

## Newsletter reminders and updates

Term 1 Week 4

### A very special thanks

... to Kristine and Paul Leonard for removal of some damaged trees from our shelterbelt at no cost to the school. We very much appreciate the donation of your time and expertise.

... to those who have signed up to support the forthcoming Trail Bike Ride

... to those who have already pencilled in Enviro Day

... the those who supported this week's School Swimming Sports

### People of the week

... All students that went to the Tennis Tournament! They were great ambassadors for the school. They even did a clean-up at the end of the day.

*Emma and Aamani won the Intermediate Girls Doubles, Congratulations Girls!*



### Term Calendar

#### Term dates

6 March	Beach trip Room 1- 4
7-8 March	Parents Interview
9 March	Swimming School Celebration Juniors
10 March	Beach trip Room 9 & 10
12 March	Trail Ride
15 March	WPSSA Swimming (Whangarei Intermediate)
<b>14 March</b>	<b>Enviro Day (Change of Date- see attachment)</b>
21 March	Surfing Y8
6 April	Final day for term 1 - 24 April Commencement of term 2

### **Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews)**

The above are scheduled for **7 and 8 March** - the online bookings screen is open. This is a chance for you and your child (optional for year 1 children) to be heard and to hear some first impressions of how their year is unfolding.

To book your interview time. Please book online via the following website - [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the event code of **2xq6g**

Please note that bookings are allocated on a first in basis and so don't delay.

You can make a booking using our school code **2xq6g** or use the QR-code to make your booking.



### **With respect to interviews**

... please be on time and move with the bell

... note down any questions beforehand

... we suggest that you do not book back to back interviews. A ten minute break between interviews will help you transit from one interview to the next, enable you to reflect on discussions and prepare for your next interview

... please note that buses will run at their normal times on both interview days.

### **Further interviews**

If the above interview days do not suit, please know that all teachers are highly available by appointment. So if you didn't cover what you wanted to cover, or if you would like a deeper discussion in an area of interest or concern, please contact your child's teacher directly or phone the school office.

### **School Swimming Celebration Juniors**



You are invited to our special Junior School Swimming celebration for years 1 and 2 starting at 1:45pm on Thursday 9th March. Our goal is to have all children participating as the event is all about celebrating water skills and having fun! Please ensure your child has their togs, towel, school hat, jumper, drink bottle, and sunblock (all named) at school that day. Children will be sitting in their year groups ready to swim and we will have an area for parents to sit and cheer.

We look forward to a fun and hopefully fine afternoon.

### Swimming School Results Year 4-8

Congratulations to all the swimmers and parents who came and watched the races. We will have a Prizegiving at our Assembly Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2:40pm.

		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Juniors	1 <sup>st</sup>	Denim Hutchinson	Ellie Curnow
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Theo Goodin	Jamie-Lee Cawood
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eli Gibbs	Brooklyn Alexander
Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup>	Zac Burgin	Katrina Walker
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jacob Attwood	Ady Gibbs
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Braxton Alexander	Katie Perris
Seniors	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jake Sands	Emma Donaldson
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lockie Leonard	Bella Postlewaight
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	James Tobin	Tia Welsh

### Kokopu Swimming Results



Year 5 Freestyle - Taylor Masefield  
Year 5 Backstroke - Whaiawa Tito  
Year 5 Breaststroke - Whaiawa Tito  
Year 6 Freestyle - Jacob Attwood  
and Zac Burgin  
Year 6 Backstroke - Katrina Walker,  
Jacob Attwood and Zac Burgin.

Year 6 Breaststroke - Zac Burgin  
Year 7 Freestyle - Emma Donaldson, Harry Easterbrook.  
Year 7 Backstroke - Emma Donaldson, Lachlan Smith and Peter Watson.  
Year 7 Breaststroke - Pippa Goodin, Emma Donaldson, Harry Easterbrook.  
Year 8 Freestyle - Ava Boaks, Jake Sands  
Year 8 Backstroke - Tia Welsh, Jake Sands  
Year 8 Breaststroke - Samara Walker, Lockie Leonard

### Swimming WPSSA

Congratulations to all the Kokopu swimmers that have qualified for the swimming Championships on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March at Whangarei Intermediate. More information has been sent home today.

## **TRAIL RIDE - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

We need your help on the day! Please contact Lisa [lryan@matarau.school.nz](mailto:lryan@matarau.school.nz) if you are able to help out with all sort of jobs.



## **Parking on Matarau Road**

If dropping off, or picking your child up, please ensure that you do not block driveways to adjoining properties, particularly those near the entrance to the upper carpark. Thank you! Remember ... by 3:15pm there are plenty of parking spaces!

## **Netball**

Please a reminder to return any Netball forms to the Office by the end of next week. (10<sup>th</sup> March)

## **Sunhats**

A reminder that school bucket sunhats are compulsory in terms 1 and 4. Please ensure these are packed at the beginning of each school day. New hats can be purchased from the office for \$10. Clothing which covers the shoulders is also advisable with sun block at your discretion.

## **Cell phones**

If your child does bring a cell phone to school, please note that these must be dropped to the school office on arrival at school and picked up on departure each day. If you want to get a message to your child during the school day this should be channelled through the school office who will deliver the message to your child.

## **Stretching the finances**

Life can be expensive at times, and school expenses can simply add to the burden. So PLEASE drop by and see Kevin or Paula if things are tough at the moment, we will come up with a plan that works for you.

## **Needing Guidance With Devices**

Mr Delemare is happy to answer questions or to help with any presenting issues.

