



MATARAU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MONDAY, 19 MAY, 2025

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are well into Term 2 now, and it's been a pleasure reconnecting with many of you at recent sporting events. These moments of community are always a highlight, and it's encouraging to see such strong whānau support for our children.

Building Strong Habits – Attendance and Punctuality

As the days cool down, we want to thank you for your efforts in maintaining regular school attendance. Every day at school matters. Arriving on time is just as important. Being on time helps students settle into learning smoothly, build routine, and develop habits that will serve them for life. If you are finding this a challenge, please let us know. We are here to work alongside you.

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 OR 2 DAYS A WEEK DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT...

If your child is missing	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years....
Half a day per week	20 days per year	1 month per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per school year	Almost 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per school year	Almost 5 school years
3 days per week	120 days per school year	Over half a school year	Almost 8 school years

**The next Newsletter is going out on
Tuesday 3rd June**

Property Projects Update

There's been a lot happening around the school recently to enhance our environment for learning and accessibility:

Wheelchair Access Ramp: The ramp upgrade is progressing well. This will provide improved access to key areas of the school for all learners.



School Wash and Painting: The entire school has now had a professional power wash. Over the next few weeks, we'll begin a round of painting to freshen up the site and ensure our kura continues to be a place we can all feel proud of.

Field Drainage Improvements: We are actively working on improving the school's drainage systems, particularly around the field. Too often, our field is out of action during the wetter months, limiting opportunities for outdoor play and sport. Unfortunately, the shelter belt of trees has significantly contributed to poor drainage. We are now exploring options to address this long-term issue.

PB4L – Positive Behaviour for Learning

We're excited to share that Matarau School is joining the PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) programme. This is a Ministry of Education initiative that supports schools to create positive, supportive environments where learning can thrive. This framework helps schools to:

- Develop consistent expectations for behaviour
- Recognise and reinforce positive choices
- Develop their physical environment to help enhance learning

For further information visit: <https://pb4l.tki.org.nz/>

Build a school culture where all ākonga feel safe, respected, and engaged



We'll share more in the coming weeks about how this will look at Matarau, and how we'll involve students, staff, and whānau in the process.

Coming Up – Before & After School Care Consultation

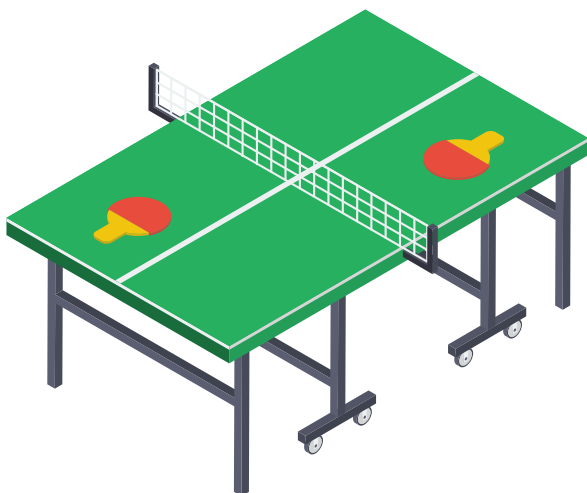
As part of our forward planning, we are exploring the possibility of a **Before and After School Care** programme. A short consultation survey will be sent out later this week. Please take a few minutes to complete it. Your input is vital as we consider how we can best meet the needs of our whānau. As always, thank you for the many ways you support our school. Whether it's through helping your child be ready for learning each day, cheering from the sidelines, or taking part in the life of the school, your involvement makes a real difference. Together, we continue to build a school that reflects the values and aspirations of our community.

