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Thank you

... David Postlewaight and Gary Langley for the extra work you put in to maintaining and improving our school property - we know the hours you have done (on site) over recent months.

... Ringrose Stockfoods for donation of feed for the school chickens and, again, for supporting our annual calf club event.

... Andrew and Sharleen Harrison for your support in creating the amazing wall mural now on display between rooms 5 and 6.



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People of the week

... A special welcome to our international students and their parents. We have students from China and South Korea with us at present. If passing, please say hello and give them a smile.

... Those students who were acknowledged at the end of last term as shining examples of the COURTESY virtue. Thank you for the examples you set.

... Taniora Rapana (from 4) for an amazing act of kindness over the holidays - really thoughtful Taniora! Well done!



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Term Calendar

... More to follow

24 July	Parent Support Group Meeting-staffroom-5:30 pm
25 July	Matariki Day
25 July	Meeting of Board of Trustees
8 August	Meeting of BoT (subject to confirmation)
11 August	Youth Summit
18 August	Taniwha Challenge (Zone Cross-Country)
22 August	School Cross Country
30 August	Interschool Cross Country
4-8 Sept	AIMS Games
11 Sept	HPV Vaccinations
14 Sept	Enviro Day
22 Sept	Last day of Term 3 (9 Oct - first day - term 4)

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Virtue for term 3 - HELPFULNESS

We are very excited to announce that HELPFULNESS is our focus virtue for the first half of this term. Please find support material attached and ...

- ... discuss this at home
- ... talk about how you practise helpfulness in your life
- ... set some helpfulness goals for home
- ... celebrate and successes
- ... let us know of exceptional examples of helpfulness so that we can celebrate these together.

Headlice - Current Situation

Parents of children in rooms 1 to 4 have received an email advising of headlice infestation in all of these rooms. It is critical that every parent checks and treats this weekend please.

Headlice

As advised last term, whole school inspections have been replaced by a request that parents

- ... check their child(ren)'s hair at home on a regular basis.
- ... treat within 48 hours in the event of infestation
- ... respond promptly to any infestation notice from school

We will advise as soon as we can of any pockets of infestation and can connect parents with the Public Health Nurse if this is requested. If there is an infestation in a room all families of children in that room will need to check (and treat where necessary) at approximately the same time to avoid continual re-infestation. A request for a whole school approach (at home) will go out in week 3 of every term.

Missing Items

Sometimes items can go missing at school. The reasons for this can be varied. Can you please ensure that ...

- ... children bring no precious items (toys) to school
- ... that if they do, this is passed to the teacher for safe keeping
- ... that you advise your child's teacher if something is missing
- ... that you keep an eye out at home, and if something new appears without explanation, please ask some questions.

Trading Cards and Jibbitz

In the past we have requested that trading cards are not brought to school ... can we please add jibbitz to the list as well.

Road - parking etc

Please continue to be patient and respectful of each other as you come and go from school and ... **IF YOU CAN ... pick up your children in the 3:15-3:30 time band. THIS HAS MADE QUITE A DIFFERENCE - SO THANK YOU!**

The board is currently in the process of engaging a traffic engineer to assess the safety of this road and to make recommendations. We have also been successful in securing funding to re-seal the bus bay and to make a few improvements in that area. Ultimately there is not quick and easy fix here so please be patient and stagger pick up times if you can.

Please also stay well clear of disabled parking spaces and do not use these unless you have entitlement to use disabled parking spaces.

School Interviews

Thank you to those who attend mid-year interviews at the end of last term. If you missed these teachers remain available by appointment.

School Cross Country

Will be held on Tuesday 22 August. Practice runs are underway and so please ensure children bring suitable shoes for running and perhaps a change of clothes. Pencil in this date!

Courtesy Virtue recipients Term 2

Room 1	Sadie Sawford	Frank McCann	Leah Fergusson
Room 2	Emme Grimmer	Nina Spiers	Santana Dunn
Room 3	Macie Bassett	Leilani Windsor	Ash Rowntree
Room 4	William Croucher	Jhaira Osias	
Room 5	Eli Gibbs	Blake Sawford	Olivia Spear
Room 6	Luke Schimmel	Marcie Jarman	
Room 7	Bailey Harper	Josua Fuchs	
Room 8	Amelie Scott	Ryan Allen	
Room 9	Ady Gibbs	Keegan Martin	Dayton Williams
Room 10	Amelia-Rose Morris	Jarred Waters	
Room 11	Ryan Watkins	Noor Aslan	Isla Crabtree
Room 12	Alexis Cels	Bella Postlewaight	
Room 13	Kairangi Tito	Amelia-Jayne Taituha	

Safe transit in the carpark

Please collect your children from the gate, and keep an eye on them in the carpark area, perhaps hold their hand until you get to your car. Please remember the 5k speed limit for the carpark. The carpark will very likely be re-marked pending the engineers report.

Homework

Please do your best to ensure that children complete their homework on designated afternoons, or drop a quick note or email to their teacher if things are getting a bit hectic at home. Most of all we do not want to be chasing homework from children whose circumstances make homework "too big an ask" for them. While we think that there is benefit from doing homework for most children, we are more than happy to excuse students from homework at a parent's request.

Wellness for school

Remember please ... cough, runny nose, fever, headaches etc ... please keep your child at home and not return them to school for 48 hours after cessation of last symptom. Any doubts please consult your child's GP. Remember to have a care plan in place in case we request pick up from school.

2024 Enrolments

We know this might seem early, but very soon the Board of Trustees will set the number of out of zone enrolments for 2024. Our goal is to keep numbers at, or below, nationally recommended staffing levels. Early information on which children will, or will not, be with us in 2024 is very helpful in achieving optimal class numbers, and also gives us an indication of how many places to advertise for out of zone families.

We also receive regular out of zone enquiries, and need to be in a position, very soon, to advise if places are likely to become available by a departing child.

SO ... this message is for those who already know that their children will not be with us, or are unlikely to be with us, in 2024. **This message is not for those who are undecided.** So, if you DO KNOW that your child WILL NOT, OR VERY LIKELY WILL NOT attend Matarau School in 2024, can you please advise the school

office as soon as possible, by phone message over the weekend or on Monday, or drop by to chat with Kevin.
Thank you for your assistance.

Sibling 2024 Enrolments

If you live in zone, or currently have a child enrolled at Matarau School, and have another child who will start in 2024, and you have not already done so, please advise the school office as soon as possible by leaving a message on the answer machine - 433 5823.

If you live out of zone, we would also like to hear if you have siblings you would like to enrol - although the board has yet to determine how many out of zone places might be available - so no guarantees here.

Finally

Welcome to the new term. A special welcome to new and international families.

Big events for the term include cross country, Matariki Day, another Enviro Day, lots of STEM (science and technology), new virtues, and more. So, please join in, get involved, celebrate often, be irrepressibly positive ... and help make Matarau School (and everyone associated with it) the best it/we can be.

Ngā mihi
Kevin Trewhella
PRINCIPAL