to support in promoting issues of special interest to Maori whanau. If you would like us to get this group up and going again, and you think you would be able to come along and get involved, please flick us an email admin@matarau.school.nz or drop by the office.

Plastics and the Environment

Congratulations to ALL students who are doing their bit with their Zero Plastic lunchboxes!!!

Week 7 class winners:

1st 80% Room 1

2nd 79% Room 4

3rd 78% Room 2

The classroom that improved the most was Room 2! A SUPER effort!

People are noticing there are less plastic wrappers and rubbish around the school. Thank you to everyone who is helping Matarau School and the environment!

Well done and keep up the great work :)

From Room 4



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 must be returned to me before the end of term 3.**



Player of the day

Basketball

Last weeks Matarau Minis - Bennett & Aiden

This weeks Matarau Minis - whole team. What a fantastic win

Matarau Magics - What a win!

Matarau Mavericks - two games, two epic wins. Thank you to our ring-ins that stepped up and played a game they've never played before, Kieran L and Ben D and our extras LeArli, Tyde, Emma D & Cian.



Link to order Matarau Hoodies

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

Medication

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

If your child needs any medication during school time. Please advise the office,

where they will keep safely. Thank you for your understanding



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 school's mailbox for collection.

Final words



**We wish you
all a happy
Matariki Day!**

Ngā Mihi

*Kevin Trehella
Principal*