Ngā mihi nui

Tom Clarkson

Principal | Tumuaki
Matarau School

A massive thank you to our amazing PARENT SUPPORT GROUP for purchasing three table tennis tables. And thanks to Rodney from Rodney's Table Tennis for donating a load of balls and bats. Your support is much appreciated

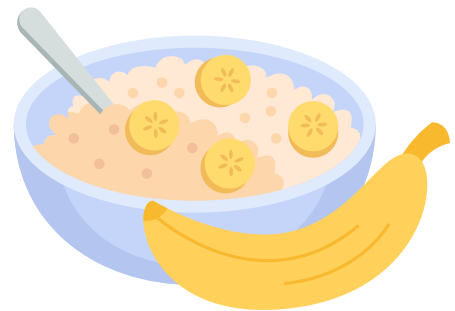


IMPORTANT DATES

- WEDNESDAY 14-23 MAY LIFE EDUCATION (HAROLD)
- MONDAY 19 MAY & TUESDAY 20 MAY KIWI NORTH ROTATIONS (HALL)
- WEDNESDAY 28 MAY WINTER SPORT YEAR 5 & 6
- MONDAY 2 JUNE KINGS BIRTHDAY - NO SCHOOL
- WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE YEAR 6 & 7 BBQ DINNER
- WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE YEAR 7 & 8 PLANTING DAY

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:15 til 8:45. Come and join us for first, second, or third breakfast in the hall.



Stretching The Finances

If things are a bit tight for you at the moment, please let us know ... there a number of things we can do to lighten the burden of school-associated costs.





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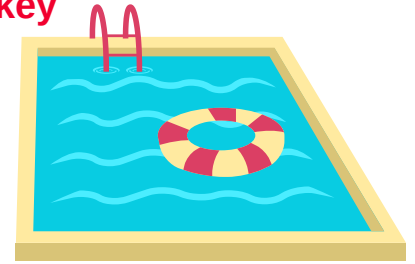
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Pool key holders

The pool is currently closed to all key holders.

if you hold a key, kindly return it to the school office.



Health and Safety

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students, we kindly remind parents and guardians that children should not be dropped off at school before 8:00 a.m., as staff supervision cannot be guaranteed prior to this time. Adhering to this guideline is essential for the safety of all students. Furthermore, we request that all children be picked up by 3:30 p.m., unless they are utilising the last bus service.

For information regarding our bus routes and schedules, please visit our website at www.wntng.easybus.nz.

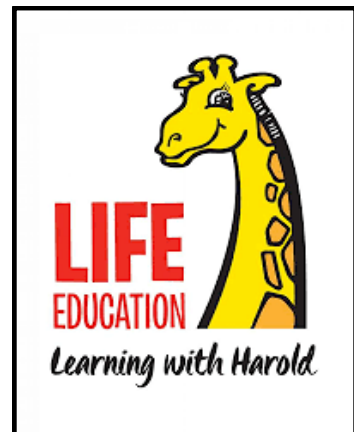


We greatly appreciate your cooperation in fostering a safe and organised environment for our school community.

Life Education 'Learning with Harold'

We're excited to welcome Nadine and Harold from Life Education to our school this week! They will be with us from **Wednesday 14th May to Friday 23rd May**. During their visit, students will have the opportunity to explore the Life Education caravan, where they'll engage in fun and meaningful activities focused on teamwork, resilience, and healthy eating.

Please note that during this time, there will be a reduced walking area in the car park. **We kindly ask for your continued care and attention during drop-off and pick-up times to ensure everyone's safety.**



Thank you for your support!





Planning Family Holidays

We know that it not always possible to do so, but the Ministry of Education has asked all schools to remind parents that family holidays should be booked during term breaks where possible please.

(A reminder also that children are legally required to be at school a specified number of hours (9:00 to 3:00) each day unless an exemption has been granted).

Caring Virtue

This term, we are focusing on the virtue of caring—a core value that helps us build a stronger, more supportive school community. Caring is about showing kindness and concern for others, offering help without being asked, and treating everyone with respect and empathy.

At Matarau School, we believe that small acts of caring can make a big difference. Whether it's lending a hand to a classmate, including someone in a game, or simply listening when someone needs to talk, these moments help create a place where everyone feels safe, valued, and understood.

