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Thank you

... To those who visited and supported our Enviro Day .. a truly awesome day ... great to connect with families.

People of the week

... Mel Williams & Cadee A. who are doing an amazing job helping out with the Kickstart breakfast club. Thank you!
... Former student Ruby Woods for her phenomenal athletics successes of late (see our facebook page)

Congratulations

... to Gaylene Bird (Willow's nanna) who won the firewood raffle on Enviro/Enterprise day.

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

18/19 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
21 March	Matarau School Swimming Sports Y3-Y8
26 March	Touch Rugby Y7&8 (Kensington)
26 march	Meeting of Board of Trustees
29 March	Good Friday - no school
1 April	Easter Monday - no school
2 April	Easter Tuesday - no school
9 April	School photos
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).

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.

Existing Sponsors

... If you are interested in continuing sponsorship in 2024 please return your sponsorship confirmation forms and an indication of your preferred buddy room to the Office next week. Thank you to those who have already done so.

School Duathlon

... watch this space!



WOF, Lubes & Tyres
46 Kaka Street Whangarei
Tel : 09 438 7209



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).

Coaches and Team Managers

Already people are gearing up for winter sports. As in earlier years, we will be very much dependent on parents putting their hands up to support as coaches or managers. If approached, please give this serious thought. Without parental support we will not be able to register teams. Much more to follow.

Headlice

Please check your children's hair weekly so that we keep infestation levels as low as possible through to term's end. Thank you.

Swimming results WPSSA

Congratulations to all swimmers!

	Swimmer	Placing
Year 5 Girls Backstroke	Ruby Croucher	4th
Year 5 Boys Backstroke	Daniel McGrath	6th
Year 6 Girls Backstroke	Taylor Masefield	6th
Year 7 Boys Backstroke	Zac Burgin	5th
Year 5 Girls Breaststroke	Lauren Postlewaight	5th
Year 6 Girls Breaststroke	Pippa Peyton	6th
Year 7 Boys Breaststroke	Zac Burgin	4th
Year 7 Boys Freestyle	Zac Burgin	5th

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

Respect Virtue

Thank you for spending time with your children discussing our Respect and Rights and Responsibilities Sheets. As Please revisit these from time to time, and gradually unfold your discussions over the weeks ahead, as we will at school.

- ... talk about where you exercise respect in your lives
- ... why being respectful is important
- ... ensure they have set a "respectfulness goal" ... Your call!

Thanks for your support. If we double our efforts (home and school) we will quadruple the gains overall. The kids are off to a great start and so, hopefully, are we..

Final Word

Have a lovely weekend. See you at interviews.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehella
PRINCIPAL

Sausages and Iceblocks



Every Wednesday
this term
\$2 each



Order through your classroom teacher on Wednesday mornings



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