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Thank you

- ... To those who helped out on Enviro Day
- ... To those who supported the beach clean up

People of the week

... Staff and students who stepped out this Maori Language week by trying some new words. Good work!

Term Calendar

19 Sept	BoT meeting
22 Sept	Last day of Term 3 (9 Oct - first day - term 4)
9 Oct	First day of term 4

Charter and Annual Plan Consultation

A couple of weeks back 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.** We have extended the date for feedback to **Monday 18 September** so please, if you haven't done so, give this a shot. Only takes about 10 minutes. Responses are confidential ... respondents are not identifiable.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GOBZIWICYMGwIRrqVOXLdJGsry7qcsOzxihH0V3Qqs/edit>

Final virtue for term 3 - HONESTY

Thanks to those working on 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
- ... Mrs Donaldson remains highly available to discuss the Cambridge programme. Placement interviews will be held a month or so into term 4.
- ... Enrolment intentions for 2024 ... please keep us advised of any change.
- ... Home gardens .. please contact Mrs Burgin or Ms Gentil if you have questions.

Drink bottles - sun hats

... please get these "dusted off" for the new term (a reminder that sunhats are compulsory in term 4).

School Trophies

If your child received a trophy at last year's prize giving, please return it to school.



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If you are not on the school email-out list please email - admin@matarau.school.nz - to be added & stay up to date with what's happening at school.

Home Gardens

Garden Diaries will be sent home early next week with children who have indicated they are participating. Over the holidays we suggest that ...

... gardens are dug over and composted ... all seeds are planted
 ... seedlings in after Labour Weekend ... pest control measures are in place

Any questions don't hesitate to connect, and remember to take a look at our Facebook page (a great source of motivation & creativity)

www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens

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 next week 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.

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

Facebook pages

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>

Art Scholarship (Year 4-8)

Art Portfolios are due 3:30 pm Monday 13 November.

Confirmation of Secondary School

If our year 7 and 8 teachers can assist in any way with secondary school decisions, or the transition to secondary school more generally, please make contact.

CALF CLUB DAY - Friday 13th October

Indoor Exhibits

A list of indoor exhibits for respective levels of the school was sent home 2 weeks ago. While most exhibits are done at school in the days prior to Calf Club Day, *one of the exhibits is to be done at home*. Please remember that, while you can give guidance, *these exhibits MUST be substantively the work of your child* out of fairness to other children.

Items for **construction** of exhibits are required at school on **Monday 9th October** please, **flowers** on **Thursday 12th October**. **Children are required to complete a minimum of 4 of 5 possible exhibits.**

Any questions please ask your child's teacher.

Another (reduced copy) is included in this newsletter for your reference.

Cake Auction for Calf Club Day

Letters and cake boxes for the cake auction will be sent home at the end of next week with each eldest or only child. Cakes are due at school on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning (12 or 13 October). Participation is, of course, optional, but this is lots of fun and funds go towards cool things for the kids.

Calves

If you are bringing a calf, please be aware that they need to have a NAIT tag. **Our event number is 12911837**

Scholastic Book Fair

Will be held on Calf Club Day. Books will be available for purchase during this day. EFTPOS will be available.

It's Calendar Art time again!

Students have been busy creating art work that can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads.

Each product is made from your own child's art. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ654
3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

The first order is open until Monday the 9th of October

We have repeat orders from the 9th of October until 16th of October

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account.

If you have any questions please contact the school.

Finally

Thank you for your support this term, plenty to celebrate, and plenty to look forward to next term.

Travel safely over the holiday period, have quality time together, and maybe spend some time reflecting on the things that matter most.

(Just a reminder that I will be on leave next term (see last week's newsletter). Principal matters should be addressed to Rachael Robertson rrobertson@matarau.school.nz)



Ngā mihi

Kevin Trehwella PRINCIPAL

Keira would like to thank all her players and supporters of the Matarau Pukeko for a great season this year



David would like to thank his players and supporters of Matarau Tui for a great season this year