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Thank you

... to our PSG and those who support with fund-raising events. This is very much appreciated and helps the board to stretch budgets just a little further ... and fund projects that would otherwise not be possible.

... to those parents who supported our interschool swimming team this week.

... Mrs Marvin for co-ordinating the breakfast club each morning!

... PSG ... see the end of the newsletter

Well done

... Danica-Jayde Williams for her efforts to muster a school presence at the forthcoming Relay for Life (Saturday 29 March - 10:00 am to 10:00 pm - our students can come and go through the event if they want to join Danica's team). Thank you for your vision and determination Danica!

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

Sunday	16 March	Matarau School Trail Ride
Monday	17 March	School Interviews
Tuesday	18 March	School Interviews
Thursday	20 March	School Swimming Sport Year 4-8
Friday	21 March	School Swimming Celebration Juniors Y 1-3
Wednesday	26 March	Individual Duathlon
Thursday	27 March	Team Duathlon
Monday	31 March	Adventure Day Year 7 & 8
Tuesday	8 April	Sanitarium Weetbix Kids Tryathlon Y5-8

Last day of Term 1 Friday 11th. First day of Term 2 is Monday 28th.

Please check our School App regularly for any permission slips

School Swimming Sports - 20 March - Years 3-8

Please join us for our Swimming Sports on Thursday 20 March.

Events will run at approximately the following times ...

11:30 - Year 5-8 Freestyle

11:50 - Year 5-8 Backstroke

12:10 - Year 5-8 Breaststroke

12:30-1:00 - Lunch

1:15 - Years 3/4 Freestyle

1:40 - Years 3/4 Backstroke

2:00 - Years 3/4 Breaststroke ...

SEE YOU THERE!!!

(Please note that Swimming is "opt in" (with encouragement). If you are very keen for your child to participate in the school swimming sports, **please let their teacher know** next week and they will send a little extra encouragement in their direction.



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School Swimming Celebration Juniors

You are invited to our special Junior School Swimming celebration for years 1 and 2 starting at 1:45pm on Friday 21st March. Our goal is to have all children participating as the event is all about celebrating water skills and having fun! Please ensure your child has their togs, towel, school hat, jumper, drink bottle, and sunblock (all named) at school that day. Children will be sitting in their year groups ready to swim and we will have an area for parents to sit and cheer.



We look forward to a fun and hopefully fine afternoon.

Drop off in the mornings

... not before 8:00 am please.

In brief

- ... Cell Phones ... please ensure you are up to speed with our cell phone at school requirements and keep us informed of any changes.
- ... Headlice ... please check your child's hair weekly and treat within 24/48 hours where necessary.
- ... Please show a big interest in what your child is reading. Read to them, or listen to them read, each night if possible.
- ... Hockey Year 2-6: if your child wants to play hockey this season, please sign the permission form on the caregiver app asap.

Bus Pick-up and Drop-off Times

Information on our bus routes can be found on our website or at:

www.wntng.easybus.nz

Easter Raffle Alert!



Exciting news! We're fundraising for our 2026 OPC trip with a fun Easter Raffle!

If you can donate an Easter-themed item, we'd greatly appreciate it!

Please send your donations to the office before April 7.
Raffle tickets will be distributed shortly.

Thank you for your generosity! Let's make this trip happen together! 🌟💖 What Easter item will you donate?

Stretching the finances

Life can be expensive at times, and school expenses can simply add to the burden. So PLEASE drop by and see Kevin or Paula if things are tough at the moment, we will come up with a plan that works for you.

Sponsors

If you would like to be a school sponsor, please contact Miranda at school (admin2@matarau.school.nz). For a \$600 donation to the school, sponsors are connected with a class for the year, and they are advertised on our website and in weekly newsletters. Sponsor donations are used to buy learning resources. We are very grateful to our 2024 sponsors ... **THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE SCHOOL AND FOR YOUR VERY GENEROUS SUPPORT.**

Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews) *** LAST CHANGE TO BOOK ***

The above are scheduled for **17th & 18th March** - the online bookings screen is open. This is a chance for you and your child (optional for year 1 children) to be heard and to hear some first impressions of how their year is unfolding.

To book your interview time.

Please book online via the following website - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code of **p4zdx** or use the following link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/p4zdx> or scan the QR code.

Please note that bookings are allocated on a first in basis and so don't delay.

With respect to interviews

... please be on time and move with the bell

... note down any questions beforehand

... we suggest that you do not book back to back interviews. A ten minute break between interviews will help you transit from one interview to the next, enable you to reflect on discussions and prepare for your next interview

... please note that buses will run at their normal times on both interview days.

