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Dear parents and whanau,

The term is flying by and it is hard to believe we are at the midpoint. Thanks for all your support with everything we have going on. We look forward to seeing you at our Enviro school community celebration on Monday afternoon. See the flyer below.

Thank you

To our school council for organising a super fun Wheels day today.

People of the week

- Our debating teams who did really well at the interschool competition yesterday and were great ambassadors for our school. A special mention for our year 7 teams who took it all in their stride as it was their first time competing.
- Our spelling bee finalists.
- Our Kapa Haka group who will perform on Monday.
- Ash Rowntree for excellent progress in Better Start Literacy.

Term Calendar

Monday 13 November
Monday 13 November
Tuesday 14 November
Wednesday 15 November
Wednesday 22 November
Wednesday 29 November
Monday 4 December
Wednesday 6 December
Thursday 7 December
Friday 8 December
Tuesday 12 December
Thursday 14 December
Friday 15 December
Wednesday 7th February

Art scholarship due
Enviroschools celebration
Parent meeting Senior camp 2024
Poroti Athletics Day year 3-8
WPSSA Athletics Y7/8
WPSSA Athletics Y5/6
School Athletics day
Year 8 Poor Knights trip
Year 1-2 Kiwi North Trip
Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Prize giving
Colour Run
Last day (Full day)
Start date for 2024

Poroti Athletics

Year 3-8 students are heading to the Poroti athletics day on Wednesday 15th November. We wish you all the best for a great day.

Class placements

Very shortly we will be going through the process of placing students in their classes for 2024. This is a very carefully thought through process with multiple factors to consider. If you strongly feel that your child would be better off placed with or without certain children, please advise me via email by early next week. Please note that we are reluctant to take preferences for teachers unless there is a very good reason. We will do our best to take your feedback into consideration.

Home Gardens- booklets due Friday 23rd of November

A reminder to keep working on those Home Garden Diaries.

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2024 Year 7&8 OPC Camp

Our 2024 year 7 & 8 students are very excited about their upcoming OPC camp. There will be a meeting for parents on Tuesday 14th November in the staffroom at 6:00pm to give you more information and a chance to ask any questions you might have.

After School Care survey is closing. Please fill out survey today if interested!

We understand that for some of you the closure of our onsite afterschool care and more recently Hopscotch has made after school arrangements very difficult for you. In response to this, we are working hard to have an onsite afterschool care programme reintroduced as soon as possible. sKids, who are a very experienced, and established provider, are willing to provide this service if we have the numbers. Part of this process is to survey parents to ascertain the demand for this in our community. If you have any interest in using such an afterschool care programme now or in the future, please fill out this survey as soon as possible. **This also surveys the need for holiday programmes in our community.** The survey is quick to fill in. The link below will take you to the survey. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MatarauS>

Year 8 Leaving books

Thank you to those parents who have assisted their year 8 child to purchase a suitable leaving book. Just a reminder that these books are due at school please By Monday the 27th of November.

Pubertal Change Booklets 2023- Year 6s

Year 6 students will be bringing a pubertal change booklet home soon. If you are the parent of a year 6 child, can you please advise the school office next week if you would like to drop by to view a booklet, or if you would like to pick your child's booklet up yourself? If we do not hear from you, all year 6 children will bring a booklet home at some stage soon.

Art Scholarship (Year 4-8)

This is getting closer and we are looking forward to celebrating our artists next week. Art portfolios are due on **Monday (13.11) - any time until 3:30pm.** Please drop these to the hall where tables will be set up. We will likely re-arrange the placement of boards into categories and so please ensure your child's individual art pieces (and display boards) include your child's name and year level.

Hats

We have lots of students without a hat at the moment and we will be asking them to sit in the shade during playtimes to keep them safe from now on. Thanks to those who have ensured their children have a uniform hat.

Sunblock fundraiser

Our PSG are running a sunblock fundraiser this term. So if you are in the market for sunblock, they would love your support. See the attached flyer.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries while Kevin is on leave at rrobertson.matarau.school.nz

Have a great weekend.
Ngā mihi

Rachael Robertson

Enviroschools update



Matarau Schools Bronze

Celebration - Monday the 13th November 1pm-3

Dear Parents and Whanau,

It is our honour to announce that WE have reached the BRONZE stage of our Enviroschools Journey!

The staff and students here at Matarau School have worked extremely hard this year and we are incredibly proud of our achievements thus far! Next up..... SILVER!!!

We warmly welcome you all to come and celebrate this achievement on **Monday the 13th of November from 1pm.**

At 1pm you are welcome to come and walk around our beautiful new orchard and the Kaitaiki Klub will be there to answer any environmental questions...If you haven't already seen the beautiful mural of documentation in the office, please come and have a look and see all the awesome environmental education happening at Matarau School and in our local community.

The celebration will begin with our Kapa Haka group performing at 1.30, followed by the Bronze presentation from the Northland Regional Council and shared kai.

Please send one plate of food per family to school on Monday and deliver it to the hall.

We hope you can make it as this celebration is as much for us as it is for you. Thanks for your ongoing support!



If you have any questions please email Anna Alexander aalexander@matarau.school.nz or Jo Gunson jgunson@matarau.school.nz





Central Calf Club Day

Last week some of our students entered the Central Calf Club Day. It was an awesome day and we have had great feedback from the judges.

Great work!

*Casper H.- 1st leading (senior), reserve champion (senior)
Imogen H. - 3rd rearing (intermediate), 4th leading (intermediate)*

Liam - 4th leading (intermediate)

Sylis R. won several ribbons with his lamb Rosie.

Congratulations! We are so proud of you all.

WHEELS DAY

