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Thank you

- ... To Martin and Ann Smith for very generously allowing us to use their farm for our school cross country ... again! Much appreciated!
- ... To those who supported our Zone Cross country team today.
- ... To those signing up for the PSG Working Bee scheduled for 27 August.

People of the week

- ... Well done Lola, Vali, Willow, and Livvy for some amazing written work on birds this week. You will be writing books soon.
- ... Well done Oliva K for her Lollie Log story
- ... Congratulations Sophie. Last week Sophie G. achieved 4th place in Go Kart racing. Well Done Sophie!



Player of the day - Netball

Matarau Moa Alissa Gill

Term Calendar

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)

Year 7 and 8 Cambridge Programme - FINAL REMINDER

Parents wanting to know more about our Cambridge programme (year 7 and 8), are invited to a **meeting 3:15 pm, Room 12, Wednesday 23 August**. Few NZ schools offer this programme at this level (and even fewer offer it for free). We are keen for as many parents as possible to understand what this programme has to offer, and the exceptional leg up it gives students on transition to secondary school. This programme will be of special interest to parents of current year 6 children. **See you there!**

Please note, we also have information on our website (Cambridge and Year 7 and 8 tabs), and are more than willing to meet with parents one to one.

PLEASE LET PAULA KNOW ON MONDAY MORNING IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.



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Pirate Day - 28th August

Rooms 1-10 will be watching a production of Treasure Island on Monday 28th August. This is being performed by a children's theatre Company NZ Playhouse. Students are invited to dress up as pirates on this day. Please leave swords or pistols at home though.

Virtue for term 3 - HELPFULNESS

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.

Helpfulness Hero

A big acknowledgment of Ella Chisnall who is perpetually an example of helpfulness around the school. Well done Ella!

In brief

- ... If your child brings a cell phone to school please remind them that this is to be dropped in to the office on arrival and picked up again on departure.
- ... Please ensure all school gates are securely closed on entry and exit.
- ... Art Scholarship information is available from Paula on request.
- ... Messenger etc ... please monitor your children's use of social media

Headlice

We have had some minor outbreaks recently. Please check your children weekly and act immediately in the event of infestation. We may be able to provide treatments if you need these ... just contact Paula. Let's keep on top of this.

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.psq@gmail.com

Calf Club Day - Friday 13th October.

An email went out last week with a link to give permission for your child to bring an animal. Calf, Lamb needs to be born after July the 1st. For further questions, you can email Miranda Pol admin2@matarau.school.nz

Intentions 2024

Thank you to those who have advised of enrolment intentions for 2024 ... this helps us to make decisions about class numbers, staffing etc ... AND it determines how many out of zone placements we will advertise for 2024. So please let us know of any changes. (Please remember that OoZ siblings **do not** get automatic entry because they have a sibling already enrolled. Separate applications need to be made for each child).

Finally

See you at Cross Country on Tuesday... Just across from school!

Ngā mihi

Kevin Trehwella PRINCIPAL



School Cross Country - 22 August

Please accept a warm invitation to support our cross country runners on the 22nd of August. Races will be held on the Smith property across from the school (same location as last year) ... approximate race start times are included below. It would be helpful if each child has a towel and a spare set of clothes. If parents are taking their children early, it is critical that you advise their child's class teacher please. Please note that this event will proceed **ALMOST** irrespective of the weather.

Please note that certificates will be awarded at a subsequent assembly.

A rough schedule of race times as follows:

Date	Tuesday 22 August	
Schedule	10.30	Morning Tea
Year 7 and 8	11.50	12/13 year old Girls
	12.00	12/13 year old Boys
	12.10	11 year old Girls
	12.20	11 year old Boys
Year 5 and 6	12.30	10 year old Girls
	12.40	10 year old Boys
	12.50	9 year old Girls
	1.00	9 year old Boys
Year 3 and 4	1.10	8 year old Girls
	1.20	8 year old Boys
	1.30	Non 8 year old Girls
	1.35	Non 8 year old Boys
Year 2	1.40	Year 2 Girls
	1.45	Year 2 Boys
Year 0 and 1	1.50	Year 0/1 Girls
	1.55	Year 0/1 Boys
Kindy	2.00	Kindy Race