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Thankyou

... to our PSG and to those who attended their AGM and first meeting of the new year.

Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand

26 Feb	Marine Reserve Trips (see later in the newsletter)
5 March	"Sea Week"
5 March	Kokopu Swimming
5-6 March	Kiwi North Programme
12 March	Enviro Day
12 March	March meeting of the Board of Trustees (6:00 pm)
13 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
18/19 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
21 March	Matarau School Swimming Sports
29 March	Good Friday - no school
1 - 2 April	Easter - no school
12 April	Final Day of term 1 (29 April first day of term 2)

Virtues 2024

Over the years, many former students have told us that one of the things they most remember about their time at our school was the virtues programme. Virtues are a bit of a mystery really. Can you really learn them? Where do they come from? How do they relate to each other? Are they learned or inherited? Are they similar across cultures? etc etc. One thing is for sure, when you are on the receiving end it feels great, when you are on the giving end it feels even better. That itself is a mystery!

We think there is good evidence that everyone benefits when we are respectful, kind, hard-working, forgiving etc. etc. How we treat others matters, as do the sacrifices we make when we think of others first. So please get on board, take this seriously, set some goals, set aside the time, this might be the most important work we ever do.

At the end of the newsletter our overarching virtue for 2024 is announced. Let us know where we can help, and please share with us when gains are made and goals achieved ... so that we can celebrate these too.

Experiencing Marine Reserves - Save the date

We have just managed to secure bookings for Rooms 1-10 to have a trip to Reotahi to experience the marine reserves programme with The Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust. We need a good number of parents to support us on the day and so a huge hank you to those who have already offered their time. If you can spare a day please let us know as soon as possible.

Monday 26th February	(Rooms 3 & 4)
Tuesday 27th February	(Rooms 9 & 10)
Friday 1st March	(Room 1 & 2)

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In brief

- ... Please stay clear of driveways adjoining or opposite the school
- ... Please ensure children are not dropped at school before 8:00AM
- ... If you want to change how you receive your newsletter please contact Paula
- ... Advise the school office of absences by 9:00am
- ... Advise of changes to bus arrangements no later than 2:45 please.
- ... Close school gates after entry or exit
- ... Feedback on cell phone policy due by 11 March please.
- ... Please call at the office to check any medications we may be holding for your child.
- ... Please advise of any changes to contact details (it is not uncommon for us to find that emergency contact numbers for some students no longer work)

Exemption for off site learning

On occasion we receive a request for a child to spend some (limited) instructional time off site (an example would be piano lessons). In such a situation, the school is then required to consider whether the benefits accruing from the child attending this class outweigh the loss of instructional time here at school. Approval may be given for a term's duration subject to review at the end of each term. Review enables us to meet with parents to ensure that the anticipated gains have materialized and that the child is still doing well in class. So, if this is something you are considering, or there is a prior arrangement you would like to roll over, please email or drop by to see Kevin.

Headlice Inspections

The school no longer does school inspections. This makes us very reliant on parents to ...

- ... check their children's hair regularly
- ... respond within 48 hours in the event of infestation
- ... advise us of infestation so we get a sense of the extent and nature of any spread (we keep individual notifications confidential).

So please get your routine established and be vigilant. We know the distress that repeat infestations can cause.

Hearing your child read

Please show an interest in what your child has done at school each day. If you have time, read to them, listen to them read, and spend time discussing what you/they have read. Research continues to indicate that reading from text (hard copy) as hugely more beneficial, in the development of reading and thinking skills, than reading from a screen. So... books with covers, and pages that turn, remain the BEST way to learn to read. If you need help hooking your child into home reading please connect with their classroom teacher.

Kapa haka

We are growing our kapa haka programme this year. Expression of interest forms will be sent home **next week**. If you do not receive a form, and you would like one, or if you would like to know more, please contact Anna at school.

Public Health Nurse - Boostrix & HPV Vaccines - 26th February Y7 & 8

Information about immunisation you can go into YouTube and search "immunisation year 7" or "immunisation year 8" and the videos will come up or click on the below links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuwcOyMjAzc> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNIKS9uQCQU>

ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS: KOKOPU SCHOOL Tuesday 5th March 2024

Our Zone Swimming Sports, at Kokopu School, is on Tuesday 5th March. This is an opportunity to compete against other swimmers from our zone and to qualify for the Whangarei Championship, which will be held on Wednesday 13th March.

If your child is keen to represent our school, please indicate which events they would like to swim in.

Please note: All races are two lengths. Children must be able to swim 2 lengths without stopping.

THEY MUST ENTER A MINIMUM OF TWO EVENTS. Please indicate below which events your child will enter.

Children will travel from school by bus departing as close as possible to 9:00am and returning by 3:00pm. Parents are invited to travel on the bus with us to support our team and help with supervision. If you wish to travel on the bus with your child please indicate this on the form below.

While we encourage your child's participation, attending this event is voluntary. Please complete the form below and return it to school **no later than Tuesday 28th February** (Sorry for the short timeframe) so that we can enter them in their respective events. Please ensure that children bring lunch, plenty to drink, a hat, sunblock and something warm to wear between races. They may also take spending money at your discretion as food is for sale.

PLEASE NOTE: KOKOPU SCHOOL HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT LATE ENTRIES OR ALTERATIONS THIS YEAR.

