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Thank You

... to our sponsors for their own going support. Please support their businesses, and encourage others to support their businesses when you can.

... for your support during yesterday's power outage.

People Of The Week

... Those acknowledged as shining examples of the caring virtue.

... Paula and Miranda for your frantic efforts to keep a record of the comings and goings of students during early closure yesterday.

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

24 June Matariki celebration
25 June Rippa Rugby - Year 5/6
25 June Board Meeting
26 June Kapa Haka at Hikurangi
27 June Cambridge Meeting for Year 5/6 (3:15pm in Room 8)
28 June Matariki Public Holiday
1 -2 July Parent Teacher Interviews
3 July Parent Teacher Interviews - Only Year 7 & 8
5 July Last day of Term 2 (Term 3 starts 22 July)
22 July PSG meeting 6pm. in staffroom

***Please don't forget to check the School App.
There are frequently permission slips and notices posted.***

MATARIKI - MONDAY 24 June

9.15am Welcome everyone
9.20am Kapa Haka
9.45-10.45am Syndicate rotations
9.45am Community Consultation in Staffroom & shared Morning Tea for Whanau
10.45-11.15am Morning Tea
11.15-12.45pm Continue Rotations
12.45 Shared Kai to students & Whanau that RSVP (**students bring own empty plate and cutlery**)
1.30 Continue Rotations
2.40 Everyone in Hall for Waiaata

***Don't forget to also bring an old tin or pot for planting a seedling.
This will come home at the end of the day.***



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Year 5 and 6 Cambridge

As advised earlier, there will be a meeting on **Thursday 27th June 3:15 pm in Rm8** to discuss how we will gradually introduce Cambridge material into our year 5 and 6 programmes. Interested parents are welcome to attend and to bring along any questions. We will discuss its phasing, what will look different, and what won't, implementation, manageability etc. *Please advise Paula early next week if you think you may be in attendance at this meeting.*

Have you visited our library since its special re-opening?

... If not, please ask your children to give you a tour over the coming weeks ... or either side of your interviews the week after next. Ask them to tell you about the current theme. Even try to guess the theme. Perhaps ask them to show you their favourite section of the library, maybe their favourite book, perhaps the book they would like to read next etc.

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.

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 year's 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.

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.

Lost Property

With the end of term fast approaching please take some time to visit our lost property bins over the coming weeks, and to check under the beds for any school books.

Mid-year Interviews

Monday 1 July & Tuesday 2 July (plus the additional day of Wednesday 3rd July – Year 7 & 8 only)

Our online interview booking system is now open. Interviews are booked on a first in basis. Please note that we have 2 concurrent interview cycles. You will need to book under 2 different codes (see below) ... On interview nights the change-over bells will ring every 15 minutes as per normal, but these bells will apply to the year 1 to 6 interviews only. The year 7 and 8 interviews will be of 10 minutes duration, all of these interviews will be held in room 11, and change overs will be at the direction of the teachers. All 3 senior school teachers will be present at the year 7 and 8 interviews. If you have children in years 1 to 6 and in year 7 and 8, please remember that times will overlap and so we suggest that you book your year 7 and 8 slot with spare slots either side to avoid double ups.

To book you need to visit – www.schoolinterviews.co.nz & enter the relevant code as follows ...

Junior and Middle School (years 1 to 6) the code is xgybv

Senior School (year 7 and 8) the code is 4r4e2

If you do not have access to the internet, or if you have any questions, please give Paula a call on Monday. Teachers are available at other times by appointment.

School will finish at the usual time of 3:00pm (NOT 2:30 as in earlier years).

(p.s. having two cycles enables us to provide parents of year 7 and 8 students with feedback from all of their child's specialist teachers, thus negating the need for multiple interviews. This also enables teachers and parents to identify whether issues are context or subject specific).

Senior (year 7 and 8) interviews

Please note that we have opened **Wednesday 3 July** for further senior school bookings for those unable to secure a booking on Monday or Tuesday)

Congratulations to all our Caring Virtue recipients

We are hugely proud of these children and of the examples they have set for us all.

Congratulations also to their parents.

Room 1	Harper Bassett	Jimi Rawiri-Carr	
Room 2	Wolfy Crickett	Nikora Rapana	
Room 3	Nina Spiers	Arnie Job-Neho	
Room 4	Ellery Mason	Thea Goodwin	
Room 5	Bailey Harper	Mahuia Pivac-Hohoia	
Room 6	Autumn Hinchliffe-Triebels	Ludovica Hack	
Room 7	Abigail Clyma	Finn Campbell	
Room 8	Ashlee Langley	Ocean Innes-Liddell	
Room 9	Tate Slatte	Lila Karlin	
Room 10	Whaiawa Tito	Amelia-Rose Morris	
Room 11	Holly Peters	Skyla De Bruyn	Holly Rhodes
Room 12	Conrad Peters	Jack Keatley	
Room 13	Liam Leonard	Sayde Welsh	

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>

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).

Finally

We hope as many of you as possible have booked for an interview. Remember, if these times do not suit individual teachers are available by appointment.

See you on Matariki Day! And don't forget to ask your children for a tour of the library!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
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