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# Newsletter

## Number 15

### 4 NOVEMBER 2022



#### Thank you

... to parents and staff who put shoulder to the wheel to create a truly awesome year 3 and 4 camp. Your support was much appreciated.

#### People of the Week

... to Zoe S., Silas H., Casper H., Imogen H., Emma S, Rebekah G. and Brianna BW for attending the Central Day at Barge Park.

... to all our former students that graduated from High School with some very good results. Well done and all the best for your next adventures!

... Flynn, Tait, Keegan and Johnny for stunning results in your maths basic facts recall assessments this week.

... Livia Henderson and Lydia Jongkind for standout kindness toward a student who experienced a bus incident last week. Well done girls!

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

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

#### 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.

#### Sunblock

Sunblock is at parents' discretion. Long lasting block is recommended. Clothes covering shoulders is also recommended for summer. Research seems to show that bad sunburn in childhood can double back later in life.

#### Spelling Bee Competitions

... are under way very soon. If you are keen for your child to participate, and they are a strong speller, please flick their teacher an email this weekend.

#### School Trophies

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

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

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

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## 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](http://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.

A huge thank you to these companies who helped us out with gifts and gazebos for calf club day.



## 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.



### School pool over the holidays

We are currently assessing whether or not it would be worth keeping the school up and running over the holiday period for use by school families. If you would be likely to hire a key (\$40 for the season) for the holiday period (through to around Easter 2023) please email or phone the school office next week.

### 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 are asked to email [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz) to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson. We anticipate these discussions will take around 20 minutes per child. Katie will confirm appointment times in 2 or 3 weeks.

### 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.**

### Matarau PSG are selling Cookie Time Cookies.



If you would like to order please complete and return the attached order form before **Nov 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

### 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.

### REMINDER ... High School Orientation days

Kamo High School                      Friday 2 December  
Whangarei Boys High School    Monday 15 November  
Whangarei Girls High School    No orientation day this year  
*Parents need to transport their own child(ren).*

### Electronic Newsletter

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

### 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Class Placements 2023

Teachers are starting to give consideration to class placements for 2023. The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school, but we can throw parent requests / suggestions of a **general nature** into the mix (**sorry, no guarantees**). If there is something you would like us to consider (e.g. extension, consolidation, areas of special interest or need, close friends/ compatibilities etc), please give Kevin a call, drop by, or flick him an email on [principal@matarau.school.nz](mailto:principal@matarau.school.nz). Please note that we do not, as a rule, take requests for teachers.

**Reminder ... if your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year, and you have not already done so, please let us know asap.**

## Finally

Thank you again to staff, parents and children for two amazing camps over the previous two weeks. These camps would not happen without your support. It has been a real buzz to visit, and receive feedback, on these camps. Camps are an opportunity for children to cement existing friendships, create new friendships, push out boundaries, achieve goals, value teamwork etc etc. Worth the effort. Well done to all involved.

Nga mihi,

Kevin Trehwella  
Principal

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Funds raised will go to our environmental programme.  
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## 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  
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