

Matarau School Newsletter Term 3 Week 2

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People of the Week

BoT nominees ... many thanks for stepping up.

Longer ... Long Weekend

This is early notice that the Labour Weekend break will be a bit longer than usual for our students. As advised, Calf Club will be held on Thursday 20 October (toward the end of the first week of term 4) and **school will also be closed on Friday 21 October for a staff development day**, and then of course on Labour day - 24 October. Some people may wish to plan a slighter longer family holiday in light of this.

Covid Update

Important message to the parents of children in rooms 1 to 4

We promised to advise you of any emerging covid patterns.

It appears that a growing number of children in our junior school are contracting covid, or have members of their family with covid. The numbers are small at present, but we might reasonably expect to see exponential growth in the coming days or weeks. It also appears that some children did not have obvious symptoms, at least initially.

We are asking parents to please ...

... take action if their child appears unwell, which includes keeping them from school for at least 48 hours after abatement of symptoms

... do a RATS test if necessary (we have test kits at school if you need one)

... let our school office know if your child tests positive or if you are in isolation

You have been hugely supportive of measures in the past, measures which have enabled us to have more "regular" school days than most other schools. If we all remain vigilant we hope to keep school running as normally as possible ... we need your help to do this.

If we can help in any way, please let us know.

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

10 August	Hockey Festival Year 4-6
11 August	Headlice check
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

Final day of school 2022

... will be Thursday 15 December.

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. Nominations close noon 10th August.

Any questions should be addressed to Paula 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. More to follow.

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 interviews 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 12th August** at 10am start / Henare Road, Pipiwai. (Postponement date Friday 19th August)

Term Headlice Inspection - Change of date

We are looking at having our term headlice inspection on **Thursday the 11th August**. If you think you might be able to help, please give Paula a call next week.

Saturday 20th August, Matarau Trivia Night 2022

A huge thank you to all our generous table sponsors that have signed up and those who have donated items. More details about these amazing people in next week's newsletter.

Any questions please contact Hayley on 021589218 or Fiona on 027 295 2726.



Plastics and Caring for the Environment

Room 4 are continuing with the Zero Plastic Lunchboxes this term. Students with close to zero lunchbox wrappings are eligible for 10 house points each day. This is optional. Room 4 will continue to monitor and report on outcomes each week. Thank you for your support.

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.

Matarau School Aquabot teams need your help!

To help us create an obstacle course to practice for the upcoming Northland Aquabot Champs, we are wondering if anyone has any old lengths of PVC pipe they could donate to us. Ideally around 40mm but anything is appreciated. Many thanks :)



High School presentation & open evenings

	WGHS	WBHS	KHS
Open evening	10 August 5:30-7:30pm	4 August From 4:30pm	9 August 5:30-7:30pm

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**

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.



The new Lucky Book Club is out! You can order until the 12th 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. Payment 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 Lola Boaks



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

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.

Final words

Some of you will have noticed that building has started on the extensions to our junior block and to the shade cover to be installed on over our main quad. The junior school project should be completed towards the end of term and will include a large breakout space, office space, and a special purpose bathroom. The shade cover will be completed over the next school break. We are very excited to see these projects taking shape.

Ngā Mihi

Kevin Trehwella
Principal

Community notices



FREE BOOK OFFER!

We are giving away FREE books in this issue to help celebrate and spread the love of reading in your school



Let parents know they can get up to 3 free books in Issue 5:

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

HOW IT WORKS
Place an order on LOOP and a list of free titles to choose from will display before Checkout




Open to any student in years 5-8
7-9pm Alternate Fridays
Gold Coin Donation
Themes, Fun, Prizes, Friendship
And a message of Hope and Good News

Term Three Dates
29th July
12th August
26th August
9th Sept
23rd Sept

Contact Jo Dawson 021741750 kiwi_osborne@yahoo.com



DAVE & CATH DAVIES-COLLEY AND I HAVE A DREAM PRESENT....

MAGNOLIA GARDENS OPEN DAYS

Come & Explore the Gardens

6-7 & 20-21 AUGUST, 2022
10 AM - 4 PM
37 PROCTOR RD, POROTI 0179

Entry Fee: \$5
Refreshments: \$5 (tea/coffee and treats)
Amazing Raffle prizes
Contact Jodie for more details 021 923 077

All proceeds go towards Year 13 Dreamers trip of a lifetime to Rarotonga in 2023
Raffles Prizes kindly donated by Alter-Natives




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Spaces still available for term 3

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QUIZ NIGHT

Putting the FUN in FUNdraiser



Dress to Impress
Our theme is
BOOKS
and it's time for the
grown ups to make
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/

Need a team? Call Hayley 021 589 218 or Fi 027 295 2726