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David's PHARMACY



Thankyou

... To those who supported recent trips to the marine reserve. We are very dependent on your support with such events and so a huge thank you!

... To those (and we are sure it will be nearly all of you) who have discussed the respect virtue material with your children at home.

Person of the week

Ash Rowntree who is not only an amazing scientist (who learns entirely from observation he tells us) but he can actually touch his ears with his feet ... he actually can!

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

5 March	"Sea Week"
5 March	Kokopu Swimming
5 March	Kiwi North Programme Y1-4
6 March	Kiwi North Programme Y5-8
12 March	Enviro Day/Enterprise Day
12 March	March meeting of the Board of Trustees (6:00 pm)
13 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
14 March	EMR trip Room 3 & 4
18/19 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
21 March	Matarau School Swimming Sports Y3-Y8
29 March	Good Friday - no school
1 April	Easter Monday - no school
2 April	Easter Tuesday - no school
12 April	Final Day of term 1 (29 April first day of term 2)

Cell Phone Survey

Thank you to those parents of children in years 5 to 8 who have completed our cell phone survey on the Caregiver app. This will be an invaluable tool in enforcing our policy in a way that is effective, consistent and fair. If you have a child in year 5 to 8, and you have not yet completed the survey, please do so by the end of next week (takes only a few minutes).

Experiencing Marine Reserves

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 thank you to those who have already offered their time.

If you can spare a day please let us know as soon as possible.

Thursday 14th March (Rooms 3 & 4)

Stretching the finances

If things are a bit tight for you at the moment please let us know ... there a number of things we can do to lighten the burden of school associated costs.



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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) Current details can be seen on the Caregiver app.
- ... Exemptions for off-site learning (e.g. music lessons) should be the exception and prior approval from the office is required please.
- ... If you can manage it please hear your child read every night ... and show them that you read too.
- ... Any questions about homework to your child's teacher please.
- ... If you are keen for your child to do kapa haka, and you have not received a consent form, please contact Anna on Monday.
- ... Cell phones are to be dropped in to the office on arrival please and picked up from the office at the end of the day. Please remind your children of this.

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. We have a small supply of headlice treatment that can be obtained free from the school office.

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.

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.

Netball

We are looking for Netball players! If your child is interested in playing this season please contact Stacey on shamilton@matarau.school.nz

School Swimming Sports - 21 March - Years 3-8

Please join us for our Swimming Sports on Thursday 21 March. Events will run at approximately the following times ...

11:30 - Year 3/4 Freestyle	12:30-1:00 - Lunch
11:50 - Year 3/4 Backstroke	1:15 - Years 5-8 Freestyle
12:10 - Year 3/4 Breaststroke	1:40 - Years 5-8 Backstroke
2:00 - Years 5-8 Breaststroke ...	SEE YOU THERE!!!

(Please note that Swimming is "opt in" (with encouragement). If you are very keen for your child to participate in the school swimming sports, **please let their teacher know next week** and they will send a little extra encouragement in their direction.

Further ... A number of children have entered in the zone swimming sports at Kokopu School, **but have opted not to do trials for our school swimming sports.** If you are keen for them to participate in our school swimming sports as well, please check with them to ensure that they swam in our trials. If they did not, and you would like them to participate in our school event, please email Katie over the weekend and she will ensure they are trialed (kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz).

Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews)

The above are scheduled for **18 & 19th March** - the online bookings screen is open. This is a chance for you and your child (optional for year 1 children) to be heard and to hear some first impressions of how their year is unfolding. To book your interview time. Please book online via the following website - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code of **j4dc4** or use the following link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/j4dc4> or scan the QR code.

Please note that bookings are allocated on a first in basis and so don't delay.



With respect to interviews

- ... please be on time and move with the bell
- ... note down any questions beforehand
- ... we suggest that you do not book back to back interviews. A ten minute break between interviews will help you transit from one interview to the next, enable you to reflect on discussions and prepare for your next interview
- ... please note that buses will run at their normal times on both interview days.

Further interviews

If the above interview days do not suit, please know that all teachers are highly available by appointment. So if you didn't cover what you wanted to cover, or if you would like a deeper discussion in an area of interest or concern, please contact your child's teacher directly or phone the school office.

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.

Thank you to those who returned consent forms. Your children were entered in their respective events this afternoon.

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.

Disputes between children

... are a part of life and an opportunity to learn critical life skills. As long as these disputes remain within reasonable bounds (ie: are not excessive, prolonged, or targeted), and as long as children are supported where necessary, and boundaries are in place, they provide critical opportunities to grow. To isolate children from all disputes, deprives them of opportunities to develop resilience, to learn tolerance, and to learn to give and take. The school will always step in where children need support, and we are very good at monitoring. BUT our involvement will always be on the basis ...

