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Thank you

- ... To those who supported at Kokopu Swimming Sports.
- ... To those who have given their time to go on our Reotahi trips.
- ... To those who are organising and volunteering at our trail ride this weekend. All the best for the day!
- ... To those who have donated things for our upcoming Enviro day

People of the week

- ... Children who attended the Kokopu Swimming sports this week. Congratulations to those who placed at Kokopu Swimming: Denim Hutchison, Pippa Peyton, Kat Walker, Ady Gibbs, Zac Burgin, Sadie Sands, Niamh Hall Lachlan Smith, Ruby Croucher, Daniel McGrath, Taylor Masefield, Lauren Postlewright, Brooklyn Alexander, Harry Easterbrook.
- ... Niamh Hall for volunteering her time to help out with Room 1&2 EMR trip.

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

- 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
- 15 March Junior Swimming Sports Y1&2
- 18/19 March Parent Teacher Interviews
- 21 March Matarau School Swimming Sports Y3-Y8
- 26 March Touch Rugby Y7&8 (Kensington)
- 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)

Enviro day and Enterprise market

We are looking forward to our upcoming Enviro day on Tuesday. Please see the attached flyer for all the details around shared morning tea, pre ordering lunch or dinner, our exciting activities, and our amazing market from 3-5pm. All whanau are welcome to join us.

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

Rooms 3 & 4's postponement day for their trip to Reotahi is **Thursday 14th March.**

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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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).

Caregiver app - Permission Slips & Notices

Please sign up to our School App if you have not done this yet. If you have any problems, please contact the Office.



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, Touch Rugby** 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.

School Swimming Celebration Juniors

You are invited to our special Junior School Swimming celebration for years 1 and 2 starting at 1:45pm on Friday 15th March. Our goal is to have all children participating as the event is all about celebrating water skills and having fun! Please ensure your child has their togs, towel, school hat, jumper, drink bottle, and sunblock (all named) at school that day. Children will be sitting in their year groups ready to swim and we will have an area for parents to sit and cheer.

We look forward to a fun and hopefully fine afternoon.



Bus Pick-up and Drop-off Times

Information on our bus routes can be found on our website or at:

www.wntng.easybus.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.

Touch Rugby-Kensington

Please reply through our School App if your child is interested in representing the school at the Year 7 and 8 Touch Festival on **Tuesday the 26th of March**. This day is about showing children that competitions and being part of a team can be fun too; and to learn about rugby basics, scoring, etiquette, and respect for other players. **We will travel by Bus to Kensington Park**. The day begins at 10am and goes through to 1:30pm. Students will need to meet in the hall no later than 8:45am for us to leave by 9:15. We will return in time for buses at 3pm. We will be sending 3 mixed teams and will need a small number of parents to help coach/manage/supervise the teams for the day. If we do not have supervision for each team, unfortunately, we will not be able to attend this event.

As this is an optional event a fee of \$15 will be required to cover bus hire. All **permission slips** and money are needed back at school by **15th March** to ensure that the organisation of teams can be finalised.

Please use the code Touch Rugby Yr. 7&8, and pay through the school account 12-3093-0239515-00.

Students will be required to wear their Matarau School senior shirt and bring appropriate footwear to this event e.g. sneakers, have plenty to drink and a good-sized lunch. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact bpattison@matarau.school.nz

Final Word

Students have been busy this week preparing for our Enviro market day by producing sustainable products to sell. This has been an excellent opportunity for them to take ownership and be enterprising. We look forward to seeing you all at the market and encourage you to bring a picnic along or enjoy a burger with your family. It is a very special community event on our calendar.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Nga mihi

Rachael Robertson
ACTING PRINCIPAL

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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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.)

