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# Newsletter

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Kia ora Koutou,

Thank you for all your support at this busy time of year. We are very grateful to parents for getting permission slips back and attending the trips we have coming up. We hope you enjoy the upcoming end of year events.

#### People of the week

- Our Citizenship nominees
- Our Year 7/8 students who attended Whangarei athletics competition this week.
- Cole Ley who wrote a great story independently this week.

#### Term Calendar

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Sailing Day Room 9
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	BOT meeting
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	WPSSA Athletics Y5/6
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Kaitiaki Klub field trip
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Sailing Day Room 8
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	School Athletics day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 Poor Knights trip
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1-2 Kiwi North Trip
Thursday 10 December	Sailing Day Room 10
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

### **2023 PrizeGiving – Tuesday 12th December**

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Prize giving evening which will start at 6:30pm and conclude 8.00pm (approx) with a shared supper.

We welcome all whanau and love to see our Grandparents at this special occasion.

**We would be grateful if each family could bring two plates of food for a shared supper.**

Attendance on this night is optional for our 5 year olds (all other children are asked to be present please).

#### 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.**

#### Art Scholarship

Thank you to all students who entered the Art Scholarship. Entries are now ready to be collected from classrooms.



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## 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.**

### Hats

We are still noticing lots of heads without hats and appreciate you checking that your child has a bucket hat to wear each day.

### 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.

### 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.

### Message to parents of Home Gardeners

Please note that, where consents have not been returned, gardens will not be visited. A reminder also that you do not need to be at home when judges call tomorrow. Just make sure your garden is well signposted & that any dogs are tied up (judges will not enter a property where dogs are loose). Balloons at your gatepost can be super helpful for judges. Remember, if you have not returned a "consent to visit" form, your child's garden will not be visited.

### Early Pick up of students

Please keep early pick-up of children (prior to 3:00 pm) to a minimum. We are happy to oblige when these are necessary, but students are required to complete their weekly allotment of hours where possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

### School Buses

Please see our Facebook page for any updates on route times. Until you have heard further, please assume buses will run to the same times as this week. Resumption of our customary routes will remain our ultimate goal. Thank you for your patience as we sort this.





## 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.

Ngā mihi

Rachael Robertson  
ACTING PRINCIPAL

## Sushi order cut off time 8:00am







# Whangarei Speedway

Presents: 

Twilight Race Meeting  
Saturday 25th November  
Dirt Flies 4pm

Food & Drinks Available



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# Christmas Parade

Whangarei Speedway  
278 Port Road

16th December

Festivities Start at 9am, Parade is at 11am



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