

Newsletter reminders and updates Term 1 Week 8

A very special thanks

- ... to those who have signed up to be 2023 sponsors. You will hear back from us very soon
- ... to those who supported our duathlon events this week
- ... to those who have offered to home host international students ... you will hear from us again early in term 2
- ... to those stepping up for coach and manager roles for weekend sports teams

People of the week

- ... those children who gave the duathlon a go ... and notably Willow Tobin who completed the whole course in spite of a recovering prior injury
- ... Paula and Brenda for your efforts over the last financial year managing the school's cash flow and preparing the school for its annual audit. You do an amazing job.

Term Calendar

4 April	Weetbix Try Challenge
6 April	Final day for term 1
26 April	Commencement of term 2

Player of the Day

Minis Basketball Journey Poutai

Matarau Parent Support Group

The new executive team wish to warmly thank the outgoing executive members for their contributions to their respective offices. A meeting will be held in week 3 of term 2 when we can properly acknowledge their contribution in person, and welcome all new members. The date and details will be confirmed shortly and all parents are welcome!

In the meantime, we want to hear from you! A short online survey will begin next week allowing ALL parents, teachers, and friends of the school the chance to have your say and give feedback. Our aim is to gather information and ideas from our community about how we can achieve our mission: To Support and Connect our Community.

Please watch out for this on Facebook and next week's newsletter. You can also mail Matarau.PSG@gmail.com to get a link to this survey.

Yummy Stickers

Please help Matarau School to collect Yummy Stickers from various fruits.

Place the stickers on a collection sheet and hold onto them. Once complete, send your sheets to Mrs E in Room 10 or the library. We receive free sports gear in return for these stickers and would really appreciate all contributions.

The Yummy sticker collection sheets are attached to this email or can be downloaded from this from: <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

Teachers' e-mail addresses

These are all listed on the Matarau School website. However, you can work them out by using the teacher's first name initial followed by their surname and then add @matarau.school.nz (example Andrew Johnson ajohnson@matarau.school.nz or Jayde Jongkind jjongkind@matarau.school.nz)

REMINDER - Early Notice - 24 April

Some of you may know that a new curriculum is on its way soon, to be phased in over the next couple of years. Schools are required to undertake professional development in preparation for this, and the government has provided staggered days across the coming months for this purpose. These days must be used within specified timeframes. To minimise inconvenience to parents, most schools in Whangarei have nominated Monday 24.4 (between last day of the forthcoming holiday and ANZAC Day, which is 25.4). Accordingly, please note that that school will be closed on 24.4 and buses will not run on that day. The first day of school for term 2 will be Wednesday 26 April.

Lost Property

Please drop by and look through lost property (between rooms 10 and 11). Unclaimed items will be donated to a charity at the end of term.

School Books

Please check under beds, in book cases etc. for school books and return these to school next week. This helps us to keep complete sets for instructional use. Thank you

Gearing up for Winter Sports

When children wear our school colours on a Saturday morning, they bear a special responsibility to represent our school well. This means more than putting in your best performance on the field/court, it also means demonstrating sportsmanship, supporting other team members, playing fairly, encouraging others, respecting coaches and referees etc. Every child wearing our colours, and every parent who accompanies them, is expected to represent us this way, it is a condition to being in one of our teams.

The ultimate goal of all that we do (including playing sport) should be to grow character, in ourselves and in others. Please do not question referees, support coaches and managers unequivocally (and if you have a question see them early, privately, and with an open mind), respect the opposition (including their support team), and be careful with your words from the side line. Egos (not only children's egos) can be fragile, and so choose your words carefully. Please let us know of special Saturday achievements so we can celebrate these in the newsletter. Best wishes for the best season ever.

Final Word

A huge thank you to parents and whanau for your support and encouragement this term. Thank you also for your understanding over recent weeks as we deal with weather tightness issues. We are on track to having a good number of rooms back in operation at the start of the new term, and the others shortly thereafter.

Best for the holiday break. As always, travel safely if going away. See you next term!
(no newsletter next week)

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehella

PRINCIPAL

Responsibility



What is Responsibility?

Being responsible means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements. You give your best to any job. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably. It is a sign of growing up.

Why Practice It?

When you take responsibility for your own actions, others can trust you. When people are not responsible, they break their promises, fail to do what they said they would do and let people down. People who make excuses instead of amends keep making the same mistakes. When you are responsible, you get things done with excellence.



How Do You Practice It?

When you agree to do something, like homework, watching a younger child, or a job around the house, you take it as your responsibility. You don't agree to do things which are too hard, or that you don't really have time for. When you make a mistake, you don't get defensive. You learn from it and you fix it. You are ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings.



What would Responsibility look like if...

- You have a regular job at home and you would rather watch TV or read?
- You have a lot of homework to do but a friend just came to play?
- You just broke something in your friend's house but no one saw you?
- You promised a friend you would get together after school, but then remembered you have a music lesson?
- You are watching your little sister in a store while your mother finishes shopping?
- You notice your parents working hard to keep the house clean?

Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practicing Responsibility when you...

- Take your agreements seriously
- Respond ably by doing things to the best of your ability
- Are willing to do your part
- Admit mistakes without making excuses
- Are willing to make amends
- Give your best to whatever you do

Affirmation

I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep my agreements. I learn from my mistakes. I am willing to make amends.

Activities with Responsibility



Being Responsible

Make a list of ways you can do your part to help with the responsibilities in your home.

Fill in the Blanks

When I do my chores I am being H_____ and R_____.

When I admit mistakes I am showing the virtues of H_____ and R_____.

When I make amends, that is a J____ way to be.



Virtues Reflection Questions

- What is the responsible way to respond when you make a mistake?
- What is the Teachable Moment (the virtue to be learned) when someone:
 - forgets their homework?
 - doesn't do a chore they have promised to do?
 - tells a secret they promised not to tell?
 - broke a promise to bring back a borrowed toy?
- What are some ways to make amends for these mistakes?
- What does it feel like inside when you do something wrong?
- What does it feel like inside when you admit responsibility?
- What are some things you are responsible for now that you weren't when you were younger?
- What is a teacher responsible for? What is a student responsible for?



Drawing Responsibility

Draw a picture of yourself doing something with excellent responsibility.



Poster Points

- The ability to respond ably.
- At my best.
- A Promise Keeper.



Quotable Quotes

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood." Helen Keller

"Life doesn't require that we be the best – only that we try our best." H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"To live is to change. To be perfect is to have changed often." Henry Cardinal Newman

"We have to accept the consequences of every deed, word, and thought throughout our lifetime." Elisabeth Kubler Ross

"My life is an influence on every life mine touches. Whether I realize it or not, I am responsible and accountable for that influence." Ron Baron

"A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else." Anonymous