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Thank you

... to those who supported our duathlon competitions
... to Grimmer Contracting for support the school through the "Fuels for Schools Programme" ... we look forward to cashing in our points very soon. Thank you.

People of the Week

... students that entered for the Art Scholarship. Fantastic art work from Everyone, well done! (see photo's at the end of the Newsletter)
... our debating teams
... Baylee-Rose Repia who did an amazing speech this week and Malachi Rudolph-Horne for some stunning artwork.
... all of those children who participated in spelling bee finals this week.

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

23 Nov	WPSSA Athletics Year 7/8
24 Nov	Hearing and Vision Tests
29 Nov	School Swimming Sports
6 Dec	Helpers Morning tea
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.

Scholastic

The new Lucky Book Club folder is out. You can place your order online or return your order form with payment to the office before **12th December**.

Year 8 Leaving books

Thank you to those parents who have assisted their year 8 child to purchase a suitable leaving book. Just a reminder that these books are due at school please on 28th of November.

REMINDER ... High School Orientation days

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

Pool Key

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.

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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/mataraschoolhomegardens

Please return your '**Consent to Visit**' forms as soon as possible to the Office. If your child(ren) are no longer able to participate, please advise Mrs Burgin @ rburgin@matarau.school.nz. Please note that gardens will be judged on the first weekend of December. Gardens need to be accessible to the judges across that day (with all dogs tied up please).

School Swimming Sports - 29.11 - Years 4-8



Our school swimming sports will be held on 29.11 with heats being run next week.

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. 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 2022. So ... we are missing quite a few and so a thorough search at home would be really appreciated.

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 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 leaving books are due back at school by 28 November.

Pubertal Change Booklets 2020 - Year 6s

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.

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.

Finally ... Message from Mr D

Yesterday, along with other schools, Matarau competed in the Whangarei Interschools debating competition.

Our Year 7&8 debaters were fantastic ambassadors for our school, showing excellent attitudes and a great process in the art of debating.

All the teams recorded some wins and two teams really stood out

Year 8 Boys with a 100% winning record - Ben Donaldson, Anise Bahrinipour & Isaac Delemare

Year 7 Girls with a 100% winning record as well - Ava Boaks, Abigail Macready, Gwyneth Ah Mu, & Aamani Rudolph-Horne

A special congratulations to all of these children.

Nga mihi,

Kevin Trehwella
Principal

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Art Scholarship Exhibition



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



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Garage Sale

Alzheimer Northland will be holding a garage Sale on Saturday 26 November from 8am to 11:30am at 112 Corks Road, Tikipunga, Whangarei



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 before entries close 12 December.

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