

Matarau School Newsletter Term 3 Week 6

Thanks

... To those who supported our interschool cross country team this week
... Our Mathex support team
... To Sharon Wilcock for the cake dropped to the office this week - this was very much appreciated by staff Sharon.
... Those parents who supported our International Schools Maths and English competitors in the run up to exam day (most kids said the difficulty level of tests was what they expected - maybe a good sign)

Best wishes

... to our AIMS team who represent the school in various codes next week

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.

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

5 September AIMS Games
13 September Hundertwasser trip Room 5,6 & 7
14 September Hundertwasser trip Room 1,1a & 2
14 September Cambridge Meeting (3:15 pm - Room 12)
15 September Senior Camp Parent Meeting (6:30 pm - Room 12)
15 September Hundertwasser trip Room 3 & 4
22 September Lower School Camp Parent Meeting
28 September Senior production

Final day of school 2022

... will be Thursday 15 December.

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

14 September Election closes (4:00 pm)
19 September Final day for postal votes
20 September Results announced
21 September New Board takes office

Voting forms have been sent to all eligible voters, with oldest or only children.
(In a few cases the forms were mailed.) If you have not received your voting forms, please call the office.

ICAS Practice Papers Please return any practice papers to the office.

Home Gardens

Reminder ... please return Expression of Interest Forms to school as soon as possible so that we can get diaries etc organised.

Year 7 and 8 Cambridge Programme

Parents of year 6 children will receive some printed information on our year 7 and 8 programme on Monday. This programme provides an exceptional start to secondary school and positions our students for success. Former students consistently tell us how well prepared they were for the demands of secondary school, with many of them transitioning quickly to more advanced learning. Feedback from the secondary schools confirms this.

We will be holding an after school meeting at 3:15 pm in Room 12 on Wednesday 14 September to discuss this programme with you, but we are more than happy to meet with you by appointment.

The Cambridge programme is a **Junior Secondary Level Programme** and so it is demanding. Nevertheless, we can tailor children's programmes to suit their needs and will invite parents to book a meeting mid-way through next term to have input into placement decisions. In the meantime, have a read of the material sent home on Monday, access further material on our website, and let us know if you have questions. We are the only public school in Northland to offer this programme ... and the Board meets the cost.

Art Scholarship (Year 4-8)

Maybe chat to your children about this and, if you would like the information early, just give the office a call next week. Your child's teacher would also be more than happy to discuss this with you. We have had some outstanding portfolios in years past and are keen to see this tradition continue.

Calf Club Day Thursday 20 October.

The Closing day for entries is Friday the 9th September.

We are having our yearly Calf Club Day on **Thursday 20th of October** (the first Thursday in Term 4) Because this event is soon after the holidays we need to know the number of children who intend to bring calves, lambs, goats, or a pet (e.g. rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken, etc.). Note that **NO DOGS** or **PUPPIES** are permitted and the animal will need to be in cages for the duration of the day.

A booklet needs to be completed if the child is bringing a pet (NOT for calves, lambs, or goats), which will be judged by independent judges & needs to be completed and returned to school by Friday the 22nd of September at the latest to enable booklets to go out for judging.

Could you please complete the form below if you consent to your child bringing a pet (calf, lamb, goat, or other pet) Please fill in a form for every child that will bring an animal.
I can issue the booklets to those children bringing a pet as soon as possible.

For further questions, you can email Miranda Pol / admin2@matarau.school.nz

Please click/copy this link below to fill in the form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKwx2VQtFvgInUgjLLeQDt_EJ49wHxM4y3ORpb9ACoVTOLRA/viewform?usp=pp_url

Calf Club Indoor Exhibits

Staff is working on this now. Exhibits will be hopefully advised next week.

Lower Bus Bay

We do appreciate that some parents drop off and pick up at the lower bus bay to relieve pressure in the upper carpark. Thank you!! BUT, if using the lower bus bay please be sure not to block transit of buses from this area. Buses must have priority when entering or exiting the bus bay.

Cross Country Barge Park - Congratulations to:

Year 10 Ruby Woods 1st place
Year 11 George Whittaker-Cook 6th place & Tia Welsh 7th place
Year 12 Ben Donaldson 1st place

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.

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.

Player of the Day

Basketball - Wednesday 24/8

Minis - Heber

Crushers - Eli T

Magics - Emma D

Warriors - all players that helped out our team that was short due to illness

Mavericks - Le Arli

Wednesday 31/8

Minis - Bennett A

Crushers - Nate B

Magics - Tate S

Warriors - Tayla T

Mavericks - Aamani RH

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.



Confirmation of Secondary School

If our year 7 and 8 teachers can assist in any way with secondary school decisions, or the transition to secondary school more generally, please make contact.

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

Out of Zone Places 2023

The board is pleased to advise the number of places available for out of zone students for 2023. Parents seeking to enrol out of zone siblings (priority 2 students) are reminded that application needs to be made for these students in order to secure a place.

Finally

Some of you may have seen an item on Q and A this weekend past about a new literacy initiative. The Better Start Literacy Programme has been designed by Canterbury University and is being rolled out nationwide. Matarau School has a number of staff in training and Mrs Robertson is a facilitator in other schools. We think this is a brilliant programme and are planning to embed it in our programmes as soon as practicable. Thought you might like to know that we are very excited about this programme and will keep you posted.

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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>

Kamo Vets are available to vaccinate, dock, castrate and drench your lambs as well as provide you with some key information regarding how to look after your new baby lambs and goat kids.

\$30 per animal - call us on 09 439 1924 to book in.

Key dates to remember:

1. 2-4 weeks old: first vaccination and dock tails (lambs) and castrate males (ram lambs and young bucks)
2. 4 weeks after first vaccination: booster vaccination and first worm drench

MAUNU TENNIS CLUB

SENIOR opening day: Sat 17 Sep 10 am, and each Sat thereafter from 1 pm

TWILIGHT tennis each Thu 5:30 pm starting Thu 29 Sep

LADIES DAY every Wed 9 am

JUNIOR COACHING: Starts Tue 18 Oct. 4-8 yrs 3:15 pm start. Others 4 pm.

Queries to Matt Trubshaw (027 478 6655) or Jill Trubshaw re juniors (021 611 522)



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Or contact us via email: onerahicc@gmail.com

Junior Rally Day: Sunday 18th September, Kensington Park, 9.30am - 11am
Senior Rally Day: Friday 16th September, Cobham Oval Indoor Cricket Centre, 6pm - 8pm