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Thank you

... To those who helped out at the PSG working bee 020... the fruits of your labour are very obvious. Well done!

... To those who attended last week's Cambridge meeting ... Katie remains highly available to take any questions.

... Chris Waters (from Biggest Little Digger) for donation of his digger and time for recent work at school.

People of the week

... To the pirates who came to school on Monday ... for being only moderately fearsome on the day

... Our interschool cross country representatives. You can be very proud of your efforts. Well done!

... Darren Jarman and Whaiawa Tito for some AMAZING block out poetry this week

... **BEST WISHES TO OUR AIMS TEAM (PARTICIPANTS AND PARENT SUPPORT TEAM) FOR THE WEEK AHEAD. WE LOOK FORWARD TO UPDATES ON YOUR PROGRESS AND WISH YOU SAFE TRAVEL.**

... Congratulations to Ruby Woods who received most promising back for Mid Northern under 12 Rugby Club. Well done!!

Term Calendar

4-8 Sept	AIMS Games
12 Sept	HPV Vaccinations
12 Sept	Beach Clean-up Day Years 3/4
14 Sept	Enviro Day
14 Sept	Pet booklets due
22 Sept	Last day of Term 3 (9 Oct - first day - term 4)

Charter and Annual Plan Consultation

You will already have received an invitation to contribute to a review of our Strategic and Annual Plans. **Please be aware that this is one of numerous ways we will consult over coming months, and into next year, so this is just a start.** This survey gives you a look at priorities listed and ranked by parents over previous periods of consultation going back 5-10 years, so this is a sensible starting point, and maybe a trigger for ideas. The order of targets within each section indicates the relative importance accorded these in earlier years (highest priority at the top, and lowest at the bottom). If you could complete these by 11 September that would be super helpful.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GOBZIWCYMGwIRrqVOXLdJGsry7gcsOzxihhHoV3Qgs/edit>

Alternatively (or additionally)

A meeting is scheduled for 3:15 pm Thursday 7 September in Kevin's office (or the staffroom if necessary) for those who would prefer to speak face to face to any matters raised in the survey. The purpose of this meeting is for us to take a note of your thoughts and feed these into the review process.

Please let Paula know early next week if you will be at that meeting. Remember there will be other opportunities to share moving forward.



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Final virtue for term 3 - HONESTY

Thanks to those who have jumped into the HONESTY virtue at home.

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.

Cambridge Programme - Years 7 and 8

Parents of children entering the Cambridge Programme in 2024 will be given opportunities next term to have direct input into pathway decisions.

Katie will make contact with you all next term.

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.

Art Scholarship

Still not too late to express interest. If your child is on board, please connect with their class teacher to discuss how they can support, and what current (or previous) artwork might be added to portfolios.

Home Gardens

Permission slips will be sent home next week with children who have indicated that they will be participating in the home garden programme this year. Please discuss this possibility with them and encourage them to become involved. Diaries will be sent home before the end of the school term.

Any questions contact Mrs Burgin or Ms Gentil.

Out of Zone Applications / Siblings Places - FINAL REMINDER

ALL out of zone applications, including out of zone sibling applications, must adhere to the application process advised in earlier newsletters, emails and as advertised. The school has had a good number of out of zone enquiries and so, if a sibling (priority 2) application is **not** received by the due date (11 October), your child's place may be offered to another student. Please contact the school office if we can help in any way.

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.

Attendance

The school is required to monitor attendance rates (and morning arrival times), and to investigate in the event that attendance falls below the Ministry benchmark. Regular school attendance is a critical component of educational success. If you received a letter this term, advising of less than ideal attendance, please make contact with us so that we can work together to improve your child's school attendance. Sometimes the solutions can be quite simple ones.

On a side note, the Ministry of Education requests that, where possible, family holidays are planned to coincide with term breaks.

Drink bottles

... please ensure all children bring a drink bottle to school each day.

Calf Club Day - Friday the 13th of October

Children who are bringing a Pet to Calf Club Day received a booklet to be completed by the 14th of September. Children bringing a calf or lamb received an information booklet.

If your child is bringing an animal and you have not filled in a form yet, please use the below link ASAP:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5GH_WmB09gbx5SgYWWeLs-hWVaNSWvuKeN-OHwMCqDZH4SA/viewform?usp=pp_url * PLEASE NOTE We can't accept entries on the day itself.



Netball

Matarau Stars had a great season finishing 2nd in their grade. Thanks Louise and Karen for everything you've done for the team this year. A big thank you to all our parent supporters too



Matarau Weka enjoyed playing netball and had lots of fun together. Thank you Shontae and Samara for a great season



Pop-Up Library

Thank you to everyone that visit the pop up library at lunchtime this week. It was a huge success. Every table was covered in books and so was a section of the floor! It was awesome to see the majority of the books go home with children today.



Road Safety

- Please reduce your speed when passing the school
- Maximum 5kph in the carpark and bus bay.
- 20kph passing a stationary bus
- Pick up of students from the designated spots where possible.
- Walking or supervising your children across the road at drop off & pick up
- And NO PARKING ON YELLOW ZONES.



Many thanks.

Board Of Trustees Update

Welcome to the first Matarau School Board of Trustees update! Firstly, we want to acknowledge our students for their hard work over the past two and a half terms which has led to some really positive academic results. Well done, we are all really proud of you! With this, we must of course acknowledge the teachers and support staff for their dedication and guidance. Ngā mihi ki a koutou.

We also want to extend a special note of appreciation to everyone for their patience during the ongoing building projects at school. We are pleased to inform you that Rooms 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11 have been successfully completed. As we move forward, Room 8 is progressing, with completion anticipated for Term 1. We are also actively addressing the drainage issues and accessibility around Rooms 7 to 9.

We have recently undergone an assessment for accessibility and are happy to share that the Ministry of Education will be funding the necessary work to ensure our school is fully accessible to all. Efforts are also underway to enhance our Junior play areas and refurbish the Senior playground. While the wet weather has affected the timeline, we are eager to move ahead with drainage and surfacing aspects. A huge thanks to the Parent Support Group and volunteers who made great progress in their recent working bee..

Road safety remains a concern for our community. The BoT and the PSG are collaborating to address this issue and have engaged a traffic engineer to assess the school area. Their recommendations will guide us in implementing necessary improvements. Your input is always valued and can help inform our investigations; if you have incidents to report or ideas to share regarding road safety on Matarau Road, please reach out to us at

bot@matarau.school.nz. Thank you for your patience during pick-up times and for using the carpark responsibly.

Finally, we want to wish our AIMS competitors the best of luck at the upcoming AIMS Games and extend a warm thank you to the parents and teachers who are supporting the teams travel and fundraising efforts.

Ngā mihi, the Matarau School Board of Trustees

Finally - Coaches and Managers - THANKS!

Now might be a suitable time to reflect on the extraordinary efforts of school coaches and team managers over the past six months. Theirs is not always an easy job, and we owe much to their selfless and diligent efforts. Could you all please ask your children to convey their gratitude by a personal approach, a phone call, an email, a letter or a thank you card. These people are special!

Ngā mihi

Kevin Trehwella PRINCIPAL

