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### Thank you

- ... Our AIMS parents
- ... Those who are supporting the AIMS fundraising efforts

### People of the week

... Darren Jarman who, during break time, gave seriously good support to a child with a medical condition who needed adult support. Darren gave comfort and then immediately advised staff. You are this week's hero Darren. Well done!  
... Our Mathex and Rippa Rugby teams ... we have received feedback that your behaviour and sportsmanship were exemplary. Thanks for being such wonderful ambassadors!

### Term Calendar ... Much more to follow after staff meeting next week

22 June	Jump Day (more to follow)
26/27 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
29 June	Enviro Day
30 June	Final day of term 2
17 July	First day of term 3

### COURTESY VIRTUE

Two weeks ago you received some COURTESY support material. If you have not yet done so, please look at this with your children, and gradually unfold your discussions over the weeks ahead, as we will at school.

- ... talk about where and how and where you exercise courtesy in your lives
- ... why being courteous is important
- ... maybe help them set a "courtesy goal" (e.g. please, thank you ...)

### **Congratulations to all our Caring Virtue recipients**

**We are hugely proud of these children and of the examples they have set for us all. Congratulations also to their parents.**

Room 1	Honor Harrison	Benjamin Peti	
Room 2	Lachlan Gatherole		
Room 3	Emily Judkins	Riley Radford	
Room 4	Ella Chisnall	Charlie Pitchforth	
Room 5	Ryan Clarkson	Ellie Perris	
Room 6	Livvy Grimmer	Lola Boaks	Ruby Croucher
Room 7	Indee Martin		
Room 8	Rex Philip	Ashlee Langley	
Room 9	Ady Gibbs	Chloe Wotherspoon	Tate Slatter
Room 10	Pippa Peyton	Charlize Clayton	
Room 11	Quinn Slatter	James Tobin	
Room 12	Jake Turner	Niamh Hall	
Room 13	Ava Boaks	George Whittacker-Cook	



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**In Brief from previous weeks** Please ...

... Please conduct periodic headlice inspections at home

... Pool Keys ... we need all of these back next please.

... If you have (or know of) 5 years olds due to start with us this year, and you have not yet advised, please let us know next week.

... Upper driveway entrance ... please take care while contractors are on-site. The upper driveway is the only entry point to the upper school and inevitably trucks will transit this area from time to time.

... Please continue to support AIMS fundraising efforts

**Please do not enter the school site this weekend! We have workers putting in the concrete for the driveway.**

**Mid-year Interviews**

**Monday 26 June & Tuesday 27 June (plus the additional day of 28 June - Year 7 & 8 only)**

Our online interview booking system is now open. Interviews are booked on a first in basis.

Please note that we have 2 concurrent interview cycles. You will need to book under 2 different codes (see below) ... On interview nights the change-over bells will ring every 15 minutes as per normal, but these bells will apply to the year 1 to 6 interviews only. The year 7 and 8 interviews will be of 10 minutes duration, all of these interviews will be held in room 11, and change overs will be at the direction of the teachers. All 3 senior school teachers will be present at the year 7 and 8 interviews. If you have children in years 1 to 6 and in year 7 and 8, please remember that times will overlap and so we suggest that you book your year 7 and 8 slot with spare slots either side to avoid double ups.

To book you need to visit - [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) & enter the relevant code as follows ...

**Junior and Middle School (years 1 to 6) the code is 279ys**

**Senior School (year 7 and 8) the code is 2cet5**

If you do not have access to the internet, or if you have any questions, please give Paula a call on Monday. Teachers are available at other times by appointment.

***School will finish at the usual time of 3:00pm (NOT 2:30 as in earlier years).***

**Senior (year 7 and 8) interviews**

Please note that we have opened 28 June for further senior school bookings for those unable to secure a booking on Monday or Tuesday)

**AIMS**

Over the coming weeks our AIMS teams will be conducting the occasional fundraiser to help raise funds for their forthcoming AIMS Tournament. Please keep an eye and ear out and support their efforts if you can!

### **Jump Day Fund-raising**

Thank you for supporting our Jump Day fund-raiser for the Heart Foundation. We have been blown away by your support. Remember, there are prizes for children who raise more than \$10 and also skipping ropes for the school. Keep skipping!

### **Finally**

Best for the weekend. Thanks for getting behind so many current initiatives. Remember to set aside time to work on the courtesy virtue at home, book your interview slots etc.

Ngā mihi  
Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

### **Learn te reo Māori in 2024!**

We are looking for between 25 - 30 adults to create an after-5 community class, to be held close to home at Matarau School.

Be part of a fun, relaxed group of like-minded learners. Some details are yet to be determined, and can be flexible to suit the needs of the group.

This class is intended for learners who have minimal command of te reo, those who have a desire to contribute positively to the development of te reo kia tika, kia rere, kia Māori, or who have a personal and/or professional interest in te reo Māori.

The course will be facilitated by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. When you pass this fees free programme you'll get:

New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo (Reo Rua) Level 1 - Te Pōkaitahi Reo (Reo Rua) Te Kaupae 1  
And

New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo (Reo Rua) Level 2 - Te Pōkaitahi Reo (Reo Rua) Te Kaupae 2.

The programme consists of 120 credits delivered over 38 weeks:

- 1 x 3-hour class per week, held locally at Matarau School
- 2 x noho marae (dates and location TBC)
- 4 x 1-day wānanga

To enrol, potential students must be:

- be at least 16 years of age
- be a New Zealand citizen (or citizen of Australia, Tokelau, Niue, Cook Islands) or permanent resident, residing in New Zealand have little or no knowledge of te reo Māori
- attend an information session with a kaiako, to be scheduled as a group session via Zoom in early July.

Interested? Email Jody at [alexjody.partridge@gmail.com](mailto:alexjody.partridge@gmail.com) if you would like more info.