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# Newsletter

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Kia ora Koutou,

There have been a variety of opportunities to share different talents this week with Kapa haka, spelling, athletics, and art. It is great to see so many students getting involved and going the extra mile in their areas of strength. We are super proud of them all.

#### Thank you

- Parents who helped us out at Poroti. Without you, these days would not be possible.
- Rotary for funding our school to buy an EPRO8-kit. We are very grateful.

#### People of the week

- Our Kapa haka group (and Whaea Jo) for their awesome performance on Monday
- Our Spelling bee finalist and place getters. We have some amazing spellers.
- Our art scholarship entrants for your effort and sharing your talents with us.
- Year 7 boys, PJ, Riley and Harry who had impeccable manners that parent helpers noticed at Poroti. You are great role models boys!
- Blake and John in Room 8 for awesome effort on their speeches this week.

#### Term Calendar

Wednesday 22 November	WPSSA Athletics Y7/8
Thursday 23 November	Homegarden Booklets due
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	School Disco
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	BOT meeting
Wednesday 29 November	WPSSA Athletics Y5/6
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Kaitiaki Klub field trip
Monday 4 December	School Athletics day
Wednesday 6 December	Year 8 Poor Knights trip
Thursday 7 December	Year 1-2 Kiwi North Trip
Friday 8 December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Tuesday 12 December	Prize giving
Thursday 14 December	Colour Run
Friday 15 December	Last day (Full day)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Start date for 2024

#### 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 Monday. 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.

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### Art Scholarship

We invite parents to view our Art Scholarship Exhibition in the hall anytime between 8:30 and 3:45 any day next week except Wednesday when it will be judged. Students will view it with their classes throughout the week also. The viewing is only open for adults during these times.

### Invitation Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

We would love to thank our parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year at our annual Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall on **Tuesday 5 December at 10:30am**

This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2023.

It is also a chance to thank and farewell departing staff.

If you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips, or anything else please be sure to join us if you can. **Please RSVP to the office.**

### 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.**

### Construction

We will have construction teams onsite this weekend and for the rest of the school year. It is advisable to stay away from the school after hours during this period. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Yummy Stickers

We raised nearly \$500 with the Yummy sticker Fundraising! Thank you everyone who saved stickers. Keep collecting them from your fruit for next year!

### 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 details below.

### Scholastic

The new Lucky Book Club folder is out. You can place your order online or return your order form with payment to the office before the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

### Digital Devices 2024 - year 5 and up (NOT REQUIRED AT YEAR 4 IN 2024)

We prefer laptops and chrome books, as these fill our device needs better than an iPad, but whatever your child has we will work with. Parents should feel under no pressure to purchase devices for their children ... this is your call ... we will do our best to provide as many shared (non take home devices) as we can.

We will continue to ensure that time on devices is not overdone, there will always be plenty of time for learning and interacting in a variety of ways.

### Lost Property

Please drop by to check the lost property sometime over the next couple of weeks. Items unclaimed by term's end will be donated to charities.

## **2023 - TERM 4 DISCO - Friday 24th November**

The School Council will hold 2 Discos. For both discos, there is a \$2 entry fee.

Ice blocks, drinks and glow sticks will be available to purchase, so please send some money along with your child. For the Years 5-8 disco, there will also be food available for purchase. Food prices and options will be advised closer to the event. Unlike previous years, we will not be asking for students to bring plates.

1. Years 1-4: 12.30pm - 1.30pm 2. Years 5-8: 6.00pm - 8.00pm (Year 8 only from 8.00-8.30pm)

All students from Year 5-7 need to be collect by 8.00pm.

(There will be a movie based in room 12 for those year 5-7 students that need to wait until 8.30pm for the Year 8s to finish).

*All students are to be collected from the hall by either their caregiver or, by arrangement, via another parent. All students will need to be signed out.*



## **Matarau School Colour Run - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**This year, parents and other family members are invited to run with their child!**

The cost of this event is \$10 per participant, maximum \$50 per family. This needs to be paid **BEFORE the 8<sup>th</sup> of December.** The cost will cover the powdered paint for each participant, as well as a great experience of completing a selection of obstacles course activities ranging from waterslides, crawling under nets, dodging water pistols, negotiating a maze etc.!

Each syndicate will rotate through the obstacle course. Non-participants will be watching their class complete the obstacle course from the grass bank.

Payment can be made via the internet or cash to the school office.  
School account: 12-3093-0239515-00 / Reference: your child's name and the word 'colour'

Participants are to wear an old WHITE (or light coloured) shirt, and old shorts. These clothing items will most likely come home covered with powdered paint, so please don't allow your child to wear good or new clothes. Students are to bring a change of clothes and a bag to transport 'coloured' clothes home in. To protect eyes, we strongly recommend wearing safety glasses, sunglasses, or swimming goggles.



### **School reading material**

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc) for junior readers and send these along to school next week. It is important that we have complete sets for 2024.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries while Kevin is on leave at [rrobertson.matarau.school.nz](mailto:rrobertson.matarau.school.nz)

Have a great weekend.

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Rachael Robertson  
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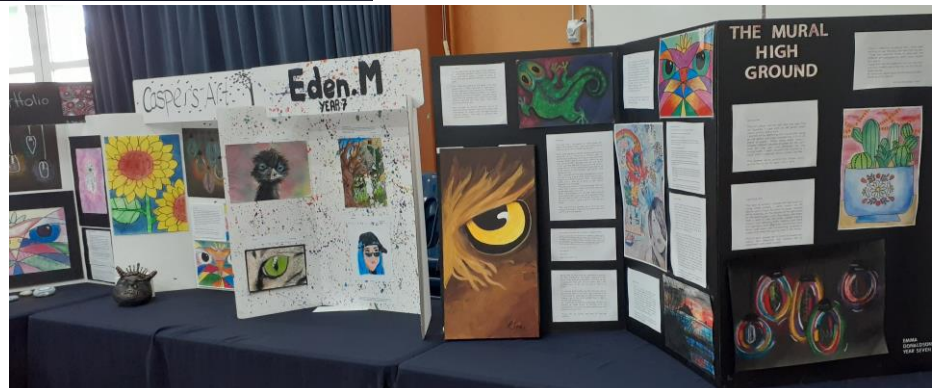
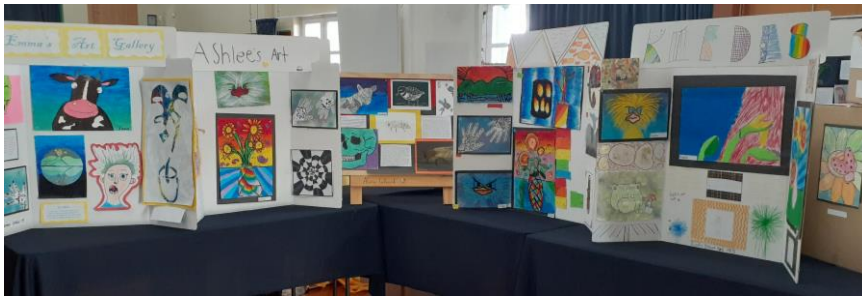
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