

Newsletter

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Thank you

... For the many ways in which you have supported the school over term 1

Well done

... Every child who took home a certificate this term, who achieved a goal, who made a new friend, who conquered a fear, or who did something kind.

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

First day of Term 2 is Monday 28th of April

Monday 28 April	9.30am Pōwhiri
Thursday 1 May	Anzac Service, 2pm
Monday 12 May	Year 7/8 Lit Quiz / Kerikeri
Tuesday 13 May	Year 8 Writers Festival / Auckland
Wedn14- Friday 23 May	Life Education (Harold)
Wednesday 14 May	Winter sport Year 7 & 8
Wednesday 28 May	Winter sport Year 5 & 6

Please check our School App regularly for any permission slips



School ANZAC Service

Students in the Senior School will be running a School ANZAC Service on **Thursday the 1st of May**. All Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Girl Guides are encouraged to wear their uniform and be part of the service.

The Service will start at 2pm.

Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend

Pool key holders

The pool will be open to key holders during the forthcoming break, and temperature adjustments will be made to the pool. Once usage drops to a trickle, the pool will be given a rest until term 4. If you are a key holder, and you do not anticipate using the pool in the coming weeks, it might be a good idea to return your key to the school office.

Reading over the holidays

Please show a big interest in what your child is reading over the holidays. Read to them, or listen to them read, each night if possible.

Bus Pick-up and Drop-off Times

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

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Donation Rebate Receipts

If you are going to file an IR526 and have made school donations for the year ending March 2025, please be in contact with Paula at the office to arrange a donation's receipt.

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/>

Contractors

... will be on site during the holidays working on a number of projects. We request no other visitors to the site during this period please unless prior authorized.

Teachers' e-mail addresses

These are all listed on the Matarau School website. However, you can work them out by using the teacher's first name initial followed by their surname and then add @matarau.school.nz (example Andrew Johnson ajohnson@matarau.school.nz or Jayde Jongkind jjongkind@matarau.school.nz)

Gearing up for Winter Sports

When children wear our school colours on a Saturday morning, they bear a special responsibility to represent our school well. This means more than putting in your best performance on the field/court, it also means demonstrating sportsmanship, supporting other team members, playing fairly, encouraging others, respecting coaches and referees etc.

Every child wearing our colours, and every parent who accompanies them, is expected to represent us this way, it is a condition to being in one of our teams.

The ultimate goal of all that we do (including playing sport) should be to grow character, in ourselves and in others. Please do not question referees, support coaches and managers unequivocally (and if you have a question see them early, privately, and with an open mind), respect the opposition (including their support team), and be careful with your words from the side line. Egos (not only children's egos) can be fragile, and so choose your words carefully. Please let us know of special Saturday achievements so we can celebrate these in the newsletter. Best wishes for the best season ever.

Duathlon Individual Results

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 4-6 Girls	Ruby Croucher	Ellie Perris	Brooklyn Alexander
Year 4-6 Boys	Rocco Gill	Tommy Sprague	Aiden Jambor
Year 7-8 Girls	Taylor Masefield	Alissa Gill	Kiedis Brown
Year 7-8 Boys	Blake Watkins	Tate Slatter	Zac Burgin

Finally - Final word from Mr T

My very best wishes to the school moving forward. It has been a privilege to lead the school for so many years, to see it grow, change, mature and adapt.

In recent weeks, I have had many visits, emails, and phone calls from people going back quite a number of years. People who were thoughtful enough to connect, and who wanted to share how the school had impacted them.

Over my time here I have had the privilege of rubbing shoulders with countless colleagues who were/are truly passionate about what they do, and about the difference they can make ... and with parents whose generosity and goodwill has enriched the school immeasurably.

Thank you to past boards for their dedication and wisdom, parent support groups for their hard work, parents who put their hands up again and again, and to all of those who have extended grace in our less than perfect moments.

I am deeply grateful for what I have learnt, for the examples you have all set ... and for the privilege of seeing so many of our students, past and present, achieve in so many domains.

Please continue to support your school, encourage its staff, and value its board.

Early next term you will get the opportunity to welcome Mr Clarkson as your new principal. I know that you will find Mr Clarkson one thousand percent dedicated to his role, to taking the school on its necessary next step, and to delivering the best possible outcomes.

I will often wonder how you are all doing ... and send my thoughts and prayers in your direction.

Nga mihi
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL