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# Newsletter

## Number 10

### 29 JULY 2022



#### Our sincere Condolences to the Tonkin Family

*The school was very saddened to hear of the passing this week of former student Riley Tonkin. Our thoughts very much go out to Riley's family at this very sad time. Our thoughts are also with his many friends who will long remember, and greatly miss, Riley's wit, humour, and zest for life.*

#### A special welcome

... to our new families. There are quite a few of you and we are very excited to have you on board. Please let us know where we can help and ask plenty of questions.

#### People of the Week

... Every child who replaced screen time with book time over our recent term break, and especially to those who finished their chosen book.

... Those children who have already commenced their "gear up" for cross country season.

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

4 August	Headlice check
10 August	Hockey Festival Year 4-6
12 August	Cross Country Taniwha / Te Horo
16 August	ICAS English exam
20 August	Quiz Night
23 August	School Cross Country
30 August	ICAS Maths exam

#### Board election dates ( Please note that the dates have changed)

10 August	Nominations close
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

Nominations are open for Matarau Board of Trustees. You can nominate yourself or someone else at [www.myschoolelection.nz](http://www.myschoolelection.nz). Nominations close noon 10<sup>th</sup> August. Any questions should be addressed to Paula [admin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:admin@matarau.school.nz) or 4335823.



### **School cross Country**

We can now confirm the date of 23 August for the school cross country. Practices are underway at school and so please ensure that children (especially years 4 and up) bring footwear suited to road running (Tudehope Rd) and maybe a change of clothes.

### **Mid-year Interviews Rooms 2,3 and 7**

Parents in the above rooms did not get an opportunity to have a parent interview at the end of last term, as your child's teacher was on sick leave. This is a reminder that we have opened interview slots starting 3:15 pm and running through at 15 minute intervals to 6:00 pm (finishing 6:15) on **Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 August**. You are warmly invited to book a slot by visiting our booking site and using the code ..... yy594. If neither of these days suit, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to book a slot with your child's teacher at a time that better suits you.

### **Te Horo - Cross Country Taniwha Challenge (Years 4 to 8)**

Permission slips have been sent home for this (optional) event. If you did not receive a form, and would like your child to attend, please contact the school office. The Zone Cross Country is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 10am start / Henare Road, Pipiwai. (Postponement date Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August)

### **Matarau School Parent Support Group**

Next meeting Monday 1st August 3.10pm in the school library. We would love to see any new faces who are interested in helping out. Queries or apologies to Fiona 027 2952726 or Lisa Ryan

### **Term Headlice Inspection**

We are looking at having our term headlice inspection on **Thursday the 4th August**. If you think you might be able to help, please give Paula a call next week.

### **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 and Maths Exams**

Practice papers are now circulating for both the English and Maths Exams, and can be swapped at the school office. Please help to ensure children have a set time and place to do these papers. Children are encouraged to do a minimum of two practice papers a week please.

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

### **High School presentation & open evenings**

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

### **Change of Clothes**

Due to current weather conditions we suggest that students (especially younger students) have a spare change of clothes in their bag for wet weather accidents. Remember, this set of clothes could also be used for cross country practice runs which are being held most days. Thank you.

### **Homework**

Please do your best to ensure that children complete their homework on designated afternoons, or drop a quick note or email to their teacher if things are getting a bit hectic at home. Most of all we do not want to be chasing homework from children whose circumstances make homework "too big an ask" for them. While we think that

there is benefit from doing homework for most children, we are more than happy to excuse students from homework at a parent's request.

### Wellness for school

Remember please ... cough, runny nose, fever, headaches etc ... please keep your child at home and not return them to school for 48 hours after cessation of last symptom. Any doubts please consult your child's GP. Remember to have a care plan in place in case we request pick up from school.

### 2023 Enrolments

We know this might seem early, but very soon the Board of Trustees will set the number of out of zone enrolments for 2023. Our goal is to keep numbers at, or below, nationally recommended staffing levels. Early information on which children will, or will not, be with us in 2023 is very helpful in achieving optimal class numbers, and also gives us an indication of how many places to advertise for out of zone families. We also receive regular out of zone enquiries, and need to be in a position, very soon, to advise if places are likely to become available by a departing child.