We encourage all our ākonga to look for ways to demonstrate caring each day—at school, at home, and in the wider community. Let's continue to uplift one another and lead with compassion in all that we do.

"Caring is the essence of humanity." – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ¹³⁷

Please discuss this key topic with your children at home.

Vacation

HOLIDAY!

Best Travel

Best Trip



Have Your Contact or Residential Details Changed?



If your contact details or home address have recently changed, please let the office know as soon as possible.

In particular, if your whānau previously lived outside our zone and have since moved into it, we'd really appreciate being updated. Students who reside within our enrolment zone attract additional funding, which directly supports improved resources and opportunities for all learners.

If your child was initially balloted into the school but you are now living in-zone, please get in touch with us next week.

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)

Please do not expect our teachers to be emailing you late at night, they have families too.

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/>

HEADLICE - REMINDER

LAST YEAR THE BOARD DECIDED TO RETURN TO RELIANCE ON REGULAR INSPECTIONS AT HOME AND A REQUEST FOR A PROMPT RESPONSE IN THE EVENT OF INFESTATION.

WE KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT THREE THINGS MUST HAPPEN FOR THIS TO BE EFFECTIVE ...

... THERE NEEDS TO BE AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH TERM WHEN THERE IS A CO-ORDINATED CHECK AT HOME ACROSS ALL FAMILIES (TO REDUCE RE-INFESTATION RATES). THIS IS COMING UP SOON.

... THAT IN THE EVENT OF INFESTATION ACTION WILL NEED TO BE UNDERTAKEN (IDEALLY) WITHIN A 48 HOUR PERIOD.

... THAT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR PARENTS UNDERTAKE REGULAR CHECKS AT HOME.

IF YOU ARE DEALING WITH REPEAT INFESTATIONS POST-TREATMENT, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND (WITHOUT USING NAMES) WE WILL DISCRETELY ADVISE PARENTS OF POCKETS OF INFESTATION SO THAT THEY CAN BE EXTRA VIGILANT.



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MATARAU SCHOOL FUNDRAISING - EVERY TUESDAY THIS TERM
SAUSAGES & ICE BLOCKS \$2
VEGETARIAN SAUSAGES \$3

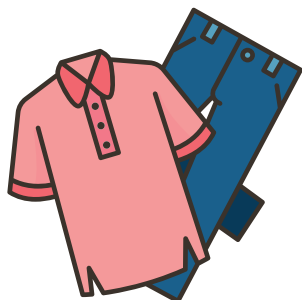


Cooler Weather Reminder

As the weather turns cooler, please ensure students come to school with warm, named clothing such as jumpers or jackets. Layering is ideal for changing conditions throughout the day.

Lost property is located in the corridor next to room 11—please check for any missing items. Clear labelling helps us return belongings quickly.

Thank you for helping keep our tamariki warm and ready to learn.



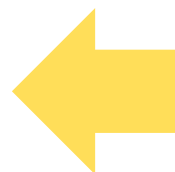
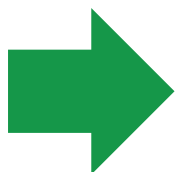
Returning clothes

If your child has borrowed any school clothing (such as a spare school t-shirt or items from the Junior school), we kindly ask that these be washed and returned to the office as soon as possible.



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.



Wintersport Year 7 & 8



Turbo Touch



A coreboard helps everyone be part of the conversation

Give it a Go!

