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People of the Week

... Room 4 for helping to create a tidier school this week.

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

21 June	Room 8-10 Rippa Rugby
23 June	Matariki Day
24 June	Matariki holiday (no school)
4/5 July	Mid-year Interviews
8 July	last day Term 2 (25 July - first day of term 3)

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..

Masks for visitors

Encouraged if indoors, but not currently enforced. This could change if covid infection numbers warrant this and so please be prepared.

Calf Club Day

We can now confirm that Calf Club Day 2022 will be held on **20 October**.

International Schools English and Maths Exams

Practice papers and marking sheets for the English Exam will be made available from **Monday 27 June**. Practice papers for the maths exam will be made available from **Tuesday 26 July**.



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Confirmation of Secondary School

Parents of year 8 children will shortly receive a form asking for an indication of which secondary school their child is likely to attend in 2023. This helps us to ensure that you get the information you need as we approach information and enrolment time. Please give this some thought and return the form to their classroom teacher.

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).

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.

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.

Zero Plastic Lunchbox results for Week 6:

1st: Room 1 87%

2nd: Room 4 84%

3rd: Room 2 68%

Congratulations to the following classrooms that improved the most: **Room 8 and Room 1.**

Thank you and WELL DONE to everyone who is doing their bit with their Zero Plastic Lunchboxes.

From Room 4

Player of the day

Netball

Matarau Tui

Ocean Innes-Liddell



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"

Whittaker's Chocolate

Whittaker Chocolate fundraising is under way. Anyone wanting more chocolates to sell or if you have swaps please contact Lisa Ryan, email Matarau.psg@gmail.com or FB. Second order being processed early next week.

Headlice

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

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.**



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 which will oversee storage and administration.

If you have been advised of expired medication, and you have not yet done so, please contact Miranda.



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.

Cambridge Programme... expressions of interest 2023

If you know of anyone wanting their children to have an exceptional start to secondary school, perhaps suggest that they contact the school to discuss our Cambridge /Senior School Programme, or that they visit our website for more information. Our year 7 and 8 programmes are based on what is arguably the world's best known and respected international curriculum (overseen and continually updated by Cambridge University), we also have an extensive options programme (including extension activities and foreign languages), a science room, teacher to pupil ratios significantly lower than that of urban schools, and much more. Our impression is that our exiting year 8 students are around 12 months (or more) ahead of their peers on entry to secondary school and this is a massive advantage to them during the secondary settling period. We continue to get exceptional feedback from secondary schools, and the parents of former students on their child's preparedness for high school.

Some people are paying \$25,000 over 2 years for a Cambridge education ... here it is free. Feel free to ask any secondary school teacher how our graduates cope in their first year at high school, and beyond.

A limited number of out of zone places are likely to be available in 2023.

Final words

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.

Remember to drop by on Matariki Day (23.6) to share the experience with us!

Ngā Mihi

Kevin Trehwella
Principal

Community notices

Missing Dog "Ghost"

Have you seen a white dog with a grey collar walking around Matarau Road?
Please ring 022 4878691 or 021 607009

MISSING "GHOST"



PLEASE CALL ASAP
0224 878 691

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

Firewood for sale

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

CELEBRATING MATARIKI



Kite Making and Interactive Story Time



Friday 24 June
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