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Thank you

- ... To those who shared Matariki Day with us this week.
- ... To Anna and Jo for your leadership.

People of the week

- ... Our kapa haka group (and Jo Watts) for an amazing performance this week.

Term Calendar

8 August	Meeting of BoT (subject to confirmation)
11 August	Youth Summit
18 August	Taniwha Challenge (Zone Cross-Country)
22 August	School Cross Country
25 August	The Beast (Senior School)
27 August	PSG Working Bee
30 August	Interschool Cross Country
4-8 Sept	AIMS Games
12 Sept	HPV Vaccinations
14 Sept	Enviro Day
22 Sept	Last day of Term 3 (9 Oct - first day - term 4)

... More to follow



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Reminder

If you would like to order a Pizza lunch for Friday the 4th August. Please return your order form to the office **by Monday 31st July.**

School Cross Country

Please ensure children bring suitable shoes for running and perhaps a change of clothes. Pencil in this date!

Te Horo - Cross Country Taniwha Challenge (Years 4 to 8)

Friday 18th August at 10am start / Henare Road, Pipiwai

Permission slips have been sent home for this (optional) event. If you did not receive a form, and would like your child to attend, please contact the school office on Monday.

Sunday, 27th of August 2023

PSG - Spring Working Bee

Bring your gardening gloves and tools and get involved
BBQ lunch provided for all helpers on the day. All Welcome!

Further details to come. Any questions please email matarau.psg@gmail.com

Headlice - Current Situation

Thank you to the parents of children in rooms 1 to 4 who responded so quickly to our recent headlice notification. As per advice from the Ministry of Health it is important to re-treat 7-10 days after the initial treatment and so please repeat treatment this weekend just to be sure.



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Headlice - General

As reminder ... please
 ... 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.

Virtue for term 3 - HELPFULNESS

Support material for the HELPFULNESS virtue was sent home last week. Please take regular opportunities...
 ... 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.

Missing Items - Reminder

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.

In brief

... *Please also stay well clear of disabled parking spaces and do not use these unless you have entitlement to use disabled parking spaces.*
 ... *Please walk your children across the road and through the carpark ... 5k maximum speed in the carpark please.*
 ... *With Cross Country practices and endless rain (and inevitable mud) spare clothes might be a good idea for some children*
 ... *HOMEWORK ... please contact your child's teacher of the homework load is not working for your child.*
 ... *Please do not send unwell children to school*
 ... *No jibbitz or trading cards at school please*

Netball Player of the Day

Matarau Kiwi Kaylee Dinsdale

Confirmation of Secondary School

Parents of year 8 children have received a form asking for an indication of which secondary school their child is likely to attend in 2023. If you have not yet done so, please return this form to school on Monday.

Year 7 and 8 Technology Fees

We are required to levy a technology fee to all year 7 and 8 students to cover the cost of materials, and as a contribution to the cost of maintenance and replacement of equipment. If you haven't paid the fees yet please can you do so asap. We then pay these directly to the Hukerenui Technology Centre on your behalf.

Open evening

Kamo High School Tuesday 1st August 5.30pm in the KHS Hall

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.

Jumping June Fundraiser

Thank you for your support with this fundraiser. Each student received their own skipping rope. 109 students raised money. We received 405 donations and the school raised \$12,998. A very special mention to Denim H who raised \$530 and to the other 9 students who raised over \$300. Students will receive a thank you gift from the Heart Foundation in coming weeks ... if parents would prefer to pick these up please contact Mrs Donaldson.

Finally

Thanks again to those who shared Matariki Day with us this week. Fingers crossed for some sunshine this weekend.

Ngā mihi
Kevin Trehella
PRINCIPAL

MATARAU KAPA HAKA GROUP