1 / me / my	2 I	3 who	4 what	5 am / is / are / be	6 when	7 be careful	8 all	9 some	10 that	11 this	12 Come	13 Jump
woman / man / she / girl	man / boy	no / don't	some	do	again	now	how	it's time	finished	problem	run	dig
you / your	drink	eat / taste	feel	get	late / later	ready	all gone	bad	big	clean	please	sooner
give	go	hear / listen	help	like	where	away	different	dry	fast	Swings	Bottom Field	
look / see	make / made	may	pull	read	here	there	good	happy	hot	little	Office	beach
say / tell	all	stand	stop	take	in	out	more	sad	same	sick	Court	Chickens
turn	wait	want	wait	work	up	down	on	off	tilly	slow	base	Pool
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Yes	No	

We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated and talented support staff at Matarau School. Whether working behind the scenes or alongside our learners, they bring care, skill, and heart to everything they do. We simply couldn't do it without them.

Pink Shirt Day



PLAYER OF THE DAY

Matarau Weka

Monday 5th May

Abagail Clyma

Monday 12th May

Anaia O'Malley



Matarau Kiwi

Saturday 3rd May Maia Maisuriya

Saturday 10th May Dawn West

From the coach: "We won too! 9-0. They listened. They learnt. They practised. They applied. Very proud of them."

Matarau Moa

Saturday 10th May

Lola Boaks

Saturday 17th May

Lila Karlin

Matarau Pukeko

Saturday 10th May

Auryn Karlin

Matarau Fantails

Saturday 10th May

Harper

Matarau Takahe

Saturday 10th May

Sasha Knight



PLAYER OF THE DAY

Matarau Minis – White Team

Our Matarau Minis White team had their very first hockey game on Saturday, and what a fantastic start it was! The kids played their little hearts out, showed great teamwork, and had loads of fun on the field. It was such a proud moment watching them give it their all—go, Minis!



Well
DONE

Matarau - Red Team

Saturday 17th May - William Croucher



At Matarau School we are on a mission to minimise the waste in and around our school. Last week, we focused on one aspect of this mission, which is to reuse.

Every student personalised a beeswax wrap at school and took this home on Friday of week 2.

Please encourage your child to use this in their lunchboxes instead of single use plastics.



PMP - Room 1 & 2

The Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) is a movement-based initiative widely implemented in New Zealand primary schools, particularly for children in their first two years of schooling (Years 0–2). The programme focuses on developing foundational motor skills and perceptual abilities that are crucial for early learning.





 **Hear from a current host family!**
 **How-to? Sign Up Process**
 **Meet the Students!**



HOMESTAY

INFORMATION EVENING

1 LUPTON AVENUE KENSINGTON

Whangarei Girls' High School **at** The Library

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2025 **5:15PM - 6:15PM**

We invite you to join us and learn more about why you could be the perfect host family!

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Te Mahau

Term 2 2025

Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable

WHANGĀREI
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Do you have concerns about your child?

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 2 2025, Weeks 1 to 5
Thurs 1 st May	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 7 th May	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thurs 8 th May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thurs 15 th May	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Rd, Onerahi	
Wed 21 st May	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 22 nd May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 28 th May	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing **TT.Support@education.govt.nz**.

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 2 2025, Weeks 6 to 9
Wed 4 th June	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā (10am – 12.30pm)	
Thurs 12 th June	Hikurangi School, 20 George St, Hikurangi	
Wed 18 th June	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurndall St East, Maungaturoto	
Thurs 19 th June	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 25 th June	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 26 th June	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thurs 26 th June	Ngunguru School, Te Maika Rd, Ngunguru (9 – 10.30am)	

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Thriving with neurodiversity: A strengths-based approach for parents

Webinar - Thursday 7:30pm, May 15th



Anna Mowat



Morwenna Bates-Thornton



Bookings essential - limited places
<https://events.humanitix.com/neurodiversity>

real parents

Neurodiverse children

An online seminar is being offered by the Selwyn Parenting Network and Real Parents about how we can support our neurodivergent tamariki.

Webinar Details:

- Thriving with neurodiversity: A strengths-based approach for parents with Anna Mowat & Morwenna Bates-Thornton
- Date: 14/05/25
- Time: 7:30pm
- Cost \$16
- Link for more information and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/neurodiversity>



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29TH MAY

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