*If you do not have security / filter / monitoring of your child's internet access it is critical that you set something up soon. Feel free to contact the school if you would like an appointment to discuss this or related matters with Mr Delemare.*

## **Punctuality**

In order to aid in the smooth operation of classes (and in order to teach an important life skill) we request that children are at school at least 10-15 minutes before the morning bell to give them time to settle, connect with their teacher, and prepare for the day ahead. If running unavoidably late please give the school office a call, we understand that sometimes things don't quite go to plan. Many thanks.

## **School gates**

The school gates help us to keep children safe. If you are entering, or exiting, the school grounds during school hours it is important to ensure you close these gates after you. If you



are dropping a child at school after the morning bell please be aware that they may not be tall enough to open these gates on their own.

### Medications

Medications should be held at, and administered from, the school office. Where we currently hold medication for your child, please call by the office next week to check expiry dates and arrange replacement where necessary.

### Attendance

If your child will not be at school, it is critical that you advise the school office please, including citing a reason for the absence. As every absence is coded and reported to the Ministry it is important that the information we send them is accurate.



### After School Care

If you think you would use our After School Care programme please contact Tracey on 021 127 1115 to enrol, or for more information.

### Disputes between children

... are a part of life and an opportunity to learn critical life skills. As long as these disputes remain within reasonable bounds (ie: are not excessive, prolonged, or targeted), and as long as children are supported where necessary, and boundaries are in place, they provide critical opportunities to grow. To isolate children from all disputes, deprives them of opportunities to develop resilience, to learn tolerance, and to learn to give and take. The school will always step in where children need support, and we are very good at monitoring. BUT our involvement will always be on the basis ...

... that full information will be gathered (from multiple sources) before responsibility is assigned to any child

... that every child has a right to be heard

... that every child has a right to contribute to resolution

... that the process (including outcomes) must be fair on all parties

... that some elements of resolution will be confidential

It is possible, after our involvement and a period of monitoring, that tensions between children can re-emerge. This does NOT mean that the problem was not dealt with, it simply means that some further support and monitoring may be warranted ... simply let us know.

Parents can help by ...

... avoiding assumptions or conclusions before the school has fully investigated a matter

... remembering that what their child has told them is an interpretation of event, it is nearly always only a partial account of what has happened, wider information nearly always changes the picture

... remembering that the world of children is fundamentally no different to the world of adults.

We are all imperfect, mistakes happen, we have bad days, we are the product of complex shaping factors, and things take time.

... **Please NEVER approach another person's child in an effort to resolve a dispute. Matters must always be referred to the school.**

**Virtues focus for 2023 - REPEATED ITEM SO YOU CAN COPY AND PASTE THE LEARNER CONTRACT SHOULD YOU WISH**

This year our focus will align our Mission statement with a dual focus on both rights and responsibilities. We will share with children how these work together. Others' (reasonable) rights are our responsibility, our (reasonable) rights are their responsibility. In some respect they are different sides of the same coin ... the key is to get the right balance.

So we would be super grateful if you ...

1. Could discuss this with your child. Talk about how you balance rights and responsibilities in your lives, and how they do it in their lives, and where you/they could get even better.
2. Maybe cut out the Learner Contract below and stick it on your fridge (or we can enlarge one for you at school on request)  
Over the course of the year we will narrow our focus on supporting virtues like caring, helpfulness and courtesy.

By the way, we are doing a blitz on "please, thank you and excuse me", so feel free to make this an even bigger focus at home if you feel the need.

**LEARNER CONTRACT - MATARAU SCHOOL**

	<b>Your rights</b>	<b>Your responsibilities</b>
<b>Feel valued</b>  <i>Kia whakanuia</i>	You have a right to feel appreciated for the person you are, for the talents you bring, for the work you do, and for the things you say.	You have a responsibility to appreciate the character, talents and contributions of others (including your teacher).
<b>Knowing self</b>  <i>Kia mohio ko wai ahau</i>	You have a right to know what you are good at and how you learn best.	To use your talents well.
<b>Make choices</b>  <i>Kia mahi i nga mahi pai</i>	You have a right to make your own learning and behaviour choices.	To make choices which bring the best out of self and others.

<p><b>Enjoying Learning</b></p> <p><i>Kia ngākaunui i te ako !</i></p>	<p>You have a right to enjoy learning and play.</p>	<p>To know that real enjoyment comes from a positive attitude and a job well done.</p>
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### **Final Word**

Thank you to those who have booked interviews for next week. This is an important opportunity to share first impressions, and note any areas of particular concern. Please arrange a further interview with your child's teacher if there is anything critical that you did not have time to cover. Teachers remain highly available, by appointment, throughout the year.

### **Community Notices**

#### **PILATES**

Every Tuesday and Friday 9am - Ruatangata Hall. All levels catered for. Beginners welcome.

Come to one or both sessions. Whatever suits you. Excellent qualified tutor. \$15.00 session.

Further info : Ph Rhonda 0210526094

**Girls' Brigade** ....invites you to join a fun, inclusive group for girls and young women aged 5 to 18 years, who want to make the most out of life. Joining a GB company is a great way for girls to make new friends and enjoy activities that challenge and nurture their growth in a safe and supportive environment. You can find out more at <https://www.girlsbrigade.nz>

There are two Girls' Brigade Companies in Whangarei, meeting on Thursday nights. Our first enrolment night for the year is 16 February:

**1st Kamo Company** meets from 6.00 - 7.30pm at St John's Golden Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kensington, **contact Kerry 021 0230 4000**

**OR 2nd Whangarei Company** meets from 5.30 - 7 pm at Hope Whangarei Church, Hunt St, Whangarei, **contact Sue 021 260 0792**