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## <u>Thank you</u>

... Those parents who have generously offered their time and expertise for forthcoming school camps (these camps would not go ahead without your support).

... To outgoing and incoming board members

## People of the Week

... The senior school, and their parent support team, for mammoth efforts in recent weeks building to our senior production.

#### <u>Term calendar</u> ... More to follow as dates come to hand! **26 September Public Holiday** – *School closed* 30 September Last day of the term

# <u> Drink bottles – sun hats</u>

... please ensure all children bring a drink bottle to school each day. We have processes for refilling these if required.

A reminder also to dust off the sun hats for next term. If your child has lost their school sunhat we have a limited stock available at school from next week.

# <u>Home Gardens</u>

Garden Diaries were sent home with children who have indicated they are participating. Over the holidays we suggest that ...

- ... gardens are dug over and composted ... all seeds are planted
- ... seedlings in after Labour Weekend ... pest control measures are in place Any questions don't hesitate to connect, and remember to take a look at our Facebook page (a great source of motivation & creativity)

www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens

# School Trophies

If your child received a trophy at last year's prize giving, please return it to asap.

# Electronic Newsletter

If you are not on the school email-out list please email - <u>admin@matarau.school.nz</u> - to be added & stay up to date with what's happening at school.







#### Art Scholarship (Year 4-8)

If you are keen for your child to submit an Art Portfolio, and you have not advised their teacher, please make contact next week. If you would like information just give the office a call next week. We have had some outstanding portfolios in years past and are keen to see this tradition continue. Art Portfolios are due 3:30 pm Monday 14 November.

## CALF CLUB DAY - Thursday 20th October

## Indoor Exhibits

A list of indoor exhibits for respective levels of the school is being sent home with this newsletter today. While most exhibits are done at school in the days prior to Calf Club Day, one of the exhibits is to be done at home. Please remember that, while you can give guidance, these exhibits MUST be substantively the work of your child out of fairness to other children.

Items for construction of exhibits are required at school on <u>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October</u> please, flowers on <u>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</u>. Children are required to complete a minimum of 4 of 5 possible exhibits. Any questions please ask your child's teacher.

#### <u>Calves</u>

If you are bringing a calf, please be aware that they need to have a NAIT tag.

#### Scholastic Book Fair

Will be held on Calf Club Day. Books will be available for purchase during this day. EFTPOS will be available.

#### It's Calendar Art time again!

Students have been busy creating art work that can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads.

Each product is made from your own child's art. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

- 1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
- 2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ654
- 3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

The first order is open until Friday the 3rd October

We have repeat orders from the  $\mathbf{4}^{\text{th}}$  of October until Wednesday

# the 19<sup>th</sup> of October



#### Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account.

If you have any questions please contact the school.

#### Lost Property

Please drop by or ask your child to check the lost property if you are missing any clothes from your child's wardrobe (the lost property is located between rooms 11 and 12)! As usual, all items left at end of term will be donated to charity.







## Out of Zone Applications

ALL out of zone applications, **including out of zone sibling applications**, must adhere to the application process advised in earlier newsletters and emails. The school has had a good number of out of zone enquiries and so, if a sibling (priority 2) application is **not** received by **28 September**, your child's place may be offered to another student.

Out of Zone applications will be drawn on 19 October with applicants advised within 7 days of that.

# Road Safety

- Please reduce your speed when passing the school
- Maximum 5kph in the carpark and bus bay.
- 20kph passing a stationary bus
- Pick up of students from the designated spots where possible.
- Walking or supervising your children across the road at drop off & pick up
- And NO PARKING ON YELLOW ZONES.

Many thanks.

## 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 by Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 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.

## <u>Attendance</u>

The school is required to monitor attendance rates (and morning arrival times), and to investigate in the event that attendance falls below the Ministry benchmark. Regular school attendance is a critical component of educational success. If you received a letter this term, advising of less than ideal attendance, please make contact with us so that we can work together to improve your child's school attendance. Sometimes the solutions can be quite simple ones.

**On a side note**, the Ministry of Education requests that, where possible, family holidays are planned to coincide with term breaks.

#### 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.

# A more formal thank you

A very sincere thank you to departing board members for their service over the previous three years. Service of this nature demands much, not least the constant juggling of commitments, and the ability to think beyond the known, the immediate and the comfortable. This often occurs in the midst of potential trade-offs, and always in the knowledge that the



children come first. Difficult decisions need to be made at times, and the best way forward is not always obvious. Thank you to Becks, Lisa, Toni, Craig and Adam, for all that you brought to your roles, for your dedication, your teamwork, and for your staying power. The school is the better for your involvement, and your input has been very much appreciated. A special thanks to Becks who has borne the burden of leadership extremely well. Thank you Becks.

And thank you also to our new board members for stepping up for the next 3 year term. Many times parents commented at the high calibre of candidates, and the agonizing process of whittling their choices down to five. Each one of you had/has a huge amount to offer and so thank you very much for putting your names forward. So, Fi, Gary, Sally, Toni and David ... welcome!

## Finally

Thank you for your support this term, plenty to celebrate, and plenty to look forward to next term. Travel safely over the holiday period, have quality time together, and maybe spend some time reflecting on the things that matter most. Looking forward to reconnecting in term 4.

Nga mihi,

Kevin Trewhella Principal

