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<u>Thank You</u>

... to our PSG for your extraordinary efforts in the build up to Quiz night and to sponsors and participants.

People Of The Week

... To every child (and supportive parent) who got stuck into our recent Olympic Reading Challenge.

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

17 September Board Meeting

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.

Final virtue for term 3 - Patience

We are excited to announce our new virtue for the second half of term 3. A few thoughts on PATIENCE follow at the end of the newsletter Please take regular opportunities...

- ... discuss this at home
- ... talk about how you practise patience in your life
- ... help your child set some patience goals for home
- ... celebrate any successes

... let us know of exceptional examples of patience so that we can celebrate these together.

Home Gardens - Permission slips completed by the 13th of September

Permission slips are published on the Caregiver App. Please complete to indicate if your child will be participating in the home garden programme this year. Please discuss this possibility with them and encourage them to become involved. Diaries will be sent home before the end of the school term. Any questions contact Mrs Burgin or Ms Gentil.

Out of Zone Places ... for 2025

... will likely be advertised in the Northern Advocate Saturday 14 September. Please pass this information to anyone you think might be interested.

Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the school at our Quiz Night last Saturday night. Together we raised over \$10,000. That's incredible! To all of our table sponsors and auction/ prize donators, we thank you! You made all of this possible and we loved working with you to support Matarau School. Also a massive thank you to our Quiz Master Scotty Delemare, our MC Brent Harbour and our auctioneer Stuart Wells and everyone else that was involved to make this night so special and successful.



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Calf Club Day - Thursday 24th October

If your child wishes to bring in an animal to Calf Club please follow this link to complete the online form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevnw7LdwReRK5S0mdL2NJ 8vKOey8tg0EITJ__8QhG7Z6sXfQ/viewform

Any questions please email Miranda <u>admin2@matarau.school.nz</u>

* PLEASE NOTE We can't accept entries on the day itself.

TO THE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN IN ROOMS 1 TO 3

In recent days a number of children in rooms 1 to 3 appear to have come down with vomiting/stomach bug. This bug does seem to be pretty contagious and so we are requesting ...

... that you keep your child home from school if they are exhibiting symptoms of a possible bug (sore tummy, vomiting)

... that you keep them home for 48 hours after cessation of symptoms to help prevent the spread of infection

... that you advise Paula as early as possible if your child is unwell so that we can keep a track of things

Our goal will be to minimize spread as much as possible and especially to protect children who may be immune compromised.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Art Scholarship

Still not too late to express interest. If your child is on board, please connect with their class teacher to discuss how they can support, and what current (or previous) artwork might be added to portfolios.

Drink bottles

... please ensure all children bring a drink bottle to school each day.

Lost Property

Please drop by or ask your child to check the lost property if you are missing any clothes from your child's wardrobe (the lost property is located between rooms 11 and 12)! As usual, all items left at end of term will be donated to charity.

Coaches and Managers - THANKS!

If you haven't already done so could you all please ask your children to convey their gratitude by a personal approach, a phone call, an email, a letter or a thank you card. These people are special!

<u>Reminders</u>

... Headlice ... conduct regular checks please, treat within 48 hours. ... Safe transit in the carpark ... under 5 km please, keep an eye on your children, take the hands of younger children, and never park in the yellow zone. Thank you for your co-operation.

... Year 8's - Secondary School 2025... please advise Mrs Donaldson of likely secondary school for 2025 so that we can keep you updated.

... Chicken pox ... Further information on chickenpox can be found here ... https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-andtreatments/diseases- and-illnesses/chickenpox

- ... Arrival time at school not before 8:00 am please or later than 8:50 am.
- ... School gates ... please ensure these are closed after entry or exit.
- ... Art Scholarship ... any questions to your child's teacher please.

<u>Calendar Art</u>

The students have been busy creating artwork that can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats, and Sketch Pads. Each product is made from your own child's art. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to <u>www.kidsartworks.com</u>

2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ654 (for Matarau School)

3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account.

Orders are open from today until Monday the 30th of September



Congratulations to all our Understanding Virtue recipients We are hugely proud of these children and of the examples they have set for us all. Congratulations also to their parents.

