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Thank You

... To those stepping up to assist with our forthcoming year 3 and 4 camp ... couldn't happen without you!

People Of The Week

... Rose Peters and Casper Harold who received Golden Librarians Certificates today at the Whangarei District Library. Thank you for your example and your hard work.

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

- 7 November Zone Athletics - Poroti School
- 7 November Whangarei Central Calf Club Day at Barge Park
- 8 November Kapa haka performance - Hurupaki School
- 11 November Due date for art scholarships
- 12 November Meeting of BoT
- 14 November Staff Only Day
- 22 November Ukulele Festival
- 27 November Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
- 30 November Home Garden Judging
- 4 December Year 5 and 6 Interschool Athletics
- 10 December Year 8 trip to Poor Knights
- 16 December School Prize Giving
- 17 December Issue of end of year School Reports
- 20 December Final day of the 2024 school year

First day of school 2025 ... 3rd February 2025

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

Virtue

Our current virtue is **Purposefulness**. Please see the attached notes to help navigate discussions with your family on the importance of being reliable. *If you are reliable, you keep your promises. Others can depend on you and nothing will stop you from giving your best.* I am sure you will all agree that being reliable is a very important trait. We will be looking out for those who are exceptional examples of being reliable and will celebrate them in a few weeks.

Zone Athletics

... Poroti School (years 3-8) 7th November. Please complete the permission slip on the SchoolApp ASAP. Students will travel by bus. There are no classes that day for Years 3-8)



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In brief

- Art Portfolios due Monday 11th of November due 3.30pm
- Please continue to monitor your children's use of social media.
- Enrolment intentions for 2025 - please keep us advised of any change.
- Bring sun hat and water bottle every day to school

Spelling Bee Competitions

... are under way very soon. If you are keen for your child to participate, and they are a strong speller, please flick their teacher an email this weekend.

Technology Fee - Year 7&8

A reminder to please pay your Technology Fee (\$70) 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.

School Trophies

If your child received a trophy at last year's prize giving, please return it to school. asap

Home Gardens

Hopefully all home gardens are now well underway. Remember that seedlings should be hardened off before planting into the garden. This involves putting your seedlings out during the day in a sheltered spot, and then bringing them in at night for a few days. Then leave them out at night for a few more days before planting into the garden. Once planted, feed with a seaweed feed (or soak pots in it before planting). This helps avoid transfer shock. **Home garden diaries will be due in**

on Wednesday 20th November. This will allow us to get the dairies to the judges in time. Any students who have not received their diary (or have misplaced them), will need to see Mrs Burgin by the end of next week. Please upload photos or share & receive gardening tips on our Facebook page if you can... www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens

Input to year 7 placement decisions

Pathway decisions will be made some time in week 6 and 7. Parents of year 6 students, who would like to have input into these decisions, will shortly be invited to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson. We anticipate these discussions will take around 20 minutes per child. If you would like the opportunity to have input into placement decisions, please let Katie know. kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

We will confirm appointment times in week 4.

Notice of Spraying - Matarau School

This is to advise that the school grounds will be sprayed by Northland Vegetation Control for Onehunga Weed from 4:30 pm Friday weather permitting.

We request that you do not enter the school site during the period of spraying and for at least 24 hours after spraying.

Start of school the following week (Monday 4 November) is well outside the withholding period and the children will be able to safely play on the grass.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Carpark

Thank you for adjusting so quickly to our new carpark layout. Please ensure that you pull over into the yellow marked area for drop off of students ... please do NOT park in the yellow marked area ... and move on as quickly as you safely can. Please do not stop in the central transit area (marked with arrows). And maximum speed 5k in this area. Keep your eyes open for children at all times. There is a widened pedestrian area now and so please make use of this. Thank you!

Sunblock

Sunblock is at parents' discretion. Long lasting block is recommended. Clothes covering shoulders is also recommended for summer terms.

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Reminder - Staff Only Day ... 14.11

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.

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.**

Not Attending Matarau School in 2025

This is early notice that we will shortly ask for confirmation of those children currently attending Matarau School, who will not be attending Matarau School in 2025. This information helps us with class placements, enables us to balance class numbers, and also give us an indication of whether there are spaces we could fill.

Finally

If you already know that your child will not be with us next year, please feel free to leave a message on the answer phone this weekend, or just give Paula a call next week. Best for the weekend!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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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.

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And loads more fun, displays and giveaways.

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What is Purposefulness?

Being purposeful is having a clear focus, instead of being confused or unsure of what you are doing or why you are doing it. You are acting purposefully when you have a goal you are working toward. You concentrate your mind and your efforts so that something good will happen as a result. Some people just let things happen. A purposeful person makes things happen.

Why Practice It?

Without a sense of purpose, people scatter their energies and their attention. Without knowing why they are doing something – the purpose – they easily give up. When you choose to be purposeful, you can achieve great results. Motivation comes easily because you know why you are doing something. You have a positive attitude and don't let obstacles stop you from doing what is important.



How Do You Practice It?

Being purposeful begins with setting a vision or a goal for what you want to accomplish. Knowing why it is important is your purpose. With your goal in mind, do things one at a time, with as much care and concentration as you can. Don't let yourself get scattered in many directions, trying to do everything at once. Stay focused on your purpose.



What would Purposefulness look like if...

- You decide to build or create something that is difficult?
- You are trying to finish your homework and find yourself day-dreaming?
- A friend comes over while you are doing your chores?
- You start to feel scattered doing too many things at once?
- You want to learn to play an instrument?
- You find it is really hard to practice a virtue?

Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practicing Purposefulness when you...

- Have a clear vision of what you want to accomplish
- Know why you are doing it
- Focus on a goal
- Get back on purpose if you get scattered or distracted
- Do things one at a time and finish what you start
- Persevere until you get results

Affirmation

I am purposeful. I am clear about what I am doing and why. I stay focused on my goals. I know, I can accomplish great things.

Activities with Purposefulness



What is Your Purpose?

Name a goal which is important to you and say why.

What Have You Done So Far?

Name three things you have accomplished so far in your life (e.g., as a baby you learned to walk).

A Purposeful Challenge

Practice saying purposefulness three times fast.



Virtues Reflection Questions

- Name three famous or successful people. How do you think they practiced purposefulness?
- What are the biggest distractions when you are trying to get something done?
- What can you do to stay focused?
- What is something you are purposeful about?
- How important is a sense of purpose to success?
- When do you find it easiest to concentrate and stay focused?
- Make three goals you would like to accomplish in the next three months.



Drawing Purposefulness

Draw symbols or pictures of three goals you want to accomplish in the next three months, or make a collage using magazine pictures and words to stand for your three-month goals.



Poster Points

- Living on purpose.
- Keep your eyes on the prize.
- A designer life.



Quotable Quotes

"If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there." Lewis B. Carrol

"If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got." Lait Ribeiro

"Everyone should carefully observe which way his heart draws him, and then choose that way with all his strength." Jewish proverb

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your overwhelming tasks into small, manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one."

Mark Twain

"Always act, always walk, always proceed. Neither stand still nor go back..." St. Augustine

"Strong reasons make strong actions."

Unknown

