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Thank you

... to those who have signed up to be 2024 sponsors. You will hear back from us very soon

... to those who supported our duathlon events this week

... to those stepping up for coach and manager roles for weekend sports teams

... to Owen Bennett for volunteering his labour to a forthcoming school project.

This is very much appreciated Owen.

People of the week

... those children who gave the duathlon a go

... Paula and Brenda for your efforts over the last financial year managing the school's cash flow and preparing the school for its annual audit. You do an amazing job.

... a special congratulations to those children who received RESPECT virtue awards at today's assembly. We very much appreciate the examples you have set for us all.

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

- 12 April Final Day of term 1
- (Monday 29 April first day of term 2)
- 2 May ANZAC Service start 1:30pm
- 7-10 May Lonsdale Camp Y5/6
- 15 May Winter sport Y7&8 (Kensington)



School ANZAC Service

Students in the Senior School will be running a School ANZAC Service on Thursday the 2nd of May. All Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Girl Guides are encouraged to wear their uniform and be part of the service.

The Service will start at 2pm.

Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend.

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.



Please note that dogs (unless prior approval is granted by the school management or board), skateboards and smoking (or vaping) are prohibited on our schools site. Thankyou.

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Contractors

... will be on site during the holidays working on a number of projects. We request no other visitors to the site during this period please unless prior authorized.

Cellphone Policy

A reminder that this policy is now fully in place. A copy of this policy can be found on our website. If we can help in any way please let us know ... and please advise of any changes.

If you have not yet advised that your child will/may bring a cellphone to school please visit the parent app or contact Paula in the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Teachers' e-mail addresses

These are all listed on the Matarau School website. However, you can work them out by using the teacher's first name initial followed by their surname and then add @matarau.school.nz

(example Andrew Johnson ajohnson@matarau.school.nz or Jayde Jongkind jjongkind@matarau.school.nz)

Gearing up for Winter Sports

When children wear our school colours on a Saturday morning, they bear a special responsibility to represent our school well. This means more than putting in your best performance on the field/court, it also means demonstrating sportsmanship, supporting other team members, playing fairly, encouraging others, respecting coaches and referees etc.

Every child wearing our colours, and every parent who accompanies them, is expected to represent us this way, it is a condition to being in one of our teams.

The ultimate goal of all that we do (including playing sport) should be to grow character, in ourselves and in others. Please do not question referees, support coaches and managers unequivocally (and if you have a question see them early, privately, and with an open mind), respect the opposition (including their support team), and be careful with your words from the side line. Egos (not only children's egos) can be fragile, and so choose your words carefully. Please let us know of special Saturday achievements so we can celebrate these in the newsletter. Best wishes for the best season ever.

Expansion of the Cambridge Programme

Parents were advised last week that the school will soon expand its Cambridge programme by making more places available in this programme, and by offering it from year 5. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know and ask them to contact our school office for more information, or visit our website and click on the Cambridge tab.

Bus Pick-up and Drop-off Times

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

www.wntng.easybus.nz

Board of Trustees - Term 1 Update

We are nearing the end of our major renovation project that was triggered by the cyclone last February.

Room 8 will be back in their own classroom for the start of Term 2. We wish to acknowledge the disruption and thank Mrs Burgin for taking it all in her stride. The improvements to Rooms 7, 8 and 9 and the outdoor area in front look fantastic. The completion of this project means we can have the library up and running again next term - yah!

We have another smaller project started to upgrade the student and staff toilets situated behind the staffroom so you may notice some minor disruptions in and around this space. There are also some new shade sails being installed over the Junior playground over the upcoming holidays.

Our Parent group has completed their fundraising goal to allow the pool heating project to get underway. This is so exciting and we congratulate them on successful grant applications and the fabulous Trail Ride fundraiser run earlier this term.

The senior team have also done some outstanding fundraising for the Hilary Outdoor camp meaning the costs to families can be kept very low. Amazing work!

We are excited to let you know that the BOT has increased the Whaea Jo's Kapa haka hours to allow weekly trainings. We look forward to seeing them perform soon.

You will have seen we are opening a limited number of places into our senior school, Year 7 and 8 for Term 3 onwards. You can help us by talking to friends about our amazing school, sharing any social media posts you see about the ballot or forwarding information to anyone you know who may be interested.

Have a great restful break and we will see you next term.

The Matarau School Board of Trustees.

Duathlon Individual Results

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Year 4 Boys	Aiden J.	Heath T.	Theo G.
Year 4 Girls	Zara R.	Lily D.	Olivia S.
Year 5/6 Boys	Tate S.	Blake W.	Oliver B.
Year 5/6 Girls	Taylor M.	Ruby C.	Amelia M.
Year 7/8 Boys	Lachlan S.	Harry E.	PJ W.
Year 7/8 Girls	Niamh H.	Emma D.	Pippa G.



Yummy Stickers

Please help Matarau School to collect Yummy Stickers from various fruits.

Place the stickers on a collection sheet and hold onto them. Once complete, send your sheets to Mrs E in Room 10.

We receive free sports gear in return for these stickers and would really appreciate all contributions.

A copy of the Yummy sticker collection sheet is handed out with this newsletter or can be downloaded from:

<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

Finally

Thanks for your support this term. Plenty to look forward to next term. In the mean-time enjoy a bit of a break and travel safely if going away.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Litquiz team 2024



Life Education Trust Whangarei Community Event

LIFE EDUCATION
Learning with Harold

A CYBER SAFETY EVENING

With Rob Cope - Author, parent and film maker of
the 2020 documentary 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to pornography, predators, social media access, and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky subjects.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

**Tuesday
21st May
2024**

Northland Rugby Union
136 Riverside Drive
Whangarei

6.30PM \$15

To buy tickets visit: <https://www.myetickets.co.nz/tickets/378/details>

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ROB AND KAREEN'S WORK VISIT:
WWW.OURKIDSONLINE.CO.NZ.

Te Manawa Tahī

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī sign or flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.




Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable

WHANGĀREI

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated

Date	Hub Locations	Term 2 2024, Weeks 1 to 5
Tuesday 30 April	Te Rito, 165 William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Wednesday 1 May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wednesday 8 May	Bream Bay Community Trust 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thursday 9 May	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thursday 16 May	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
Wednesday 22 May	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thursday 23 May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Tuesday 28 May	Te Rito, 165 William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Wednesday 29 May	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

Date	Hub Locations	Term 2 2024, Weeks 6 to 10
Wednesday 5 June	Bream Bay Community Trust (10.00am to 12.30pm) 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thursday 13 June	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Wednesday 19 June	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thursday 20 June	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wednesday 26 June	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thursday 27 June	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
	Ngunguru School (9.00am - 10.30 am) Te Maika Road	



Guitar lessons

Vangie has places available for guitar lessons. If you are interested for your child to learn to play the guitar or want to know more, please contact her 0211883251 or email killelea@outlook.com

Whangarei Girls High School Survey

If you have an opinion, please consider completing the survey or sharing the link regarding the consultation of the proposed enrolment zone/scheme.

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/whangarei-girls-highschool/>



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