

Matarau School Newsletter Term 2 Week 10

Thank you

... A huge thank you this week to Mary-Jane and Bradee Taituha who have made a very generous donation of \$2,000 towards purchase of netball uniforms. The players are thrilled with their uniforms, and we are very grateful to the Taituhas for their generosity!



People of the Week

... Room 4 for their gargantuan efforts this term to reduce the quantity of plastic coming into the school
... To all of those parents who attended mid-year interviews
... All of those people who contacted the school today to tell them that Mr T had stupidly left his car light on this morning. He is feeling very appreciated.

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

25 July first day Term 3

Mid-year interviews ... didn't make it??

If you weren't able to make it to mid-year interviews, please note that teachers are available by appointment and would be very pleased to connect with you next term. Mid-year interviews are a good time to get a sense of your child's progress and attainment, to celebrate gains, address any areas of concern, and to agree on some shared goals. So, don't hesitate to make an appointment next term.

Teachers who were away on interview days

Unfortunately, we had a few teachers home sick on the interview days. Early next term an invitation will be sent to parents affected by staff absences to connect with their child's teacher. So keep an eye out.

School cross Country

We have a tentative date of 23 August for the school cross country. If your child is serious about placing in the school competition you might want to start them training over the holidays. First practice will be soon after commencement of the new term - so come prepared with running shoes. Confirmation and more to follow.

(The zone cross country at Te Horo School will be held on 12 August - more to follow).

Te Horo - Cross Country Taniwha Challenge

Permission slips will be sent home early next term. The Zone Cross Country is on Friday 12th August at 10am start / Henare Road, Pipiwai. Postponement date Friday 19th August.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES IN OUR BOARD ELECTION DATES - ALL DATES WILL NOW BE ONE WEEK LATER THAN ORIGINALLY NOTIFIED. THIS CHANGE IS DUE TO DELAYS IN SETTING UP THE NATIONWIDE ONLINE ELECTION PROCESS

- 20 July Electoral Roll closes
- 22 July Call for nominations
- 10 August Nominations close (12pm)
- 17 August Voting papers issued
- 14 September Election closes (4:00 pm)
- 19 September Final day for postal votes
- 20 September Results announced
- 21 September New Board takes office

Board Election - Returning Officer

Any questions in the run up to the election should be addressed to Paula please admin@matarau.school.nz or 4335823.

Save the date - Saturday 20th August, Matarau Trivia Night 2022!

...we would also love some more helpers to help organise this amazing community event - please contact Hayley on 021589218 or Fiona on 027 295 2726.

International Schools English Exams

Practice papers are now circulating for the English Exam and can be swapped at the school office. Please help to ensure they have a set time and place to do these papers. Children are encouraged to do a minimum of two practise papers a week please. We will ensure they have some practice papers for the holidays.

Exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 16 August ... Mathematics - 30 August

Practice papers for the Maths Exam will be available from 26 July.

Confirmation of Secondary School

Parents of year 8 children have received 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. Of course this does not lock you in, in is OK to change your mind down the track.

Reading over the Holidays

Next week teachers will do their best to make sure that children have books to read over the holiday period. Please read to your children, encourage them to read before bed each night, and have lots of conversations around books. Show them that you love books too!!



High School visits to Matarau

	WGHS	WBHS	KHS
Presentation at Matarau	5 August / 11:30am	26 July /1:30pm	27 July /1:40
Open evening	10 August 5:30-7:30pm	4 August From 4:30pm	9 August 5:30-7:30pm

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

Whittaker's Chocolates

Thank you to all that have sold and paid for chocolates already - what an outstanding effort! Few reminders, please return chocolates to school asap. Please remember when paying online it's **NOT** the school bank account, check the envelope that was with your order for the Parent Support Group Kiwibank account number 38-9022-0571286-00. Any queries please contact the PSG via FB or email matarau.psg@gmail.com

Year 1 & 2 Netball Players

We are needing 2 or 3 more netball players for Term 3 (playing for 8 weeks). Please contact Stacey or Mrs Easterbrook if your child is keen to play netball next term. Thank you

Year 1 to 4 Basketball Players

Please email Lisa - Lryan@matarau.school.nz if keen to play terms 3&4.