Name	Room	Name	Room
Ty Edwards	1	Oli Ringer	7
Jayden Edlington	1	James Peters	7
Harvey Woods	2	Lauren Postlewaight	8
Emma Munday	2	Dhani Hinchliffe-Triebels	8
Elliot Carr	2	Aarrow Underwood	9
Sophia Sabour	3	Inde Turner	9
Marlow Campbell	3	Azariah Taege	10
Isla Maisuriya	4	Jamie-Lee Cawood	10
Mitchell McGrath	4	Jarred Waters	11
Dawn West	5	Aurora Cels	11
Esme Wotherspoon	5	Rose Peters	12
Maia Maisuriya	6	Ryan Allen	12
Leah Bennett	6	Toby Bradley	12
Ryan Clarkson	6	Liam Leonard	13
		Peter Watson	13

Yummy stickers

Keep collecting Yummy stickers! Please collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores (and some Countdowns). The more you collect, the more sports gear we get. Please see Mrs Easterbrook in room 10 for more sticker/label sheets.

All started or completed sheets must be returned before by Friday the 20th of September

<u> Technology Fee – Year 7's</u>

A reminder to please pay your Technology Fee for this year. This money is for take home component and will be paid over to the Tech Centre. Thank you to those parents that already paid.

Early Notice - Staff Only Day ... 14.11

The Ministry of Education have awarded schools a specific number of Staff Only Days to prepare for the implementation of the new curriculum. The final Staff Only Day for 2024 will be Thursday 14 November ... accordingly, school will not be open for instruction on that day. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience arising from this day. (We would have liked to attach it to a weekend to give you the option of a long weekend but 14.11 was when the facilitator was available).

Out of Zone Applications

Application forms are available from the school office ... and Paula is super good at answering any questions you might have.

Please note that ...

- ... out of zone applications close on Tuesday 15 October
- ... if there are more applications than positions available a ballot will be held on Wednesday 23 October
- ... successful applicants will be advised within 5 working days
- ... the school must receive advice of acceptance within 14 days

Senior School Production

As many of you will know, the senior school (staff and students) have been diligently working on back drops, props, learning lines etc for our forthcoming school production. Please keep some space aside to come to at least one performance during the period 23 to 25 September, and maybe let grandparents know. More to follow.

Finally ... Are you interested?

We are currently looking at teaching virtues, and promoting wellbeing, through simple narratives (stories). Even the simplest stories (including picture books) can contain deep and highly relevant messages about life, its ups and downs, how to deal with the stuff life can throw at you, accepting difference, valuing self and others, practising forgiveness, overcoming, being accepting of others, and being kind to yourself etc etc.



We are keen to cherry pick the best examples, purchase multiple copies for use right up the school, revisit common themes throughout the years, and go deeper and wider in understanding and application.

We think we can source hard copies of these books (possibly around 6 core books) for \$30-\$40 each. We would like to purchase one for each class and maybe have a few spares. If you think you would be willing to donate \$30 for a book, please email Paula next week (admin@matarau.school.nz). If you can pay \$30 we will top up. Each person who donates will be acknowledged on the inside cover of one of the books.

At the link below you will find an example of the sort of book we would like to purchase. This looks a junior book, but it has a message for all ages, and the more you reflect on this message the deeper you go. This book was on the required reading list for a Masters level psych course I did some years

back ... the key message ... we struggle ... it hurts ... but our problem doesn't need to own us But then there are other messages here too!

Using narratives could be a breakthrough way to insight and understanding as well as providing tools to navigate the common (and sometimes difficult) experiences of life.

We would love to have some of you on board. If you have any questions feel free to drop by.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trewhella PRINCIPAL

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The Board would like to thank

Grimmer Contracting Ltd, Adairs Farming Limited, Alisha Tracey and Bevan Grant Harper DS and KL Campbell Partnershipfor nominating Matarau School as a recipient for Fuel for Schools reward points. This generous support helps us to buy additional learning resources. If you are in a position to use these companies please do so in acknowledgment of their generous support.

If you think you might be interested in nominating Matarau School as a recipient of Fuel for Schools points please contact your fuel rep.

Our latest purchase from Fuel For School. Going into use very soon!





Hurupaki Educare has a van run from Matarau School to Hurupaki Primary School offering after school care services to Matarau Parents. The van has 10 seats/safety belts (including the driver). We have a few vacancies at the moment if any parents are interested in using this service. Your child/ren will need to be formally enrolled with Hurupaki Educare before they start. The link is as follows: <u>https://enrolmy.com/hurupaki-educare-limited</u> For further information please email:

info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz or contact Christin 0274821331.