... that full information will be gathered (from multiple sources) before responsibility is assigned to any child

... that every child has a right to be heard

... that every child has a right to contribute to resolution

... that the process (including outcomes) must be fair on all parties

... that some elements of resolution will be confidential

It is possible, after our involvement and a period of monitoring, that tensions between children can re-emerge.

This does NOT mean that the problem was not dealt with, it simply means that things are often way more complex than they seem, and that some further support and monitoring may be warranted ... simply let us know.

Parents can help by ...

... avoiding assumptions or conclusions before the school has fully investigated a matter

... remembering that what their child has told them is an interpretation of event, it is nearly always only a partial account of what has happened, wider information nearly always changes the picture

... remembering that the world of children is fundamentally no different to the world of adults. We are all imperfect, mistakes happen, we have bad days, we are the product of complex shaping factors, and things take time.

... **Please NEVER approach another person's child in an effort to resolve a dispute. Matters must always be referred to the school.**

Bus Pick-up and Drop-off Times

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

Sausages and Iceblocks



Every Wednesday

this term

\$2 each



Order through your classroom teacher on Wednesday mornings

LEARNER CONTRACT - MATARAU SCHOOL

	Your rights	Your responsibilities
Feel valued <i>Kia whakanuia</i>	You have a right to feel appreciated for the person you are, for the talents you bring, for the work you do, and for the things you say.	You have a responsibility to appreciate the character, talents and contributions of others (including your teacher).
Knowing self <i>Kia mohio ko wai ahau</i>	You have a right to know what you are good at and how you learn best.	To use your talents well.
Make choices <i>Kia mahi i nga mahi pai</i>	You have a right to make your own learning and behaviour choices.	To make choices which bring the best out of self and others.
Enjoying Learning <i>Kia ngākaunui i te ako !</i>	You have a right to enjoy learning and play.	To know that real enjoyment comes from a positive attitude and a job well done.

Final Word

American psychiatrist William Glasser has made significant contributions to education. Many years ago we studied his "Quality Schools Model". We liked it so much that we used it as the basis for our Learner Contract - an agreement between staff and children that would remind us often of what we aspire to as a school. Glasser said (our words) that effective schools are places where people feel valued, where they have opportunities to know their strengths, where they can make genuine choices and where learning is (ultimately) enjoyed. In more recent years we saw value in defining each of these pillars in terms of both rights and responsibilities ... just to emphasise that rights and responsibilities are opposite sides of the same coin and only work together ... you cannot have rights (ultimately) without responsibility, or responsibility (ultimately) without rights. As with all things worthwhile, this is a perpetual work in progress ... but it is the journey that matters.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehella
 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

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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
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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 :

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THANK YOU

MATARAU SCHOOL TRAIL RIDE MARCH 10TH



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Enviroschools update

Matarau School's Enviro day /Enterprise day.....A Whānau event

Term 1 Tuesday the 12th March 8.50 am till 5pm



What you need to know....

Our day starts at 8.50am in the hall with the AMAZING Riley Hathaway from Young Ocean Explorers...Please check out her website if you want to know more...whānau are welcome to stay too.

<https://www.youngoceanexplorers.com/about>

10.00am- **Shared morning tea** (Please send a small plate to room 11 in the morning).

Rotations begin: 10.45 am Children are split into house groups and get to enjoy a variety of rotations around Te Moana (The Ocean). Some of which are...

- *Marine pests*
- *Water safety on boats*
- *Biodiversity - water catchment modelling (hills to harbour)*
- *Sand dune protection*
- *Eco-Solutions - litter traps*
- *Experiencing marine reserves*
- *Surf Life Saving skills*
- *Art- creating sea creatures with clay*
- *Marine food chains*

.....and much MUCH more!

Please come and enjoy this day with us!

Pre order Lunch - Hot dogs, drinks and ice blocks for sale at lunchtime. \$3 for hot dogs and \$2 each for ice blocks and drinks, (Please order on the school app).

Enterprise Market Day 2.40-5pm

Enterprise products for sale-Each class has created a sustainable product to market and sell - Bring ya pennies and support our awesome students! They have been working super hard!

Classroom stalls will be set up under cover on the courts. (Cash only please). There will be plants for sale (indoor & outdoor), art pieces, jewellery, garden art, cookies in a jar, bath salts...& so much more!

Please come along, bring the whole family, this is an amazing community event! **Dinner is sorted too**, bring your picnic blanket & order a delicious lamb burger or vege burger! Pre- order on the school app. \$5 each.

All money raised goes directly back into the Environmental Education fund to benefit our students and the environment both here at school and out in the community

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REGIONAL COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Te Tai Tokerau



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Anna Alexander on aalexander@matarau.school.nz or Jo Gunson on jgunson@matarau.school.nz

We would absolutely love you all to come and enjoy this day. You are welcome to spend the day alongside your child, moving around different rotations.

Tea, coffee and hot beverages will be on offer all day from the kitchen in the hall. Please help yourself (bring your reusable cup if you have one and a bag to put your shopping in.)

