

## Matarau School Newsletter Term 4 Week 4

### People of the week

... Imogen Harold who was a guest DJ at MoreFM. Pretty cool.

### Thank you

... to Farmlands who provided us with lots of gifts for our Calf Club Day.



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

14 Nov	Date for submission of Art Portfolios
15 Nov	Individual Duathlon
16 Nov	Team Duathlon
17 Nov	Debating Y7/8
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)

### School Duathlon Events - 15 and 16 November

... for year 4-8 students, will take place as follows ...

Individual Event - Tuesday 15 November ... 12.50-1.40pm

Team Event - Wednesday 16 November ... 12.50-1.40pm

Students will need bike, helmet & appropriate clothing. Parents welcome to support the racers. We can store bikes in the school hall between events. Any questions in the run up to this event should be directed to Mr Delemare please. If your child has not yet registered for these events they can do this themselves or via their classroom teacher.

### Art Portfolios

Art portfolios are due on Monday (14.11) - any time until 3:30pm. Please drop these to the hall where tables will be set up. We will likely re-arrange the placement of boards into categories and so please ensure your child's individual art pieces (and display boards) include your child's name and year level.

### Swimming pool - Keys

We are opening our school pool next week. If you are still having a pool key from last year, or the years before, can you please return this to the office? We changing keys every year which means that the key won't work on this year's lock.

### Input to year 7 placement decisions

Cambridge 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, are invited to contact Mrs Donaldson at [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz). We anticipate these discussions will take around 20 minutes per child. These discussions are an opportunity to consider strengths and areas for development, extra-curricular pressures workload etc.

### Parents of Year 8 Students

Please note that year 8 students received a book voucher last 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 on Monday (or by answerphone over the weekend) 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 very 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. If a child needs to leave early please report to the office first to sign them out. 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 note there can be no extensions to this date.

Please upload photos or share & receive gardening tips on our Facebook page if you can... [www.facebook.com/mataraschoolhomegardens](http://www.facebook.com/mataraschoolhomegardens)

### **Home Gardens**

Home Garden 'Consent to Visit' forms will be sent out early next week. These need to be returned to school please by Friday (18th of November). If your child(ren) are no longer able to participate, please advise Mrs Burgin @ [rburgin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:rburgin@matarau.school.nz).

### **School Swimming Sports - 29.11 - Years 4-8**

Our school swimming sports 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 on Monday and we will apply a little extra leverage. More details to follow.

### **Junior Readers**

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc) for junior readers and send these along to school next week. It is important that we have complete sets for 2023.

### **Lost Property**

Please drop by to check the lost property bin sometime over the next couple of weeks. Items unclaimed by term's end will be donated to charities.

### **Matarau PSG are selling Cookie Time Cookies.**



If you would like to order please complete and return the attached order form before **November the 17th** with **full payment** (online into PSG account is preferred). We will place the bulk order on 18th Nov for delivery on 5th Dec. **No extensions available on these dates sorry as it's a nationwide fundraising event and all money must be in by 17th Nov.** If you have friends or family that would like some, please add them to your order and their buckets will be delivered to you to pass on.

\$20/bucket      Lemon Meringue (new), Chocolate chip, Apricot Chocolate, Chocalicious, Salted Caramel, Cranberry White Chocolate  
\$18/bucket      GF Choc Chip, GF Berries & Cream

More details on the Matarau PSG Facebook page. Any queries please email [Matarau.psg@gmail.com](mailto:Matarau.psg@gmail.com) or FB

# 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!



## Finally

### Not Attending Matarau School in 2023

Thank you to those people who have advised that their children will not be attending Matarau School in 2023. If we have not heard from you by Monday, we will assume your child's attendance in 2023 and add them to class lists. So Monday is the day.

Best for the weekend!



### 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.

David is offering this to Matarau families at 25% off ... just say your children attend Matarau School



## Netsafe

If you are purchasing a BYOD for your child next year. This link from Netsafe provides some information for parents <https://netsafe.org.nz/byod/> that might be useful for you.

## Te Horo School Gala

Due to heavy rain here in Pipiwai and the forecast for showers tomorrow, our Te Horo School Gala scheduled for Saturday 12 November has been postponed to Saturday 3 December.



Newstalk  
**ZB**

# Be in to win!

The opportunity to professionally record a Christmas song with Nathan King

## The grand prize

Professionally record a Christmas song with Nathan King, return flights to Auckland for two (if you live outside of Auckland), hotel accommodation for one night and a studio tour.

## To enter

Must be under 13 years old. Email yourself singing a Christmas carol to [christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz](mailto:christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz) before entries close 12 December.

Listen to Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning at 6am to find out if you've won!