Expressions of Interest - Trivia Night

Would your businesses like to sponsor a table at this year's Trivia Night (20th August)? We are looking for Businesses to sponsor \$100 per table...or if your business can sponsor part of the auction, raffles or prizes for the evening with donated goods and/or services.

"A great way to showcase your business and support the school!"

Plastics and the Environment

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

Week 8 class winners:

1st 79% Room 2

2nd 70% Room 4

3rd 63% Room 1

The classroom that improved the most was **Room 5!!!** A SUPER effort!

Week 9 class winners:

1st 81% Room 4

2nd 76% Room 2

3rd 73% Room 7

The classroom that improved the most was **Room 7!!!** A SUPER effort!



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

Well done and keep up the great work :)

From Room 4



Link to order Matarau Hoodies

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

Covid and term 3

Most of you will be very much aware of on-going murmurings about a possible change in covid settings as case numbers spike. We hope very much to remain at orange level with all its benefits, but a change in levels cannot be ruled out. So please keep an eye on our Facebook page. If there are changes, we will advise of them closer to the start of term 3. Compulsory mask wearing is an obvious possibility and so please be ready just in case. Hopefully not!

Final words

A huge thank you for your support this term. We often reflect as a staff on the goodwill and regular affirmation that we receive from our parents. You extend grace when we get things a little wrong, support us when support is needed, and go the extra mile for us again and again. Just know that this is appreciated. Holiday safely. See you all next term! ... and please congratulate your children on the gains they have made this term ... and don't forget to keep them reading over the holidays!

Ngā Mihi

*Kevin Trehella
Principal*

Community notices



JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

with Sail Northland at Parua Bay (10am to 2 pm)

Let's go on an adventure! Winter is here but let's not let it spoil the fun. Come join us on an adventure to Motukiore Island, Treasure Hunting, fun, games and more.

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th July

Pirate Programme - Come along and join our pirate themed holiday programme - you can come aboard to visit Motukiore Island, participate in our treasure hunt, help with a beach clean up, toast marshmallows and more. You can come prepared to be pirates and explore Parua Bay.
(Aged 8+ at \$120 per person - 2 days)

Thursday 14th & Friday 15th July

Whanau Programme - This programme is aimed for parents/adults to join in with us. You and your child are invited to come along to join in with our treasure hunt and sailing adventures at an extra cost of \$20 per adult.

(Aged 6+ with adults at \$160 per pair - 2 days & Age 8+ without at \$120 per person - 2 days)

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th July 2022

Moana Programme - Come along and join our pirate themed holiday programme - you can come aboard to visit Motukiore Island, participate in our treasure hunt, help with a beach clean up, toast marshmallows and more. You can come prepared to be pirates and explore Parua Bay.
(Aged 8+ at \$120 per person - 2 days)

The sessions will be run over a 2 day cycle so best to book a block of 2 days together and welcome to book 1 or all.

KIDZONES HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Check out what the team have planned for the July holidays on www.kidzones.co.nz where you will find the latest itinerary and you can enrol online.

Open 7.45 to 5.30 daily. WINZ subsidies available.

Contact Sandra on 021 249 3308 or sandra@kidzones.co.nz

Kind Regards
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FUTSAL FOCUSED - BUT SO MUCH MORE!

For kids aged 6 - 16yrs

Monday 11th - Friday 15th July

8:30 - 4:00pm

For details and registration visit our website
northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz



admin@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz



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FREE TUTORED 1 HOUR

CODING

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

4PM, 5PM AND 6PM SESSION OPTIONS

FUN EDUCATION

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[CODINGNZ.COM/HOLIDAYS](https://codingnz.com/holidays)



Suitable for ages 9 to 18. 1 hour online tutored learning sessions. Limited spaces available. Bookings required. Students need a laptop/chromebook/macbook.