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# Newsletter

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Kia ora Koutou e te whanau,

We look forward to catching up with you at our various events over the next couple of weeks to celebrate and reflect on a great year of learning, fun, and community.

#### People of the week

Our parents who have given up their time to support trips and activities at this busy time of year - thank you.

Our speech finalists, representative athletes, and debating teams.

Our parents who have supported our recent fundraising efforts and Disco.

#### Term Calendar

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
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Teacher Only day

#### **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 would 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).

#### Athletics Day

Our School Athletics day on Monday is an opportunity for kids to participate in a variety of activities with their house teams in the morning and compete in races in the afternoon. The emphasis of the day is fun, working together and giving things a go. **Children are encouraged to dress in their house colours.** Sunscreen and a hat are essential as we are outside all day. We welcome parents to join us.

9:20am-10:40am - Athletics rotation

10:40am-11:00am -Morning tea

11:00am-12:20- Athletics rotation

12:25-1:00pm – Lunch

1:00pm - Sprints and relays

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#### Athletic rotation

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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.**

### Kahui ako Staff Only Day 2024

This is early warning that as part of our Kahui ako, teachers will be attending a staff only day on February 19th 2024. This will kick start a structured literacy professional development focus for all schools in our group. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope you can enjoy a long weekend.

### School reading material

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc.) for junior readers, journals, library books and send these along to school next week. We will be completing stock takes and would love to start 2024 with complete sets and full shelves. It doesn't matter how long they have been at home; we would love them back!

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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### Sushi order cut off time 8:00am



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### Class Lists

These will be on display in the hall noticeboard **Thursday 14 December - 2:00 pm**. The staff have put a huge amount of time into getting these as close to right as they can. I know of no other school that invites parents to contribute their thoughts prior to placement, and can assure you that all of these thoughts are considered very seriously. Sometimes a request by one parent can be directly countered by the request of another parent, and sometimes we do not feel a request is in the interest of the child or their peers. Lists go through multiple stages before they are finalised.

Prior experience has indicated to us the importance of friendships; every effort is made to ensure that every child is placed with at least one of their close friends. **Where all requests cannot, for whatever reason, be met, we aim to meet at least one request where we can.** Having said all of this, there must be give and take, reflection (and time - even a day or two) can bring perspective, and change can be a very positive thing. All rooms will be staffed by outstanding teachers, delivering outstanding programmes, surrounded by outstanding kids (who have outstanding parents!). ***Changes to lists after their publication are unlikely to be made.***



### 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.



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



## Sharing the Christmas Cheer....

We have been inspired by the kindness of our students...Up in the Junior's, we have had lots of discussions around caring for others and what that looks like.... and today we discussed Christmas. For most it's a wonderful time surrounded by friends and family and yummy kai...for some, this isn't always the case. So this has lead us to an idea.....

The Junior Teaching Team are creating hampers to gift to the Salvation Army and SPCA. If you are in a position to donate, we would be very grateful for your support. We are after food, toys, animal food and toiletries. Have a think of all the delicious food you like to eat at Christmas time. Please only send non-perishable items. Please deliver your donations to the learning support space or any junior teacher by the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

We really appreciate your generosity and we know these items will mean so much to so many...but please remember this is absolutely optional.

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The Junior Team

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