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Thank You

... to every person who contributed to our OPC experience

People Of The Week

... Whaiawa Tito for going the extra mile with homework. Your diorama looked amazing!

... Indi McCollum for great results in literacy. Well done!

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

20 June Meeting Cambridge Programme for current Y5/6 students
17 June PSG meeting (6pm @ Staffroom) *Change of date!*
24 June Matariki celebration
25 June Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby
26 June Kapa Haka at Hikurangi
28 June Matariki Public Holiday
1 -2 July Parent Teacher Interviews
5 July Last day of Term 2 (Term 3 starts 22 July)

COURTESY VIRTUE

COURTESY will be our focus virtue until term's end. We will be encouraging the use of please, thank you and excuse me, letting others go first, greeting others in an engaging way, and not interrupting. This will sit under our broader focus of RESPONSIBILITY ... we have a responsibility to be courteous!

Please find support material attached. Look at this with your children, and gradually unfold your discussions over the weeks ahead, as we will at school.

... talk about where and how and where you exercise in your lives

... why being courteous is important

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

Thanks for your support. If we double our efforts (home and school) we will quadruple the gains overall. The kids are off to a great start.

Caring Virtue

Announcements of our virtue award recipients coming soon. So watch this space.

Late Arrival

Please remember when your child is late that **they** must come to the office to collect a late slip for their teacher. Students can sign themselves in late but caregivers MUST sign them out if they leave early.

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).



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Year 5 and 6 Cambridge

As advised earlier, there will be a meeting on **20 June 3:15 pm in Rm8** to discuss how we will gradually introduce Cambridge material into our year 5 and 6 programmes. Interested parents are welcome to attend and to bring along any questions. We will discuss its phasing, what will look different, and what won't, implementation, manageability etc.

Please advise Paula early next week if you think you may be in attendance at this meeting.

Chickenpox

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-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/chickenpox>

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.

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 year's 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!

Soon to be 5 year olds we may not know about

If you have moved into zone, or know someone who has moved into zone, and you / they have a soon to be 5 year old (i.e. turning 5 before the end of the year), and the school has not been advised of this, please let us know next week. This information is important for us if we are to plan for optimal numbers in our junior rooms. Thank you.

Mid-year Interviews

Monday 1 July & Tuesday 2 July (plus the additional day of Wednesday 3rd July – Year 7 & 8 only)

Our online interview booking system is now open. Interviews are booked on a first in basis.

Please note that we have 2 concurrent interview cycles. You will need to book under 2 different codes (see below) ... On interview nights the change-over bells will ring every 15 minutes as per normal, but these bells will apply to the year 1 to 6 interviews only. The year 7 and 8 interviews will be of 10 minutes duration, all of these interviews will be held in room 11, and change overs will be at the direction of the teachers. All 3 senior school teachers will be present at the year 7 and 8 interviews. If you have children in years 1 to 6 and in year 7 and 8, please remember that times will overlap and so we suggest that you book your year 7 and 8 slot with spare slots either side to avoid double ups.

To book you need to visit - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz & enter the relevant code as follows ...

Junior and Middle School (years 1 to 6) the code is xgybv

Senior School (year 7 and 8) the code is 4r4e2

If you do not have access to the internet, or if you have any questions, please give Paula a call on Monday. Teachers are available at other times by appointment.

School will finish at the usual time of 3:00pm (NOT 2:30 as in earlier years).

(p.s. having two cycles enables us to provide parents of year 7 and 8 students with feedback from all of their child's specialist teachers, thus negating the need for multiple interviews. This also enables teachers and parents to identify whether issues are context or subject specific).

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/>

Matarau Road

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

A final acknowledgment of the OPC team. Congratulations on putting shoulders to the wheel to make this amazing experience happen. A special thanks to Katie and her team for many months of preparation and fund-raising (so that students only paid a fraction of what this experience would otherwise have cost). To students for achieving their goals, for pushing themselves, for supporting each other, and for proving they could do it. To staff for your passion. To parents and students for stepping well outside their comfort

zones ... we know that this was a long way from home - and a first for many students. You made it happen! Now you can look back with pride on what you have achieved. Well done!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehella
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Ngā mihi 🌸 Cassie, Leila & Josh 🌸

