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Thank you

... Mike Woods ... the kids are loving the Rippa Rugby. Thanks Mike.

... Our bus drivers and especially Dave.

People of the Week

... Shout out to our year 7 / 8 Matarau Mavericks team that had an outstanding win this week [24 to 16]. They played beautifully and kept their composure even when it got a little rough. Well done.

... Tayla T & Aamani are representing us this weekend playing for Whangarei in the under 13s girls team in the Basketball Tribal Wars tournament alongside Piper D. James T is playing for the under 11 boys. Best of luck to these students past and present.

... Bailey Harper and Charlotte Pearson (Year 2) who learned to spell "international" this week. Good work Bailey and Charlotte!

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

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

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**.

UPCOMING EVENT - Whittaker's Chocolate Fundraiser.

Chocolates will be sent home in the coming days. Keep an eye out for the box of chocolates, envelope, and notice with all the information you'll need. Thank you for your amazing support Matarau.

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Hell-PIZZA LUNCH – TUESDAY 7th JUNE

Order Now! It's simple; all you need to do is register at <http://lunchonline.co.nz> and follow 4 easy steps to get started 1. Register an account 2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location 3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order 4. Select your lunch and place an order

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.

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.

Consultation on the Health Curriculum

The school is required to consult periodically on the delivery of the health curriculum (and we are overdue). Below are the topics we cover on a two yearly cycle (in depth), and on-going. The virtues and Physical Education programmes (fitness, skills and games) are also integrated with health programmes. Frequently external agents are engaged to deliver parts of the programme (e.g, The Life Ed Trust, Police Education Service, Sports Codes facilitators etc). Kevin is happy to meet with you to hear your ideas/suggestions at 3:15 pm Thursday 9 June in his office, and so please advise Paula admin@matarau.school.nz if you will be in attendance.

We do expect new health guidelines/ resources in the next year or two and will consult down the track on these. While these topics are "required" we do have some flexibilities and so your ideas are welcome.

HEALTH TOPICS	
Self Esteem	Hygiene / caring for the body
Interpersonal Skills (resolving conflict)	Nutrition / staying healthy
Helping Agencies	Safe practices / Keeping safe
Y 7&8 Puberty Change	Y 7&8 Puberty Change

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

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.

Player of the day



Basketball

Matarau Minis = Lily D

Matarau Crushers = Brooklyn A and Daniel M

Netball

Fantails Heber Ah Mu

Pukeko Ludovica Hack

Weka Giselle Coleman

Tui Willow Tobin

Kiwi Alissa Gill and McKenna Taituha

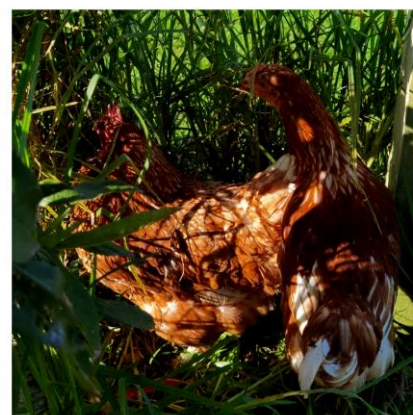
Moa Bella Postlewaight

Stars Summer Lee Gill

Mystics Tia Welsh

Chickens & Gardens

Room 3 have been loving learning about how to care for our school chickens. We now have six chickens at school. Room 3 have also designed two large edible gardens that you'll find beside the chicken run. In the gardens, they've planted a variety of winter vegetables and herbs. The vegetables will be used for cooking, feeding to the chickens, and gifting to families. Room 3 would like to thank Fonterra for donating compost, Ringrose Stockfoods for regularly donating chicken food, the Billington family for chicken sitting in the holidays, and Lisa Ryan for all of the hours she's put into supporting Room 3's classroom projects. We couldn't do it without these amazing people.



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.

Parent Support Group - AGM & elections

Will be held on **Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 7:30pm** (location to be confirmed). We'd love you to join us for a little or a lot, we have an adventure for everyone. Please RSVP to a current member (Fiona Goodin, Lisa Ryan, Nicky Slatter, Lisa Watkins, Kim Barnes, Hayley Clayton, Karen Walker, Laura Douglas, Kaella Judkins, or email matarau.psg@gmail.com. Our Mission - "To Support and Connect our School Community"

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.

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.



Link to order Matarau Hoodies

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

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!

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

Best for the long weekend. Travel safely if going away for the weekend.

Ngā Mihi

Kevin Trehwella
Principal