If your child would like to represent Matarau School in this event, please complete the permission slip on the Caregiver app by Tuesday 28th February. Please note, that a minimum of two events must be entered. Late entries or alterations will not be accepted.

Caregiver app - Permission Slips & Notices

Permission slips & notices are now published on the caregiver app. Please log on to this app and check to make sure you have completed all necessary slips. Currently, there are slips for **Cell phones in Schools, Zone Swimming at Kokopu & Trail Ride** among others. If you enable notifications on your phone and also on the app, you will be notified when a new permission slip or notice is loaded.

Trouble settling?

Please contact Mrs Robertson (rrobertson@matarau.school.nz) or Mrs Marvin (jmarvin@matarau.school.nz) if your child is taking a while to settle, or if they just need a little support. We have an amazing pastoral team and they love to help out.

Stretching the finances

Life can be expensive at times, and school expenses can simply add to the burden. So PLEASE drop by and see Kevin or Paula if things are tough at the moment, we will come up with a plan that works for you.

Homework

Please give thought to a regular time and place for homework and let your child's teacher know if you need help with any speed wobbles. **If you do not want your child to receive homework please advise their teacher next week.**

Bus Pick-up and Drop-off Times

Information on our bus routes can be found on our website or at: www.wntng.easybus.nz

Final Word

We are pretty excited to announce our virtues focus for 2024. This year we will focus on RESPECT. Classes will build a picture over this term of what RESPECT is, how it looks, why it is important, and how we get good at it.

Most specially we will focus on RESPECT for our environment and then respect toward each other.

So we would be super grateful if you ...

1. Could discuss this with your child.
2. Talk about how you exercise respect in your lives
3. And talk about where you/they could get even better
4. Revisit the topic from time to time and celebrate any gains

Supporting virtues over the course of this year will also relate to, and build on, the RESPECT virtue.

Support material for your discussions on the RESPECT virtue is attached to this newsletter.

By the way, we are doing a blitz on "please, thank you and excuse me", so feel free to make this an even bigger focus at home if you feel the need.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL



We're very glad to let you know that we've recently joined the KickStart Breakfast programme! We believe breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and we'll now be providing Sanitarium Weet-Bix™ and Anchor™ Milk in a programme that is a partnership between Ministry of Social Development, Sanitarium and Fonterra, and has been running successfully nationwide for over 12 years.

**Our Breakfast Club will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings
from 8:15 to 8:45 in the hall**

For more information about the programme, you can visit www.kickstartbreakfast.co.nz

Sausages and Iceblocks



**Every Wednesday
this term
\$2 each**



Order through your classroom teacher on Wednesday mornings

SENIOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Please order through our School App



MATARAU SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

PRE-ORDER FORM

Help us raise funds to send our senior students to Tongariro!

Wild Hinds specialises in top-quality small goods made from wild venison gathered from across New Zealand. Manuka smoked, hand-crafted, and gluten-free.

Description	Price
Salami Stick	\$15
Bierstick Pack	\$12
Sausages (6 Pack)	\$15
Burger Pattie (6 Pack)	\$15

Orders will be available for distribution on Friday 22nd of March

WILD HINDS PRE-ORDER FORM

Name _____
Room # _____

	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QTY.	TOTAL
1.	Salami Stick Original (GF)	\$ 15.00		\$
2.	Salami Stick Cracked Pepper (GF)	\$ 15.00		\$
3	Biersticks Pack Original (GF)	\$ 12.00		\$
4	Biersticks Pack Cracked Pepper (GF)	\$ 12.00		\$
5	Standard Venison Sausages (GF) 6 Pack	\$ 15.00		\$
6	Venison Merlot & Cracked Pepper Sausages (GF) 6 Pack	\$ 15.00		\$
7	Venison Mexican Jalapeno Sausages (GF) 6 Pack	\$ 15.00		\$
8	Venison Sweet Chilli Plum Sausages (GF) 6 Pack	\$ 15.00		\$
9	Venison and Mahoe Blue Cheese Sausages(GF) 6 Pack	\$ 15.00		\$
10	Venison Burger Patties (GF) 6 Pack	\$ 15.00		\$
11	Venison Mince (750g)	\$ 15.00		\$
	TOTAL			\$

Pre-orders are due with payment by: Thursday 14th of March

Please make payment to :

Matarau School | Account Number: 12-3093-0239515-00 | REF: Name/WILD Fun

THANK YOU

MATARAU SCHOOL TRAIL RIDE
MARCH 10TH



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mataraufundraising.co.nz

David's
PHARMACY

A reminder from David's Pharmacy

We are participating in the Primary Options Acute care for minor ailments, until the end of March 2024.

David's Pharmacy 6D Three Mile Bush Rd Kamo

Who is eligible to receive the service?

- Children under 14 years of age
- Family members (of any age) of a child under 14 years of age, with the same symptoms.
- Community Service Card (CSC) holders
- Māori and Pacific people

Come and see your friendly local pharmacists for free advice AND free treatment of:

- Pain and fever
- Diarrhoea
- Dehydration
- Minor eye inflammation and infections
- Minor skin infections
- Eczema or dermatitis
- Scabies
- Headlice - nits, kutis, kutu bugs, utu or riha.