

Matarau School Newsletter Term 4 Week 8

People of the week

... Charlies Angels, from left, Pippa Goodin, Emma Donaldson, Bella Postlewright, from Matarau School, came second in the Primary section at the National Aquabots final. Have a read using this link below

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/floating-toaster-sees-northland-school-team-win-berth-in-international-stem-competition-in-usa/XJYTGZS4VFASNE45Q2ROIEBRHM/>

... Dane, Cian, Kaylee B, Aamani, Sarai, Samara W and Ashton R and their parents for roadside rubbish clean up to thank Fonterra for our compost fundraising. Your efforts are appreciated. They cleaned along Jordan Valley Road on Sunday 4th and almost filled the trailer.



... Samara Walker who was recently awarded the Aoriki Award, Guides highest award. Congratulations Samara.

Thank you

... Martyn Smith for helping out with some welding at school

... Hayden Martin for coming so quickly when we needed him this week for an urgent electrical job.

... Those parents who made it to our parent helpers. Thank you Morning Tea this week

... Parents of year 8 students for sending your children's leaving books to school on Monday. We appreciate your support with the purchase of these books.



... Matarau Basketball would like to thank our singlet sponsors **Garnet Motor Services, Dave Neumann & Pammy Princess and Sumpter Baughen**, our coaches, managers, families, and our players. Our first game for 2022 was way back in February and our last round was last week. We've had an awesome season.

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

13 Dec End of year Prize Giving (6:30 pm)

15 Dec Final day of school (finish 12:00 pm)

Start of 2023 Tuesday the 7th of February

FINAL DAY / FINISHING TIME THURSDAY 15.12

For bus timetabling reasons school will need to finish at 12:00 on 15 December (the final day of school). It is not compulsory for your child to attend school on 15.12 but they are more than welcome at school. Much of the day will be used packing up and getting ready for "lock-up". If your child is attending and using buses on this day, **please note that buses will start from 12:00 and drop children off APPROXIMATELY two to two and a half hours earlier than normal.** Having said that, drop-off times will vary depending on loadings and so we are unable to be exact with respect to drop-off times.

2022 Prize Giving – Tuesday 13 December

The evening will start at 6:30pm and will

Conclude approx. 8.00pm with a supper.

Grandparents are welcome.

Families are asked to bring two plates of finger food please for a shared supper

Attendance on this night is optional for 5 year olds

(All other children are asked to be present please).

p.s. if you have a pre-schooler who will be attending prize giving, and you would like them to receive a Christmas gift, please phone the school office on Monday or leave a message on the answerphone this weekend.

Prize Giving

Prize Giving always reminds us that real success seldom happens by accident. It is usually the result of diligent effort. Full credit, in advance, to every child who receives an award at prize giving, and to all of those children who worked hard to grow their learning, achieve their goals, overcome their fears and enrich the lives of others. But just as important, behind every successful child is a back stage team of parents and teachers who get stuck in and do their best, in a job that is often more an art than a science. You can take credit too.

And your job at prize giving ...

... to help us create a special moment for every child who goes up on the stage. We do not make decisions lightly on who is called up, they deserve to be there. Let's make it as special for them as we possibly can.

Staffing for 2023

The Board is pleased to announce 2023 staffing as follow...

Teaching staff	Support staff
Room 1a TBC ... likely start term 3	Teacher Aides
Room 1 Mrs Alexander	Mrs Crawford
Room 2 Mrs Barnes	Mrs Pol
Room 3 Miss Gentil	Mrs Hamilton
Room 4 Mrs Baker	Mrs Langley
Room 5 Mr Johnson	Mrs Ryan
Room 6 Mrs Jongkind	Mrs Wiegersma
Room 7 Mrs Ringrose	Mrs Walker
Room 8 Mrs Burgin	Information
Room 9 Mr Pattison	Technology
Room 10 Mrs Easterbrook / Mrs Milicich	Mrs Sullivan
Room 11 Mrs Gunson	Administration
Room 12 Mrs Donaldson	Ms Hannam
Room 13 Snr Crump / Mr Delemare	Mrs Pol
Learning Support Co-ordinator - Mrs Marvin	Mrs Sinclair (accounts)
Learning Support / Pastoral Care - Mrs Williams	Caretaker / Grounds
Release - Mrs Walker / Mrs (Clare) Ringrose	Mr Gardner-Lee
Te Reo - Whaia Jo Watts	ESOL
Music - Mrs Slykerman	Mrs Pol
Reading Recovery / Junior diagnostics - Mrs Broughton/Mrs Robertson	
Deputy Principal - Mrs Robertson / Assistant Principal - Mrs Donaldson	

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.

If you are using the pool over the holidays ...

... please ask children to use the toilet before they leave home. School toilets will likely be locked, and will not be cleaned over the break. Please tell the kids often that the changing sheds are for changing only.

... **A huge thank you to Mel Williams who is volunteering to test and treat the pool over the break. This is a huge commitment and we are very very grateful. If you have any questions relating to the pool during the Christmas break Mel is happy to take your calls on 0221290660.**

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.



