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Thank You

... to our Lonsdale Camp Parents
... to those offering to help with forthcoming Winter Sports days.
... for getting your children to school each day ... a nice buzz for this to be acknowledged recently by the local office of the Ministry. Well done!

People Of The Week

... Our year 5 and 6 campers
... Jack Keatley, he is the newest and youngest member from Hikurangi Mountain Lions. He has already helped out at their annual golf tournament raising \$6000 for the new SCBU unit at Whangarei hospital, he also helps at the annual Hikurangi Community Xmas Parade and on Anzac Day he was there and laying the wreath on our behalf. His community work is appreciated by the Lions. *Well Done Jack!*

Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand*

13 May	Parent Support Group Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
14 May	Writers Festival Y7/8
15 May	Lego Day (Y0-4)
15 May	Winter Sport (Y7&8 Kensington)
16 May	Lego Day (Y5-8)
17 May	Pink Shirt Day
21 May	Hukerenui Kapa Haka Festival
23 May	Heritage & Culture Day
27 May	The Instrument Show (Y1-8)
29 May	Winter Sport (Y5-6 Kensington)
30 May	OPC Info Meeting in Staffroom Y7/8
3 June	King's Birthday (School Closed)
4 June	Staff Only Day
5 July	Last day of Term 2 (Term 3 starts 22 July)

Staff Only Day

Please note that a Staff Only Day has been scheduled for **Tuesday 4 June**. On this day school will not be open for instruction. This day has been allocated for implementation of new curricula. We have tied this in with King's Birthday Weekend in case families want a slightly extended holiday.

Like Our Nikau Trees

If you haven't noticed ... take a look at the three awesome Nikau trees now gracing the entry to our school. Keep an eye on this area as there is more to come. A huge thanks to our PSG for funding this project. *Maybe visit our Facebook page and click like to show your support.*



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Forthcoming Winter Sports Tournaments ... 15 and 29 May

Middle school questions to Mrs Burgin. Senior school questions to Mrs Donaldson please.

Our Awesome Kapa Haka Group

... will represent our school at a forthcoming Festival to be held at Hukerenui School on **Tuesday 21 May** ... details to follow shortly. We are super proud of these children and wish them well as they prepare for their first festival performance. We will keep you posted. Any questions to Anna Alexander please.

Jibbitz

A reminder please that Jibbitz are not allowed at school ... they can cause no end of problems at this end.

Bus Pick-up And Drop-off Times

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

www.wntng.easybus.nz

Upper Carpark

If you use the upper carpark, please pick your children up at 3:15pm if you can, as it will help to reduce congestion, as opposed to 3:00pm. If around half of parents can manage this, your carpark experiences will be altogether different ones.

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/>

Caring Virtue

Please discuss the **CARING** virtue with your child(ren), and continue to unfold your discussions over the weeks ahead, as we will at school. We will be particularly focussing on caring for the environment, which could also include bedrooms and other spaces at home.

Support material was sent home last week.

... please talk about where you exercise caring in your lives ... especially with respect to the environment

... why caring is important

... maybe help them set a "caring goal"

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.



Pink Shirt Day

This day is celebrated internationally as a day when as many people as possible stand up against bullying of all forms. Our Student Council invites students to participate in Pink Shirt day on Friday 17 May. While this is optional, children are encouraged to wear a pink shirt (or some item of pink clothing) on the day. *The school council would like the school to be transformed into a Sea of Pink.*

Finally

Again, thank you for ensuring that your children attend school when they possible can. Research over time tends to show rates of school attendance as a fairly significant determinant of academic, and even life time, success. Generally speaking, the more regularly a child attends school, the better they achieve academically, the more socially integrated, and resilient, they become, and the more life choices they will ultimately have. If you received a letter at the end of last term offering our support to improve your child's school attendance, please take us up on his offer.

On another matter ... I read a chilling article last week on the impacts of social media and cell phones on the wellbeing of students ... thank you for getting behind our efforts to ensure cell phones are dropped to our school office for the day. It might be one of the kindest things we could do!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Matarau School is proud to present our very first Cultural Heritage Day linked with a 'CAN Drive'.

Thursday 23rd May 2024 (Week 4)

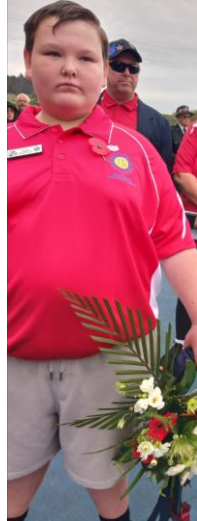
Celebrating this day encourages us to understand and connect to the past which helps us better understand the present. Let's share stories, share kai, share photos, and come dressed in your cultural attire. All whanau are welcome.

An element of today is about celebrating and supporting people, so as part of this day we are doing a 'Can Drive'. We are working alongside the Salvation Army to support families in need. If you are in a position to donate, can your child please bring along an item listed below. (These can be dropped off to your child's teacher the morning of our Cultural Heritage Day).

- Tinned Products: fruit, meat, tuna and soups
- Hygiene Products: sanitary items for women, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Baking Products: baking powder, cocoa, flour and sugar

We all have a culture – let's celebrate who we are and how our past has shaped us!

Jack Keatley
laying
the wreath on
ANZAC day
on behalf
of
Hikurangi
Mountain Lions



We're very glad to let you know that we've recently joined the KickStart Breakfast programme! We believe breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and we'll now be providing Sanitarium Weet-Bix™ and Anchor™ Milk in a programme that is a partnership between Ministry of Social Development, Sanitarium and Fonterra, and has been running successfully nationwide for over 12 years.

Our Breakfast Club will be open **every mornings** from 8:15 to 8:45 in the hall.

For more information about the programme, you can visit www.kickstartbreakfast.co.nz

Sausages and Iceblocks



Every Wednesday
this term
\$2 each



Order through your classroom teacher on Wednesday mornings