Further interviews

If the above interview days do not suit, please know that all teachers are highly available by appointment. So if you didn't cover what you wanted to cover, or if you would like a deeper discussion in an area of interest or concern, please contact your child's teacher directly or phone the school office.



WPSSA SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to the following swimmers!

Event	Name	Placing	Year 6 Girls, breaststroke	Lauren Postlewaight	5 th
Year 5 Girls, backstroke	Emily Pearson	2nd	Year 6 Boys, breaststroke	Daniel McGrath	6 th
	Lily Donaldson	4th	Year 5 Girls, freestyle	Emily Pearson	3 rd
				Lily Donaldson	7th
Year 5 Boys, backstroke	Aiden Jambor	5th	Year 5 Boys, freestyle	Aiden Jambor	9th
Year 6 Girls, backstroke	Ruby Croucher	4th	Year 8 Boys, backstroke	Zac Burgin	5th
				Gideon Woodman	7th
Year 6 Boys, backstroke	Daniel McGrath	6th	Year 7 Girls, breaststroke	Pippa Peyton	4th

				Whaiawa Tito	10th
Year 5 Girls, breaststroke	Emily Pearson Lily Donaldson	2nd 6th	Year 8 Boys, breaststroke	Zac Burgin	6th
Year 5 Boys, breaststroke	Theo Goodin	10th	Year 7 Girls, freestyle	Pippa Peyton	7th
			Year 8 Boys, freestyle	Zac Burgin Gideon Woodman	5th 8th

If your child is in the top 4, he/she can enter for the Northland Swimming at the Kauri Coast Community Pool, Dargaville on Tuesday the 25th March. Parents need to transport and supervise their child. Please let the Office know before the 20 March.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Matarau Trail Ride returns home to Lovells farm on Sunday 16th March.



We are looking for volunteers to help us ensure the day runs smoothly. Are you able to spare a few hours to help? There's no need to have any knowledge of trail rides, we are looking for help with registrations, cooking on the bbq and checking wristbands.

If you are able to help please fill out the form at <https://mataraufundraising.co.nz/matarau-school-trail-ride-2025-volunteer/> and one of the committee members will be in touch.

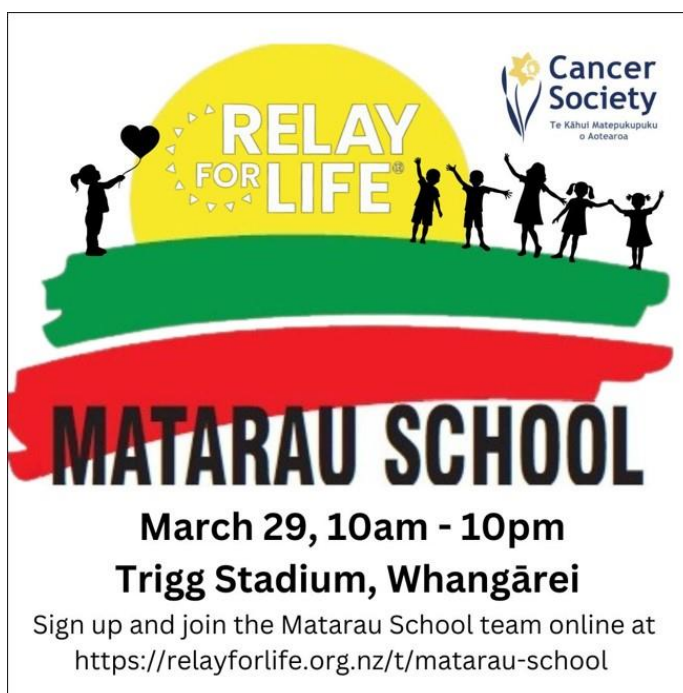
Finally

A huge thank you (again) to our PSG for funding the heating of our school pool. The kids comment often on how much warmer the water is. They are keener to get into the pool ... and hopefully we can stretch out the swimming season just a little longer. Your efforts have been very much appreciated!

See you at swimming sports next week!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL





MATARAU SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

Sausages and Ice Blocks \$2 each

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ORDERS TO BE IN BY 9AM THURSDAY

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Matarau School students and their whanau are invited to join the Matarau School team in this year's Relay For Life at Trigg Stadium on **Saturday 29 March.**

**** Participants of all ages are welcome but each family group or junior school student requires an adult guardian to be with them at all times.**

The Relay For Life will run from 10am - 10pm, however Matarau has been given permission to come and go throughout the day. Therefore, younger students may like to attend earlier in the day and the senior school in the evening.

For more information please contact Jo Gunson (at school) or Mel Williams at mel_kiwichick@yahoo.co.nz, otherwise please join the Matarau School Team online.

Sign up and join the Matarau School team online at <https://relayforlife.org.nz/t/matarau-school>