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Thank You

... to those who attend mid-year interviews at the end of last term. If you missed these teachers remain available by appointment.

People Of The Week

... Katrina Walker who was recently presented with an Aorahi Award - the highest badge a Girl Guide can earn. Well done Katrina!

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

29 July	WGHS Promotional Visit (staffroom) 1:30-2:30pm
30 July	KHS Promotional Visit (staffroom) 1:30-2:30
31 July	WGHS Open Evening 5:30pm
4 August	Matarau Brick Show/Lego Day (more to follow)
6 August	Mathex Year 5-8 @ WBHS
6 August	KHS Open Evening (5:30 - 7:45 - at KHS)
8 August	WBHS Open Evening (4:30 onwards)
13 August	Board Meeting
16 August	Te Horo Cross Country
20 August	Tentative date for School Cross Country (TBC)
23 August	The Beast Year 7&8
26 August	New Entrant Cohort
27 August	HPV Vaccinations
4 September	Whangarei Primary School Cross Country
7 September	PSG Quiz Night
17 September	Board Meeting
20 September	Marimba Festival
23 September	School Production (some time this week)
27 September	Final day of term (14 October - start of term 4)

Please don't forget to check the School App.

There are frequently permission slips and notices posted.

COURTESY VIRTUE

Thank you for supporting our recent courtesy virtue initiatives. We will announce (and celebrate) some shining stars next week. Please continue to emphasise our courtesy trigger words "please, thank you and excuse me" and we will do the same at school.

Quiz Night 2024 - 7th of September 2024

Save the date and start preparing your teams. This year's theme is "M" for magnificent Matarau, get creative and dress to M-press!

Are you considering sponsoring a table or donating of goods for prizes and auction items? More information is attached to this newsletter in the flyers about how you can help. Please contact us by July 17th (see attached information).

Follow the Parent Support Group (PTA) Facebook Page for updates and exciting announcements - <https://www.facebook.com/MatarauSchoolParentSupportGroup>



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Virtue for term 3 - UNDERSTANDING

We are very excited to announce that UNDERSTANDING is our focus virtue for the first half of this term. Please find support material attached and ...

- ... discuss this at home
- ... talk about how you practise helpfulness in your life
- ... set some helpfulness goals for home
- ... celebrate and successes
- ... let us know of exceptional examples of helpfulness so that we can celebrate these together.

Headlice

A reminder to please ...

- ... check your child(ren)'s hair at home on a regular basis.
- ... treat within 48 hours in the event of infestation
- ... respond promptly to any infestation notice from school

We will advise as soon as we can of any pockets of infestation (this will happen) so that we respond in unison.

Safe transit in the carpark

Please collect your children from the gate, and keep an eye on them in the carpark area, perhaps hold their hand until you get to your car. Please remember the 5k speed limit for the carpark. The carpark will very likely be re-marked pending the engineers report.

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.

Calf Club Day on Thursday the 24th of October

You might want to start thinking if your child wants to bring an animal to Calf Club Day. Soon we will email you a permission form where you can indicate if you are taking an animal to Calf Club Day. Please, be aware that Calves, Lambs, and Kids need to have been born after the 1st of July.

Matarau Brick Show - Sunday 4th August

Being organised by two of our Year 8s, this brick building competition is open to everyone (from preschoolers through to adults).

A range of categories and age groups, with prizes up for grabs. Get creative over the school holidays - entries close Sunday 28th July.

All funds raised going towards STEAM resources for the school.

Community market stalls are available for \$10.

Full info and entry form at <https://mataraufundraising.co.nz/brick-show/> (If you are able to help on the day with door sales, raffle tickets, sausage sizzle, etc, we would really appreciate it! Please text Leah 02102400635)

BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Anyone from year 1 to 8 interested in playing basketball during terms 3 and 4 please email Lisa asap please. All skill levels. lryan@matarau.school.nz

Confirmation of Secondary School

Parents of year 8 children were asked last term to advise via our school app which secondary school their child was likely to attend in 2025. This helps us to ensure that you get the information you need as we approach enrolment time. If you have not yet done so, please enter your intentions on the app. Of course this does not lock you in, it is OK to change your mind down the track.

As above ... High School Visits in Staffroom – 1:30-2:30

29 July	Whangarei Girls High School
30 July	Kamo High School

Preparation for Cross Country under way

If your child is serious about placing in the upcoming cross country events feel free to assist them in the build up to these events. School practice runs have begun and so please ensure that they bring suitable running shoe, and a change of clothes at your discretion. Practice runs will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Yummy Stickers

Last term to collect 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 can be downloaded from:
<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

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).

Sibling 2025 Enrolments

If you live in zone, or currently have a child enrolled at Matarau School, and have another child who will start in 2025, and you have not already done so, please advise the school office as soon as possible by leaving a message on the answer machine - 433 5823.

If you live out of zone, we would also like to hear if you have siblings you would like to enrol - although the board has yet to determine how many out of zone places might be available.

Cellphones at school

Thank you for supporting with the implementation of our cell phone in schools policy. If your child now brings a cell phone to school, and they did not when we first collected information from parents, please advise our school office so we can update our records. Conversely, if they were down as bringing a cell phone (regularly or intermittently), and they no longer bring their cell phone please let us know. You will continue to receive occasional updates on the number of times a cell phone is handed in over a given period, if there is a discrepancy between our records and what you know to be the case please advise of this early.

Finally

Welcome to the new term. Lots planned ... cross country events, school production, paper, brick (lego) Day, and more.

Please get involved. Good to be back!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Room 2 made kitten-safe toys to give to the kittens at the SPCA. They talked about the kittens waiting for their forever homes, and receiving new toys would share happiness and love and connected it to our Caring virtue. Awesome !



Casper & Toby present the

MATARAU BRICK SHOW

& Community Market Day

Sun 4th August 2024
10am-2pm

BUILDING COMPETITION for everyone
entries close 28 July

Location: Matarau School
www.mataraufundraising.co.nz/brick-show

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 3 2024, Weeks 1 to 5
Thursday 25 Jul	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wednesday 31 Jul	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thursday 1 Aug	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thursday 8 Aug	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
Wednesday 14 Aug	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thursday 15 Aug	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wednesday 21 Aug	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	



Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable



WHANGĀREI

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

Date	Hub Locations	Term 3 2024, Weeks 6 to 10
Wednesday 28 Aug	Bream Bay Community Trust (10.00 am to 12.30 pm) 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thursday 29 Aug	Te Kura o Otangarei School , William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Thursday 5 Sep	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup , 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Wednesday 11 Sep	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thursday 12 Sep	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wednesday 18 Sep	Whānau Focus Centre , 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thursday 19 Sep	Clark Road Chapel , 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
	Ngunguru School (9.00 am - 10.30 am) Te Maika Road	

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