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# Newsletter

## Number 15

### 7 June 2024



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#### Thank You

... Our wonderful support staff for all their efforts transforming our Library. We can't thank you enough!

... Emma Donaldson and her team of fairies for running the character parade.

#### People Of The Week

...All children who guessed the library theme.

...All children who dressed up as their favourite characters. Congratulations to those who won.

Jamie-Lee Cawood for going the extra mile with her homework!

#### Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand*

9-14 June OPC camp Y7/8

20 June Meeting Cambridge Programme for current Y5/6 students

24 June Matariki celebration

24 June PSG meeting (6pm @ Staffroom)

25 June Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby

26 June Kapa Haka at Hikurangi

28 June Matariki Public Holiday

1 -2 July Parent Teacher Interviews

5 July Last day of Term 2 (Term 3 starts 22 July)

#### Important notice for year 7/8 campers.

It is an early start for you all on Sunday morning. Please meet at the bus bay by **6:30am**. Please leave the bus bay clear when parking. All the best for a fantastic camp full of adventure and fun.

#### COURTESY VIRTUE

COURTESY will be our focus virtue until term's end. We will be encouraging the use of please, thank you and excuse me, letting others go first, greeting others in an engaging way, and not interrupting. This will sit under our broader focus of RESPONSIBILITY ... we have a responsibility to be courteous!

Please find support material attached. Look at this with your children, and gradually unfold your discussions over the weeks ahead, as we will at school.

... talk about where and how and where you exercise in your lives

... why being courteous is important

... maybe help them set a "courtesy goal"

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.

#### Caring Virtue

Announcements of our virtue award recipients coming soon. So watch this space.



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### Cambridge - Year 5 and 6

Parents of children in years 5 and 6 may be aware that, from the start of term 3, we will be phasing the Cambridge Programme into our year 5 and 6 programmes. This will be integrated within the NZ Curriculum, will dovetail with new initiatives in Literacy and mathematics, and will be phased in gradually. There will be a meeting for parents of current year 5 & 6 students to discuss the Cambridge Programme.

**It will be held on 20th June at 3:15pm in Room 8**

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Please keep the afternoons/evenings of 1 and 2 July free. A booking invitation will be sent soon. These interviews are an important opportunity to share data and impressions, and revise targets. More to follow.

### Chickenpox

We may be seeing the very early signs of chickenpox here at school. So please keep an eye on this and take appropriate action where necessary. Further information on chickenpox can be found here ...  
<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/chickenpox>

### Headlice - Reminder

Last year the board decided to return to reliance on regular inspections at home and a request for a prompt response in the event of infestation.

**We know from experience that three things must happen for this to be effective ...**

*... there needs to be at least one time each term when there is a co-ordinated check at home across all families (to reduce re-infestation rates). This is coming up soon.*

*... that in the event of infestation action will need to be undertaken (ideally) within a 48 hour period.*

*... that throughout the year parents undertake regular checks at home.*

If you are dealing with repeat infestations post-treatment, please let us know and (without using names) we will discretely advise parents of pockets of infestation so that they can be extra vigilant.

### Sore Throats Matter - Preventing Rheumatic Fever

We have been advised that, with winter on its way, a lot of tamariki are getting sore throats. **Sore throats can hurt hearts.** If your tamariki has a sore throat, please get a throat swab from your Practice Nurse at your GP Practice or participating pharmacy. Please direct any enquiries to your GP or the Public Health Nurse - Bev Smith 021416482 or 0800 746944 (option 7)

### Quiz Night 2024 - Save the date!

Matarau School PSG is excited to announce the return of our Quiz Night on the **7th of September 2024**. This years theme is "M" for our magnificent Matarau so start thinking of ideas for your teams/tables! We are seeking table sponsors to help reach our fundraising target as well as donations of goods for prizes and auction items. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser and would like to know more, please email [matarau.psg@gmail.com](mailto:matarau.psg@gmail.com).

***More information about this amazing social event to follow!***

### **Soon to be 5 year olds we may not know about**

If you have moved into zone, or know someone who has moved into zone, and you / they have a soon to be 5 year old (i.e. turning 5 before the end of the year), and the school has not been advised of this, please let us know next week. This information is important for us if we are to plan for optimal numbers in our junior rooms. Thank you.

### **Planning Family Holidays**

We know that it not always possible to do so, but the Ministry of Education has asked all schools to remind parents that family holidays should be booked during term breaks where possible please.

(A reminder also that children are legally required to be at school a specified number of hours (9:00 to 3:00) each day unless an exemption has been granted).

### **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/>

### **Matarau Road**

This is a tricky piece of road. This road is narrow with numerous blind-spots.

**Please ...**

... be very careful entering and exiting the upper car park. Edge to the brow of the rise so you can be sure of any on-coming vehicles.

... if you are picking your child up, and you are parked on the other side of the road, please collect your children and walk them to your car.

... for pick up, please use the lower bus bay if you can to reduce pressure on the carpark.

... if you have children year 3 and up, and you can pick them up at 3:15 pm (rather than 3:00 pm), this would really help.

... if you see a vehicle driven in an unsafe way in the vicinity of the school, please take the registration number and let our school office know. We WILL follow this up.

... and always reduce your speed when passing the school, particularly before 9:00 am and after 3:00 pm

### **Finally**

Our events this week to reopen the library have been exciting and fun! Additionally, we have been reminded of how fortunate we are to have such a valuable resource in our school and the importance of reading for pleasure. Thank you for taking an interest in the books your kids bring home from the library, and showing that you value this. Classes visit the library regularly and it is open at lunchtimes. Thank you again to Paula and her team for transforming it into such a magical and inviting space.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL



# CHARACTER PARADE and guess the Library theme WINNERS!



## Incredible Years Positive Parenting Programme



This course concentrates on parents and caregivers with children between the ages of 3-8 years old. It provides fresh new skills and strategies to help with the challenges we parents face.

It's a **FREE** course that runs one morning or evening per week for 14 weeks.

When: **Mornings 9.30-12.30 or Evenings 6pm-8.30pm**

Where: **Online or at Te Ora Hou, Tikipunga**

Cost: **FREE**

So, if you are caring for children within this age group, would like some new tools to help you and your whānau, and are interested in signing up - please feel free to call / text on 021 234 3527 or visit our facebook page "Tulsi Parenting Hub".

Ngā mihi 🌸 Cassie, Leila & Josh 🌸