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Thank you

... To those who have responded to our consultation survey ... would love to hear from some more of you ... the more of you we hear from the more representative our results will be.

... Again ... all of our 2023 team coaches and managers

People of the week

... OUR ENTIRE AIMS TEAM, INCLUDING THEIR MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT TEAM. A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR SPORTSMANSHIP AND FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN YOUR VARIOUS CODES ... AND TO BELLA FOR HER GOLD MEDAL!

... Dayton and Silas for stunning scores in your maths assessments this week.

Term Calendar

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

Charter and Annual Plan Consultation

Last week you received an invitation to feed-back on priorities for our school moving forward. **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.** If you could complete these by 11 September that would be super helpful.

Responses are confidential ... respondents are not identifiable.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1G0BZIWICYMGwIRnqVOXLdJG6sry7qcsOzxihhHoV3Qqs/edit>

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.

In brief

... 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.

... Enrolment intentions for 2024 ... please keep us advised of any change.



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Cambridge Programme - Years 7 and 8

Katie is happy to discuss this programme with anyone interested and so please make contact. There is also a fair bit of information on our website (under the Cambridge tab) for those interested.

Home Gardens

Permission slips were sent home this week with children who have indicated that they will be participating in the home garden programme this year. Please contact the school office if your child did not bring a slip home, and you would like them to participate in this programme. Please contact Mrs Burgin or Ms Gentil if you have any questions.

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.

Lost Property

Please drop by or ask your child to check the lost property if you are missing any clothes from your child's wardrobe (the lost property is located between rooms 11 and 12)! As usual, all items left at end of term will be donated to charity.

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_WmB09qbx5SqYWWeLs-hWVaNSWvuKeN-OHwMCqDZH4SA/viewform?usp=pp_url

*** PLEASE NOTE We can't accept entries on the day itself.**

Out of Zone Applications

Application forms are available from the school office ... and Paula is super good at answering any questions you might have.

Please note that ...

... out of zone applications close on Wednesday 11 October

... if there are more applications than positions available a ballot will be held on Wednesday 18 October

... successful applicants will be advised within 3 working days

... the school must receive advice of acceptance within 14 days

Coaches and Managers - THANKS!

If you haven't already done so 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!

Facebook pages

As part of an initiative between Board of Trustees and PSG to make communication simpler for parents, the Parent Support Group - PSG Facebook group is being wound up. September 22nd (last day of this term) is the final day. If you're not yet a member of the school community Facebook group please follow the Matarau School page and join Matarau Whanau group to ensure you don't miss any school posts.

To follow the Matarau School page: <https://www.facebook.com/MatarauSchool>

To join the Matarau Whanau Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/278655788964607>

Streamlining Facebook communication will ensure everyone has access to the same information and reduce confusion. Another reminder will be sent prior to the 22nd.

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.

Notice of leave - Kevin

Most of you won't know that 6 or 7 years ago the school board approved my request for study leave to undertake postgraduate study in counselling psychology. This had always been an ambition, and I am hugely thankful for the support of my past and present boards in making this possible. I now need to "clock up" practice hours and it would be very difficult for me to do this while in my current role. Accordingly, the school board has granted leave from the start of term 4 (9.10) to the commencement of the 2024 school year. Mrs Robertson will be the acting principal during my absence. So, from the start of term 4 please direct all "principal" related matters to Rachael Robertson. (rrobertson@matarau.school.nz).

I know that Mrs Robertson will serve you extremely well ... and you have a truly amazing board and staff.

I will especially miss the kids (and my board and colleagues) but will look forward to seeing you all again in 2024.

Finally

A final (additional) acknowledgment is due our AIMS team (including adults) for a truly fantastic week. Our teams competed against very tough competition at an event that attracts over 23,000 students. Well done!

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Kevin Trehwella PRINCIPAL

Helpfulness Virtue receivers



