

MATARAU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MONDAY, 5 MAY, 2025

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau,



It's been a big first week at Matarau School, and I just want to say a huge thank you for the warm welcome. I've already had the chance to meet many of you and I'm genuinely grateful for the kindness and support that's been shown.

Last week's pōwhiri was incredibly special. It really highlighted the strength of whanaungatanga here. The sense of connection, belonging, and shared purpose is something you can feel straight away. A special mihi to Richard Shepherd, Taki Kingi, and Hone Kingi, who represented Te Kahu o Torongare from the marae at Ngararatunua. Your presence, kōrero, and support were deeply appreciated and helped to make the occasion truly meaningful. It was a great reminder of what makes this school such a special place to be.

Settling in and looking ahead

Over the coming weeks, I'll be focused on building strong relationships with students, staff, and whānau. Getting to know our people and how we do things around here will be a key part of my mahi moving forward. Those connections matter, and I'll be making sure they stay front and centre.

A fresh start with our environment

One of the first things we're working on together is our school environment. We want to grow a stronger sense of pride and identity in our shared spaces. Next weekend we'll be giving the school a full wash to freshen everything up and give ourselves a clean canvas to work with. After that, we have a few painting projects planned which will help bring a bit of colour and energy to our spaces.

We've also got some exciting student-led projects getting underway. One of the big ideas is around redeveloping our school entranceways. Our Enviro group, with great support from Whaea Anna, is leading this mahi. The students are developing design ideas, planning their approach, and preparing to meet with landscapers soon. It's a fantastic, hands-on learning opportunity and something we're proud to support.

There's plenty to look forward to, and I'm excited about the journey ahead with all of you.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tom Clarkson
Principal

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- MONDAY 12 MAY YEAR 7/8 LIT QUIZ / KERIKERI
- TUESDAY 13 MAY YEAR 8 WRITERS FESTIVAL / AUCKLAND
- WEDNESDAY 14-23 MAY LIFE EDUCATION (HAROLD)
- WEDNESDAY 14 MAY WINTER SPORT YEAR 7 & 8
- WEDNESDAY 28 MAY WINTER SPORT YEAR 5 & 6

PŌWHIRI PICTURES





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.

Gearing Up for Winter Sports

When tamariki wear our school colours on a Saturday morning, they carry a special responsibility to represent Matarau School with pride and integrity. This goes beyond delivering their best performance on the field or court. It means demonstrating sportsmanship, supporting team-mates, playing fairly, encouraging others, and showing respect to coaches and referees.

Every child wearing our colours, and every parent who accompanies them, is expected to uphold these values. This is a condition of participation in our school teams.

Our ultimate goal, in sport and in all areas of school life, is to grow character, both in ourselves and in those around us. Please support this by avoiding questioning referees, backing coaches and managers unequivocally (and, if you have questions, approach them early, privately, and with an open mind), respecting our opponents and their supporters, and choosing your words on the sideline with care. Egos, including those of adults, can be fragile.

We would love to hear about any special Saturday achievements so we can celebrate them in the newsletter. Please also share any amazing pictures you have that could be considered for future newsletters.

I look forward to connecting with many of you during some of these events, as I plan on attending when I can, especially during breaks between my own children's sporting codes. All the best for your best season yet!



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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/>



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ANZAC ASSEMBLY – HONOURING THE BRAVE

Last week we held a special ANZAC Assembly to honour and remember the brave ANZAC soldiers who served with courage and sacrifice. This meaningful event was led by our senior students, in collaboration with some of our juniors, creating a powerful and respectful tribute. Important facts about the ANZACs were shared, helping to deepen our understanding of their service and the significance of ANZAC Day. The Last Post was played, followed by a minute of silence, allowing us all a moment to reflect.

We are incredibly proud of the way our students approached this occasion with maturity and respect. Their leadership and thoughtfulness helped ensure this commemoration was both educational and heartfelt.





Neurodiverse children

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



Thriving with neurodiversity: A strengths-based approach for parents

Webinar - Thursday 7:30pm, May 15th



Anna Mowat



Morwenna
Bates-Thornton



real parents

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

PLAYER OF THE DAY

MATARAU KIWI NETBALL TEAM - MAIA VAN BOLDRIK

MATARAU MYSTICS TEAM - HOLLY RHODES & ALISSA GILL

MATARAU MYSTICS TEAM - PIPPA PEYTON

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