

Matarau School Newsletter Term 4 Week 2

People of the week

Our year 7 campers for their teamwork this week and for achieving their goals!

Bayley Rose Repia for making PHENOMENAL progress in her reading this year!

Keegan Martin for an amazing piece of writing this week. Keegan your work was truly impressive. Well done!

Thank you

... To our year 7 camp parents (and teachers) who worked so hard to create an amazing camp ... from what we hear you have truly gone the extra mile!

... To the kind parent who buys an extra pack of sushi each week for any child without lunch

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

2 Nov	Zone Athletics at Poroti School
8 Nov	Meeting of BoT
14 Nov	Date for submission of Art Portfolios
24 Nov	Hearing and Vision Tests
29 Nov	School Swimming Sports
6 Dec	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
13 Dec	End of year Prize Giving (6:30 pm)
15 Dec	Final day of school (finish 12:00 pm)

Swimming pool - Christmas break.

It is pretty expensive to keep a pool running over the holiday period, and so we usually get the pool up and running around mid-January in preparation for the summer term. The board is keen to know if families would hire keys for the holiday period (through to around Easter) if there was an opportunity to do so. So if you think you would make use of the pool over the holiday break, can you please advise Paula of this next week and we will pass this to the board for a final decision.

Drink bottles - sun hats

... please ensure all children bring a drink bottle to school each day.

If your child has lost their school sunhat we have a limited stock available at the school office.

Cetaphil Sunblock

We are pleased to advise that David's Pharmacy is offering a special deal to our parents on "Cetaphil Sun Kids" long-lasting sunscreen. This is suitable for sensitive skin, lasts most of the day, and is 4 hours water resistant.

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Input to year 7 placement decisions

Pathway decisions will be made some time in the period 23-25 November. Parents of year 6 students, who would like to have input into these decisions, will shortly be invited to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson. We anticipate these discussions will take around 20 minutes per child. If you would like the opportunity to have input into placement decisions, please pencil these days into your diary. We will confirm appointment times in 2 or 3 weeks.

Parents of Year 8 Students

Please note that year 8 students received a book voucher this week to be put toward their year 8 leaving book. Thank you in anticipation for assisting them to select a suitable book. Please note that **leaving books are due back at school by 28 November.**

Pubertal Change Booklets 2020 - Year 6s

In the past, we have issued child-oriented pubertal change booklets to year 6 children to take home and discuss with their parents. If you are the parent of a year 6 child, can you please advise the school office next week if you would like to drop by to view a booklet, or if you would like to pick your child's booklet up yourself? If we do not hear from you, all year 6 children will bring a booklet home at some stage soon.

Early Pick up of students

Please keep early pick-up of children to a minimum. We are happy to oblige when these are necessary, but students are required to complete their weekly allotment of hours where possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Home Gardens

Hopefully all home gardens are now well underway. Remember that seedlings should be hardened off before planting into the garden. This involves putting your seedlings out during the day in a sheltered spot, and then bringing them in at night for a few days. Then leave them out at night for a few more days before planting into the garden. Once planted, feed with a seaweed feed (or soak pots in it before planting). This helps avoid transfer shock.

Home garden diaries will be due in on Tuesday 22 November. This will allow us to get the dairies to the judges in time. Any students who have not received their diary (or have misplaced them), will need to see Mrs Burgin by the end of next week.

Please upload photos or share & receive gardening tips on our Facebook page if you can... www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens

School Swimming Sports - 29.11 - Years 4-8

Earlier in the year an unavoidable delay in repairs to the swimming pool resulted in our annual swimming sports being shifted to term 4. Accordingly, this event will be held on 29.11 with heats being run in the weeks prior. We know the water will be colder at this time of the year and so we are not going to push too hard on participation, just a gentle encouragement. **If, however, you want us to ensure your child participates can you please advise their teacher next week and we will apply a little extra leverage.** More details to follow.

School Trophies

If your child received a trophy at last year's prize giving, please return it to school. asap. Thank you to those who already returned trophies. We are almost there!

Electronic Newsletter

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

REMINDER ... High School Orientation days

Kamo High School	Friday 12 th November
Whangarei Boys High School	Monday 15 th November
Huanui College	Thursday 18 th November
Whangarei Girls High School	Friday 26 th November

Parents need to transport their own child(ren).

Honey \$12 per pot

Produced with love and care by the children and staff in years 3 and 4

Funds raised will go to our environmental programme.

So stock up while stocks last!



Art Scholarship (Year 4-8)

Any questions please to your child's teacher. Art Portfolios are due 3:30 pm Monday 14 November.

Not Attending Matarau School in 2023

This is early notice that we will shortly ask for confirmation of those children currently attending Matarau School, who will not be attending Matarau School in 2023. This information helps us with class placements, enables us to balance class numbers, and also give us an indication of whether there are spaces we could fill.

If you already know that your child will not be with us next year, please feel free to leave a message on the answer phone this weekend, or just give Paula a call next week.

Finally

Students and staff are loving our new shade cover which means outdoor activities can proceed irrespective of the weather. The additions to the junior school will be completed in about a month or so. We are very grateful for these additions to our school and look forward to utilising these to the full.



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FOUND at CALF CLUB DAY blue rug Kiwi for lambs. Please come to the office if it's yours.