

Newsletter

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Thank you

- ... to those parents that donating lunch items for some of our students.
- ... to those who attended our swimming sports events
- ... to Sanitarium and Fonterra for their generous donations to the school Breakfast Club.

Well done

- ... every child who entered the pool this week and swam their heart out.

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

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

2025 Trail Ride - Thank you!!

To the riders we hope you had an epic day and will bring all your mates along next year.

... To the Volunteers thank you for putting your hand up and being part of our village, we encourage you to bring your mates along next year too 😊.

... To the landowners and sponsors thank you for your continued support.

... To the members of the PSG, your unwavering dedication is an absolute asset to the school.

... To Blair Masefield, and the crew of the ALL IN ALL OUT Trail Riders Club this event could not happen without you and your expertise. Your enthusiasm and contribution to the sport is inspiring.

We are immensely grateful to you all for your involvement with our school community. *Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.*

Pool key holders

In the past we have closed the pool just shy of Easter. This year, as the pool is now heated, we are intending to push the season out a bit, certainly through the forthcoming holidays and a bit beyond. This will be dependent though on usage. If a reasonable number of key holders continue to use the pool we will run it as long as you use it ... if we have only a handful of users we might give the pool a rest. So it's a bit of a use it or lose it situation. (Please remember to replace the pool cover after use).

School Duathlons - 26 and 27 March

Please read the notice toward the end of the newsletter for details.



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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.
- ... Please don't bring jibbits to school.

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?

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 is handed out with this newsletter or can be downloaded from:

<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

Kilometres for Kids



Maria Easterbrook, Nicola Ringer, and Simone Gentil are taking on a month-long fitness challenge this March to fundraise for Starship Children's Hospital. Our staff members are either running or walking at least 85 km. All money raised will go towards keeping the Starship Air Ambulance flying. The Starship Air Ambulance is New Zealand's only flying Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. It's on call 24/7, and a full crew can be in the air in minutes. If you would like to make a donation to this incredible cause you can via our team page below.

<https://kilometresforkids.org.nz/t/matarau-school-staff>

Results School Swimming Sports – Congratulations!
Certificates will be hand out this Monday afternoon during Assembly

Senior Boys	Zac Burgin	1st
Senior Boys	Gideon Woodman	2 nd
Senior Boys	Liam Leonard	3 rd
Senior Girls	Pippa Peyton	1st
Senior Girls	Ady Gibbs	2nd
Senior Girls	Taylor Masefield	3rd
Intermediate Boys	Daniel McGrath	1st
Intermediate Boys	Aiden Jambor	2nd
Intermediate Boys	Oliver Bassett	3 rd =
Intermediate Boys	Theo Goodin	3 rd =
Intermediate Girls	Emily Pearson	1st
Intermediate Girls	Lauren Postlewaigh	2nd
Intermediate Girls	Brooklyn Alexander	3rd
Junior Boys	Taniora Rapana	1st
Junior Boys	William Croucher	2nd
Junior Boys	Mitchell McGrath	3rd
Junior Girls	Ludovica Hack	1 st =
Junior Girls	Ella Chisnall	1 st =
Junior Girls	Charlotte Pearson	3rd

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.**

Further interviews

Teachers remain available by appointment.

Headlice

Please check your children's hair weekly so that we keep infestation levels as low as possible through to term's end. Thank you.

Lost Property

Please drop by over the coming weeks to check lost property - located in the corridor between rooms 11 and 12. Items remaining at the end of term will be donated to charities.

Guitar lessons

Vangie has places available for guitar lessons. If you are interested for your child to learn to play the guitar or want to know more, please contact her 0211883251 or email killelea@outlook.com



Matarau School 2025 Year 4-8 Duathlon events

Wednesday 26th March (individual event)
Thursday 27th March (team event)

Both events will be starting at 12.45pm on the
bottom field

Bikes need to be at school on Wednesday morning
- they can be taken directly to the hall.

Please collect your child's bike by the end of
week 8 from the hall.

Please check your
child's bike to make sure
their brakes work and
that their helmet fits.



Times are not exact, this is depending on how many participants we have on the day.

Parents are welcome to support the racers. We will be starting with the year 4 and work through the years. With the year 8's being last.

Bikes can be stored in the school hall between events.

Any questions in the run-up to this event should be directed to Mrs Gunson (jgunson@matarau.school.nz), please.

Finally

Congratulations again to our swimmers. Will see some of you at next week's duathlons.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trewhella
PRINCIPAL



RELAY FOR LIFE

MATARAU SCHOOL

March 29, 10am - 10pm
Trigg Stadium, Whangārei

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

