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Thank you

... for your amazing support in the run up to Enviro Day

... for your attendance at, and contributions to, parent teacher interviews this week (remember that teachers remain highly available by appointment)

Partial Closure of School - 16 March

Please note that Matarau School will be closed for instruction on Thursday 16 March after notice of strike action by the teachers' union. We sincerely regret any inconvenience arising from this. The school office will be open for business as usual on this day, and so please don't hesitate to contact us, or drop by, with anything "administrative". Thank you for your understanding.

People of the week

... **Jacob, Rhys, Heath, Kallum and Puhirere** who this week, without being asked, offered their assistance to a staff member to carry multiple items to their destination. Thanks for setting such an amazing example boys.



... The outgoing Parent Support Group executive members: Laura, Karen, Becky and Lisa. Thank you so much for the time and energy you have committed over the last few years.

... The new and existing Parent Support Group members and executive who have put their hand up to help our school.

... Ethan Watkins who uses "knock your socks off" good manners all of the time. Well done Ethan.

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

12 March

Trail Ride

14 March

Enviro Day (Change of Date)

15 March

WPSSA Swimming (Whangarei Intermediate)

21 March

Surfing Y8

29 March

Individual Duathlon

30 March

Team Duathlon

6 April

Final day for term 1

24 April

Commencement of term 2



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Responsibilities Virtue

Thank you for spending time with your children discussing our Rights and Responsibilities Sheet. As promised earlier, please find attached support material on the RESPONSIBILITIES virtue.

Please look at this with your children, and gradually unfold your discussions over the weeks ahead, as we will at school.

... talk about where you exercise responsibility in your lives

... why being responsible is important

... maybe help them set a "responsibility goal" ... perhaps packing or unpacking their school bag, keeping their room tidy, doing the dishes, sticking to home work time. Your call!

Thanks for your support. If we double our efforts (home and school) we will quadruple the gains overall. The kids are off to a great start.

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!

Headlice

Please check your children's hair weekly so that we keep infestation levels as low as possible through to term's end. Thank you.

Interschool Swimming Sports

Best wishes to the 15 children representing us at the interschool swimming sports on 15 March. Parents are reminded that they will need to transport and supervise their children on this day. We have 5 outstanding consents and so please send these to school on Monday. Questions to Mrs Donaldson please.

Duathlons

Scheduled for 29 and 30 March ... watch this space!

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.

Have your residential / contact details changed?

... if so please let Paula know.

If you formerly resided out of zone, and are now residing in zone, we are particularly keen to hear from you. In zone children generate more funding ... which means more and better resources for students. So please let us know next week if your children were balloted into the school initially and have moved into our zone since then.

Final word

Hope to see you on Enviro Day (Tuesday 14th March). Thank you again to the amazing team working to bring this day to fruition. It will be amazing, so see you there.

Ngā mihi

Kevin Trehwella
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

- ❶ What is the responsible way to respond when you make a mistake?
- ❷ 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?
- ❸ What are some ways to make amends for these mistakes?
- ❹ What does it feel like inside when you do something wrong?
- ❺ What does it feel like inside when you admit responsibility?
- ❻ What are some things you are responsible for now that you weren't when you were younger?
- ❼ 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

- ❶ The ability to respond ably.
- ❷ At my best.
- ❸ 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

Matarau Enviro Enterprise

Market afternoon-



Everyone welcome....Tuesday the 14th of March
2:45-5pm at Matarau school

We are on the count down for our **ENVIRO DAY** which is on this coming Tuesday, the 14th of March. The first part of the Enviro Day is spent moving around the 12 amazing sustainable stations. This part of the day runs from 8.45 am through to 2.30.

We then move into the Enterprise/Market part of the day which begins at 2.45-5pm**check out** some of the awesome products that have been created by our students here at Matarau. Bring your pocket money along to purchase some of these GREAT products. Cash only please.



Sausages \$2, Ice blocks \$2, Hangi \$10...all available...bring your friends and family to enjoy an amazing afternoon.



A snippet of the stalls..... kokedama balls, lavender epsom salts, key rings, earrings, bracelets, soap, balms, upcycled bags, plants, bird feeders, cat toys, bees wax candles, eggs...and so much more...



Your supported is greatly appreciated. All money raised goes back into the Environmental fund to benefit our students, environment and local community.

See you all there!



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