SO ... this message is for those who already know that their children will not be with us, or are unlikely to be with us, in 2023. **This message is not for those who are undecided, and need further time due to uncertainty.** So, if you DO KNOW that your child WILL NOT, OR VERY LIKELY WILL NOT attend Matarau School in 2023, can you please advise the school office as soon as possible, by phone message over the weekend or on Monday, or drop by to chat with Kevin. Thank you for your assistance.

### Sibling 2023 Enrolments

**If you live in zone**, or currently have a child enrolled at Matarau school, and have another child who will start in 2023, and you have not already done so, please advise the school office as soon as possible by leaving a message on the answer machine - 433 5823.

**If you live out of zone**, we would also like to hear if you have siblings you would like to enrol - although the board has yet to determine how many out of zone places might be available - so no guarantees here.

### Scholastic

The new Lucky Book Club is out! You can order until the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. **Please see the advertising below for receiving free books!**

### 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. If you have not yet done so, please return this form to school asap.

### Year 7 and 8 Technology Fees

We are required to levy a technology fee to all year 7 and 8 students to cover the cost of materials, and as a contribution to the cost of maintenance and replacement of equipment. Payments requests will be sent home very soon. We then pay these directly to the Hukerenui Technology Centre on your behalf.

### Player of the day Netball

#### Tui team

18th Jun - Willow Tobin

2nd Jul - Ellie Curnow

9th Jul - Charlie Garden



### 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](mailto:matarau.psg@gmail.com)

### 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.**

### Covid protocols for the start of term ... reminder

A huge thank you for coming on board with our commencement protocols - hopefully to be relaxed in the not too distant future. Just to recap ...

... **Parents are still very welcome on-site to walk their child to their classroom, connect briefly with their child's teacher, call at the office etc.** But if you will be on-site for a longer period than this, **PLEASE WEAR A MASK**, and please call in at the office on arrival, and before departure, to enter your details in our visitor's register. This is a legal site requirement quite apart from covid.

... We have a limited number of masks at the school office for parents or children, and so please don't be afraid to ask. If children have forgotten, or misplaced, their masks, they are welcome to call at the office for a replacement. Also, we have a record of those with mask exemptions, and these exemptions will be fully respected. If there is a pressing reason why your child cannot wear a mask, and you have not already advised of this, please leave a message with the school office over the weekend and we will update our records.

... **So ... Masks are strongly recommended** for children years 4 and up when working in enclosed spaces. Masks are optional for children in years 1 to 3. Please also note that masks are **required** on buses **for children aged twelve years or older**.

... **Of even greater importance ...** It is **ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL** that sick children are **NOT** sent to school. There are no conditions that would warrant this. So, if your child has a cough, a sore throat, head or body aches, fever, breathlessness etc., please keep them home and seek medical advice if necessary. Please keep them at home for a minimum of 48 hours after cessation of final symptoms, or longer on the advice of their doctor ... always err on the side of caution. We suggest that you have a contingency plan in place in the event that your child is unwell, or in the event that the school contacts you with a request that you pick up your child.

### Finally

Great to be back. Lots planned this term including cross country events, production, gifted education, our unfolding science/technology/enviro schools and even more to follow. Let us know if your child takes a while to settle this term, and if you have questions ask, ask ask!

Nga mihi,

Kevin Trehwella  
Principal

### Community Notices

#### Incredible Years Parenting Programme

The programme caters for parents/caregivers of children aged 3 to 8 years, runs for 14 weeks and focusses on strengthening the relationships between parents and their children.

We are holding sessions on a Thursday at the Mangakahia Sport Complex, 9.30 am. Childcare is available and morning tea is provided. Click on the following Incredible Years website for more

information <https://pb4l.tki.org.nz/Incredible-Years-Parent>



## Te Manawa Tahī

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them. This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz).




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### Term Three Dates

29th July  
12th August  
26th August  
9th Sept  
23rd Sept

Contact Jo Dawson 021741750 [kiwi\\_osborne@yahoo.com](mailto:kiwi_osborne@yahoo.com)



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Contact Claire  
021 858 606  
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**the book characters**  
**come alive.**



**Saturday 20 August**

Doors Open 6:30pm

First question drops at 7pm

Teams of 6 - \$150 per team  
Nibbles & late snack provided

BYO drinks

Tables are limited

To sign up: [www.mataraufundraising.co.nz/](http://www.mataraufundraising.co.nz/)  
Need a team? Call Hayley 021 589 218 or Fi 027 295 2726