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Thank you

- ... To those who supported our cross country runners this week.
- ... To those parents who have generously booked some time to help out on the PSG working bee (Sunday 27th).
- ... To those who attended this week's Cambridge meeting

People of the week

... Casper Harold ... as part of our recent Matariki Day, Casper was allocated (along with senior students) to work with some junior children. Since that day Casper has, of his own volition, made repeated visits to the junior school to see how one of these students is doing. Casper this is a truly amazing thing to do. We are super proud of you!

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Term Calendar

27 August	PSG Working Bee
28 August	NZ Playhouse Show 2-3pm (see details underneath)
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)

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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.



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

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Final virtue for term 3 - HONESTY

We are excited to announce our new virtue for the second half of term 3. A few thoughts on HONESTY follow at the end of the newsletter

Please take regular opportunities...

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

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 Please check weekly and respond within 24 hours in the event of infestation. We have a limited number of treatments at school for those who need them.
- ... Intentions for 2024 ... please advise of any changes. The number of out of zone places available will be advertised publicly in the next week or so.

Whangarei Cross Country Championships - Barge Park / Wednesday 30th August

Races cater for Years 4 to 8 and will be run in the following **age** categories. These categories are based on

Age as at 1st January 2023.

10.00am	8years and under girls	1800m	11.30am	10year old boys	2200m
10.20am	8years and under boys	1800m	11.45am	11year old girls	2800m
10.35am	9year old girls	2200m	12.00am	11year old boys	2800m
10.50am	9year old boys	2200m	12.20am	12+ year olds girls	2800m
11.10am	10year old girls	2200m	12.35am	12+ year olds boys	2800m

Art Scholarship (Year 4-8)

Maybe chat to your children about this and, if you would like the information early, just give the office a call next week. Your child's teacher would also be more than happy to discuss this with you. We have had some outstanding portfolios in years past and are keen to see this tradition continue.

Yummy stickers

Keep collecting Yummy stickers! Please collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores (and some Countdowns). The more you collect, the more sports gear we get. Please see Mrs Easterbrook in room 10 for more sticker/label sheets.

All started or completed sheets must be returned before the end of term 3.



Matarau Kiwi team - Netball

A very big thank you to Natt Garden, Olie Bradley and Vanessa Bradley for all your support this season for our Matarau Kiwi team

Matarau Moa team - Netball

A big thank you from Bradee to his Matarau Moa Team for an awesome season. Bradee is very impressed with how far the team has

come this season with being undefeated in their grade. Well done team!



School Cross Country - Results

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Year 1/0 Boys	Sylis Rushbrook	William Barnes	Axel Gill	Arnie Job-Neho	Akio Henry	Mitchell McGrath
Year 1/0 Girls	Sadie Sawford	Lorelei Wijnstok	Ellerly Mason	Zoe Sandilands	Georgie O'Gorman	Arya Sree Raman
Year 2 Boys	Bennett Alexander	Taniora Rapana	Rylee Radford	Fletcher Knight	Theo Cochrane	William Croucher
Year 2 Girls	Amaya Auton	Charlotte Pearson	Ella Chisnall	Journey Poutai	Zara Edlington	Macie Bassett
Year 3 Boys	Oliver Bassett	Flynn Smith	Rocco Gill	Aiden Jambor	Heath Thompson	Silas Hughes
Year 3 Girls	Emily Pearson	Lucy Whitehouse	Esme Wotherspoon	Inde Martin	Estelle Masefield	Bailey Harper
10 Year Boys	Cian Gunson	Braxton Alexander	Ethan Watkins	Harry Easterbrook	Zac Burgin	Rylee Martin
10 Year Girls	Katie Perris	Amelia Henderson	Sadie Sands	Alissa Gill	Sayde Welsh	Ashlee Sykes
11 Year Boys	James Tobin	Ashton Henwood	Levi Dunn	Toby Ringrose	Lachlan Smith	Lucah Webb
11 Year Girls	Ruby Woods	Niamh Hall	Chanlle McCready	Pippa Goodin	Bella Postlewaight	Alexis Cels
12 Year Boys	George Whittacker-Cook	Lockie Leonard	Ryan Watkins	Bohdi Mitten	Jake Turner	Corey Hamilton
12 Year Girls	Quinn Slatter	Samara Walker	Summer-Lee Gill	Tia Welsh	Aamani Rudolph-Horne	Opal Steventon
8 Year Boys	Nate Barry	Oliver Rowntree	Thomas Sprague	Alex Leigh-McKenzie	Jaxon Welsh	Marshall Shanker
8 Year Girls	Ruby Croucher	Ellie Perris	Brooklyn Alexander	Te-Hukaatai Williams-Crawford	Mila Baillie	Lauren Postlewaight
9 Year Boys	Blake Watkins	Tait Slatter	Oscar Henderson	Aiden Curnow	Dayton Williams	Oliver Gravatt
9 Year Girls	Jorja-Marie Morris	Amelia-Rose Morris	Taylor Masefield	Inde Turner	Chloe Wotherspoon	Alena Gilberd

Calf Club Day – Friday the 13th of October

We are having our yearly Calf Club Day on **Friday 13th of October** (the first Friday in Term 4) Because this event is soon after the holidays we need to know the number of children who intend to bring calves, lambs, or a pet (e.g. rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken, etc.). Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in cages for the duration of the day. **This year Goats will be judged with the Pets**

A booklet needs to be completed if the child is bringing a pet (NOT for calves, lambs), which will be judged by independent judges & needs to be completed and returned to school by

Thursday the 14th of September at the latest to enable booklets to go out for judging.

Could you please complete the form below if you consent to your child bringing a pet (calf, lamb, or other pet) please fill in a form for every child that will bring an animal. I can issue the booklets to those children bringing a pet as soon as possible. For further questions, you can email Miranda Pol / admin2@matarau.school.nz.

Please click this link below to fill in the form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5GH_WmB09gbx5SgYWWeLs-hWVaNSWvuKeN-0HwMCqDZH4SA/viewform?usp=pp_url

Finally

On our Facebook page this week we pasted a thoughtful comment from a school parent impressed by the manners of a good number of our students. We know that virtues are always a work in progress (for children and adults) but it was very encouraging to get such positive feedback. When we suspended the virtues programme for much of the covid period we did feel there was a drop off. When we picked it up again we noticed a lift. Frequent intentional discussions seem to make a difference.

So, we would like to especially encourage you to spend time discussing honesty with your children over the coming weeks, we will do the same at school. It seems, for reasons that are not entirely clear, that honesty has positive knock on effects with respect to the other virtues. If kids nail this one (and adults I guess) a lot of the other virtues come into line. So please grab the honesty virtue and run with it.

Ngā mihi

Kevin Trehwella PRINCIPAL