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<u>Thank You</u>

- ... to all parents that helped with Winter sport.
- ... to the year 7 & 8 parents that came to the OPC meeting.
- ... to the PSG that did an amazing working bee last weekend. Thank you !

People Of The Week

... Our OPC team!

Term Calendar More to follow as dates come to hand	Term	Calendar		More	to	follow as	dates	come	to	hand
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3 June	King's Birthday (School Closed)			
4 June	Staff Only Day			
5 June	Character Parade			
9-14 June	OPC camp Y7/8			
18 June	Meeting of Board of Trustees			
20 June	Meeting Cambridge Programme for current Y5/6 students			
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.

<u>Caring Virtue</u>

Please let us know of any significant moments so we can acknowledge these too.

Mid-year ballot applications years 5 through 7 (Cambridge Programme)

- ... are due 6 June
- ... happy to meet with interested parents
- ... ballot date 20 June
- ... advised by 26 June

Character Parade

Please accept this very warm invitation to attend our Book Character Parade at 11:15 Wednesday 5 June (main quad weather permitting).

Children are being asked to come as a well-known (or favourite) book character. Classes will select a winner to be announced at the end of the parade. Judging will be based on costume, an appropriate prop, and acting the part. See some of you then!



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<u>Cambridge - Year 5 and 6</u>

Parents of children in years 5 and 6 may be aware that, from the start of term 3, we will be phasing the Cambridge Programme into our year 5 and 6 programmes. This will be integrated within the NZ Curriculum, will dovetail with new initiatives in Literacy and mathematics, and will be phased in gradually.

There will be a meeting for parents of current year 5 & 6 students to discuss the Cambridge Programme.

It will be held on 20th June at 3:15pm in Room 8

<u>Chickenpox</u>

We may be seeing the very early signs of chickenpox here at school. So please keep an eye on this and take appropriate action where necessary. Further information on chickenpox can be found here ... https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-andtreatments/diseases- and-illnesses/chickenpox

<u>Headlice - Reminder</u>

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 <u>effective</u> ...

... there needs to be at least one time each term when there is a coordinated 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.

Sore Throats Matter - Preventing Rheumatic Fever

We have been advised that, with winter on its way, a lot of tamariki are getting sore throats. **Sore throats can hurt hearts**. If your tamariki has a sore throat, please get a throat swab from your Practice Nurse at your GP Practice or participating pharmacy. Please direct any enquiries to your GP or the Public Health Nurse - Bev Smith 021416482 or 0800 746944 (option 7)

Quiz Night 2024 - Save the date!

Matarau School PSG is excited to announce the return of our Quiz Night on the **7th of September** 2024. This years theme is "M" for our magnificent Matarau so start thinking of ideas for your teams/tables! We are seeking table sponsors to help reach our fundraising target as well as donations of goods for prizes and auction items. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser and would like to know more, please email matarau.psg@gmail.com.

More information about this amazing social event to follow!

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).

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: <u>https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/</u>

<u>Matarau Road</u>

This is a tricky piece of road. This road is narrow with numerous blind-spots. **Please** ...

... be very careful entering and exiting the upper car park. Edge to the brow of the rise so you can be sure of any on-coming vehicles.

... if you are picking your child up, and you are parked on the other side of the road, please collect your children and walk them to your car.

... for pick up, please use the lower bus bay if you can to reduce pressure on the carpark.

... if you have children year 3 and up, and you can pick them up at 3:15 pm (rather than 3:00 pm), this would really help.

... if you see a vehicle driven in an unsafe way in the vicinity of the school, please take the registration number and let our school office know. We WILL follow this up.

... and always reduce your speed when passing the school, particularly before 9:00 am and after 3:00 pm

Finally

Hope to see some of you next week at our book/library promotion. The library is being decked out at the moment around a very secret theme. Children are trying to guess the theme and win a prize. As mentioned, we have a character parade at 11:15 Wednesday, and on Thursday afternoon (and Friday) the library is open for viewing - so please drop by. We will roll from this with a major promotion of books over coming months ... with the ultimate aim of children reading, reading.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trewhella PRINCIPAL



Sausages and Iceblocks

Every Wednesday



this term

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Order through your classroom teacher on Wednesday mornings



We're very glad to let you know that we've recently joined the <u>KickStart</u> Breakfast <u>programmel</u> We believe breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and we'll now <u>be providing Sanitarium Weet</u>-Bix[™] and Anchor[™] Milk in a programme that is a <u>partnership</u> between Ministry of Social Development, <u>Sanitarium</u> and Fonterra, and has <u>been</u> 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