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Thank you

... To those who have booked an interview slot for next week (if the interview days clash for you please note that teachers are available at other times by appointment and would be pleased to meet with you).

- ... To our Rippa Rugby support team!
- ... To our sponsors!! We really appreciate having you on board!!

People of the Week

- ... Erica and Olivia for great reading on the morning bus. Bus driver Dave was very impressed with your reading and with your enthusiasm for books.
- .. Mr Johnson and Teri who became parents last week. What amazing parents you will both make.

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

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

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.

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.







Email: josh@protectus.co.nz Tel: 021 586 976 www.protectus.co.nz

International Schools English and Maths Exams

Practice papers and marking sheets for the English Exam have already been distributed to students. Practice papers for the maths exam will be made available from **Tuesday 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.

Mid-year Parent / Teacher Interviews

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

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

Please help the process along by ...

- ... being on time and moving on the bell
- ... noting down any questions or concerns beforehand
- ... there are always multiple ways children can improve (and adults too), so maybe come with a clear picture of where you would most like to see change/improvement.

Please note that these interviews primarily exist for the sharing of achievement information. While other issues can be touched on, a follow up appointment should be made for any significant issue not directly related to achievement and progress. Teachers would be more than pleased to connect with you again.

Early Buses 4 and 5 July

Please note that on 4 and 5 July School will finish at 2:30 pm to allow teacher's time to prepare for interviews and buses will run 30 minutes earlier- 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).

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.

Lost Property

With the end of term fast approaching, parents are invited to come and look through the lost property some time over the next week. This will be displayed in the hall. Unclaimed items will be donated to charities.

School Cross Country

Will be held sometime in mid-August. 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

Player of the day

Netball

Weka's Pippa Peyton



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!!

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 <u>paying online</u> it's **NOT** the school bank account, check the envelope that was with your order for the <u>Parent Support Group Kiwibank account</u> number. Any queries please contact the PSG via FB or email <u>matarau.psg@gmail.com</u>

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

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!"

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.

Final words

We are very pleased to see just how many parents have committed to attending mid-year interviews. We collect more data than most schools, and it is our strong belief that parents should have access to this data. You need more than generalities to be assured of how your child is achieving, and whether gaps, if there are any, are closing. Most of the data we will share with you is norm referenced data and this gives us confidence that our judgments are accurate. Feel free to bring to our attention any areas of concern and we will commit to working on these.

This is the final newsletter of the term. Enjoy the coming holidays, have quality time together, and be sure to travel safely. Final day of term is Friday 8 July, first day back is Monday 25 July. Plenty to be excited about in the forthcoming term including cross-country, a lot more science, some extension programmes for promising scientists, and more.

See you next term!

Ngā Mihi

Kevin Trewhella Principal

MATARIKI DAY





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