Colour Run - Tuesday 14th December

The cost of this event is \$10 per participant, covers the powdered paint for your child, as well as a great experience of completing a selection of obstacles course activities ranging from waterslides, crawling under nets, dodging water pistols and sprinklers, throwing items at a target etc.!

Each class will rotate through the obstacle course and will remain in their class 'bubble'. Non-participants will be watching their class complete the obstacle course from the grass bank.

Payment can be made via the internet or cash to the school office. School account: 12-3093-0239515-00 / Reference (your child's name and the word 'colour')

Students are to wear an old WHITE shirt (or light coloured one) and old shorts. These clothing items will most likely come home covered with powdered paint, so please don't allow your child to wear good or new clothes. Students are to bring a change of clothes and a bag to transport 'coloured' clothes home in. The School has limited supply of safety goggles. If you have swimming goggles, or safety glasses, please send them on the day with your child.



Class Lists

... will be on display in the hall noticeboard Wednesday 14 December - 2:00 pm.

All rooms will be staffed by outstanding teachers, delivering outstanding programmes, surrounded by outstanding kids (who have outstanding parents!). *Changes to lists after their publication are unlikely to be made.*

For privacy (and safety) reasons please do NOT photograph and post the class lists.

Do you have any library books at home?

As we have a library stocktake fast approaching, we wondered if you could have a really good look for books at home, under beds, in wardrobes, school bags etc and return any books that you find. Many thanks.

Digital Devices 2023 – year 5 and up (NOT REQUIRED AT YEAR 4 IN 2023)

We prefer laptops and chrome books, as these fill our device needs better than an iPad, but whatever your child has we will work with. Parents should feel under no pressure to purchase devices for their children ... this is your call ... we will do our best to provide as many shared (non take home devices) as we can.

We will continue to ensure that time on devices is not overdone, there will always be plenty of time for learning and interacting in a variety of ways.

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.

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Regarding BYOD devices:

As Christmas is a popular time for purchasing student BYOD devices, it is perhaps timely to mention that Chromebooks and Laptops best meet Matarau's systems and classroom digital requirements.

Please Note: With Chromebook set-ups, it is important to know that the initial login account become the device 'administrator'. Often students who are (understandably!) keen to get using these devices, initially sign-in with their Mararau school accounts which engages school restrictions ie disallowing access to settings. It is recommended that parents sign into these devices first, which also then additionally enables the ability to set up parental controls. Year 5 students will receive school accounts in the first days of school, which can then be added later.

Using the internet safely

There is always current information about keeping kids safe online to be found at Netsafe

<https://netsafe.org.nz/>

Another valuable site is: <https://www.keepitrealconline.govt.nz/> under the 'For Parents' area there is 'how to' information on parental controls and checking privacy settings.

A bit of data crunching

End of year achievement data has shown that approximately 86% of Matarau students are Reading at or above standard, 77% of students are writing at or above standard, and 75% of students are at or above standard in Mathematics. These are really positive results and are a credit to all involved. Kevin is happy to share the data with anyone interested, just drop by.

Farewell staff....

As advised in last week's newsletter we are (sort of) farewelling Mrs Milicich at the end of this year, although she will be back in a part time capacity. Mrs Milicich has given exemplary service to our school for over ten years and we are very grateful to have had her as a colleague, friend and mentor. Some of you may wish to connect with her, or flick her an email some time over the next week.

Special Thanks to

Our sponsors for their generous contributions to our School
Staff for efforts, beyond the call of duty
The Board for its unswerving dedication to duty
Children for striving to attain your goals
(and for supporting others towards the same end)
To the many parents etc who have given their time to help in
classrooms, camp, sports days, transport
To those who have given us the benefit of the doubt
when things didn't quite turn out right.

We have plenty of exciting things planned for next year including a continued focus on science and technology, envirocare, student ownership, student well-being, specialist music teaching, extension programmes, increased reading support hours in the junior school ... and more.

Finally

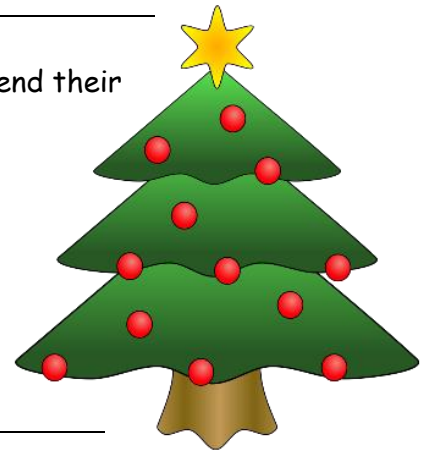
As this is the last (official) newsletter of the year ...

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas. Best wishes to those who end their association with us this year - please keep in touch.

And to you all ... stay well and travel safely if going away.

Final day of school 2022 ... Thursday 15 December (finish 12:00 pm)

First day of school 2023 ... Tuesday 7 February



Nga mihi

Kevin Trehella

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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 ... just say your children attend Matarau School

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