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Thank you

... To those parents who supported the senior Adventure Day on Monday.

... To those who dropped by to MrT's farewell this week

Well done

... Mrs D and team for the Adventure day ... not a small logistical exercise to plan and organize a day like this.

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

Tuesday 8 April Sanitarium Weetbix Kids Tryathlon Y5-8

Last day of Term 1 Friday 11th. First day of Term 2 is Monday 28.4.

Please check our School App regularly for any permission slips

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.

Lost Property

Please drop by next week 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.

School Books

Might also be a good time to check on bookshelves, under beds etc for any school books. It would be great to have these back at school by term's end.

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:

www.wntng.easybus.nz



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Coaches and Team Managers

Already people are gearing up for winter sports. As in earlier years, we will be very much dependent on parents putting their hands up to support as coaches or managers. If approached, please give this serious thought. Without parental support we will not be able to register teams.

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 are distributed.

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/>

Further interviews

Teachers remain available by appointment.

Finally

This week we would like to acknowledge out Kapa Haka group and the
staff (and parents) who support them. These kids bring a real depth,
flavour, and character to our school, and are going from strength to
strength.

Well done. Keep up the good work.

Nga mihi
Kevin Trewhella
PRINCIPAL

Matarau School Honours Environmental Education

Over the term, Matarau School has embraced environmental education by inviting local environmental experts to share their knowledge with all students. These sessions have provided valuable insights into sustainability and the role we all play as Kaitiaki of our environment.

Our first guest speaker was Lucretia from ECO Solutions, who focused on waste management. Students explored the key principles of refusing, reducing, reusing, recycling, and rotting. They examined a variety of containers, boxes, and food packaging, learning how to identify recycling symbols and determine which items could be repurposed or had to go into waste. The discussions were rich and thought provoking, with students sharing their own experiences and sustainable practices at home.



Next, Anna Talbot from the Northland Regional Council (NRC) spoke to students about natural hazards, explaining how different environmental factors impact our region and the importance of being prepared.



Our third session featured the Biosecurity Team from NRC, who educated students on pests in our environment. They highlighted how invasive species—sometimes unexpected ones like koi carp - fish and deer—are taking over habitats and threatening native ecosystems. Students gained a deeper understanding of biosecurity and the importance of pest control in protecting our natural environment.



These expert-led sessions have enriched our students' learning, providing them with explicit teaching around sustainability. Back in the classroom, they had the opportunity to extend their knowledge through various areas of the curriculum, reinforcing their role as guardians of the environment.

Matarau School is proud to be on a journey toward excellence in environmental education. It is inspiring to see our students' leadership, knowledge, and passion driving us toward a more sustainable future.



A special shout out to our Awesome EnviroSchool facilitator Zeralda Pirini from NRC and Lucretia Charan from ECO Solutions for ongoing support.

Refuse what you do not need;
Reduce what you do need;
Reuse what you consume;
Recycle what you cannot refuse,
Reduce, or Reuse, and Rot (compost) the rest.



Matarau School Lunches

Horny Goat Café

Lunches every Friday

Westend Sushi every Thursday

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TUESDAY 8th of April Matarau School Fundraising

**Hot dogs \$3 & Vegetarian hotdogs \$4
Ice blocks \$2**

Orders in by 9am on the day.

Go to lunchonline.co.nz Orders under "lunch orders"

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


