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Thank You

... Casper and Toby for all of the work you have put into Brick Day, for trying to create a bit of fun .. and for trying to raise money for a new Epro8 kit.

People Of The Week

... Our Courtesy Virtue recipients. Thank you for the examples you consistently set for us all.

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

4 August Matarau Brick Show/Lego Day (more to follow)
6 August Mathex Year 5-8 @ WBHS
6 August KHS Open Evening (5:30 - 7:45 - at KHS)
8 August WBHS Open Evening (4:30 onwards)
13 August Board Meeting
16 August Te Horo Cross Country
20 August School Cross Country
23 August The Beast Year 7&8
26 August New Entrant Cohort
27 August HPV Vaccinations
4 September Whangarei Primary School Cross Country
7 September PSG Quiz Night
17 September Board Meeting
20 September Marimba Festival
23 September School Production (some time this week)
27 September Final day of term (14 October - start of term 4)

***Please don't forget to check the School App.
There are frequently permission slips and notices posted.***

Quiz Night 2024 - 7th of September 2024

Save the date and start preparing your teams. This year's theme is "M" for magnificent Matarau, get creative and dress to M-press!

Are you considering sponsoring a table or donating of goods for prizes and auction items? More information is attached to this newsletter in the flyers about how you can help. Please contact us by July 17th (see attached information).

Follow the Parent Support Group (PTA) Facebook Page for updates and exciting announcements - <https://www.facebook.com/MatarauSchoolParentSupportGroup>

Consultation on the Health Curriculum

Schools are required to periodically report on the delivery of the Health Curriculum. A meeting will be held in the LSC space (next to room 3) on 3:15 Thursday 15 August for those interested. We will report on our programme and take any questions. Please let Paula know if you will be (or are likely to be) in attendance.



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Virtue for term 3 - UNDERSTANDING

Support material was sent home last week. Please be sure to ...

- ... discuss this at home
- ... talk about how you practise helpfulness in your life
- ... set some helpfulness goals for home
- ... celebrate and successes
- ... let us know of exceptional examples of helpfulness so that we can celebrate these together.

Arrival at school

School starts at 9:00 am. Please do your very best to have children at school not later than 8:50 am so they a little time to ready themselves for the day.

Matarau Brick Show - Sunday 4th August

Being organised by two of our Year 8s, this brick building competition is open to everyone (from pre-schoolers through to adults).

A range of categories and age groups, with prizes up for grabs. Funds go towards another EPro8 kit.

Taniwha Challenge - 16.8

Consent forms are available on the school app. Any questions to your child's teacher please.

Reminders

... **Headlice** ... conduct regular checks please, treat within 48 hours, and let us know of any pockets of infestation.

... **Safe transit in the carpark** ... under 5 km please, keep an eye on your children, take the hands of younger children, and never park in the yellow zone. Thank you for your co-operation.

... **Calf Club Day** ... Thursday 24 October. Please, be aware that Calves, Lambs, and Kids need to have been born after the 1st of July.

... **Year 8's - Secondary School 2025**... please advise Mrs Donaldson of likely secondary school for 2025 so that we can keep you updated.

... **Chicken pox** ... Further information on chickenpox can be found here ... <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/chickenpox>

Mathex .. 6.8

Questions to Mrs Donaldson please.

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.

Preparation for Cross Country

School practice runs continue and so please ensure that children bring suitable running shoes, and a change of clothes at your discretion. Practice runs will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Congratulations to all our Courtesy Virtue recipients

We are hugely proud of these children and of the examples they have set for us all.

Congratulations also to their parents.

Room

1	Ada Sprague	Helena Neave	
2	Auryn Karlin	Taika Williams	Kaden Gilbert
3	Oakley Clayton	Leah Fergusson	
4	Zak De Bruyn	Zac Alexander	
5	Indee Martin	Mahuia Pivac-Hohaia	
6	Cole Ley	Sam Jarman	William Croucher
7	Zara Leigh-MacKenzie	Eli Renall	
8	Janelle Osias	Imogen Harold	
9	Alex Leigh-MacKenzie	Mila Baillie	
10	Johnny Goodin	Ruby Croucher	
11	Aurora Cels	Casper Harold	
12	Rose Peters	Ryan Allen	
13	Eden Milligan	Rylee Martin	

Yummy Stickers

Last term to collect 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 can be downloaded from:

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

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).

Sibling 2025 Enrolments

If you live in zone, or currently have a child enrolled at Matarau School, and have another child who will start in 2025, and you have not already done so, please advise the school office as soon as possible by leaving a message on the answer machine - 433 5823.

If you live out of zone, we would also like to hear if you have siblings you would like to enrol - although the board has yet to determine how many out of zone places might be available.

Cellphones at school

Thank you for supporting with the implementation of our cell phone in schools policy. If your child now brings a cell phone to school, and they did not when we first collected information from parents, or if they DID bring a cellphone and no longer do, please advise our school office so we can update our records.

Finally

A huge thank you to those people who consistently support our virtues programme with follow-up at home. And a massive "congratulations" in advance to those parents who will soon receive letters of commendation for their own children in the week ahead. We are very thankful for the examples these children set.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
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Casper & Toby present the

MATARAU BRICK SHOW

& Community Market Day

Sun 4th August 2024

10am-2pm

BUILDING COMPETITION for everyone
entries close 28 July

Location: Matarau School

www.mataraufundraising.co.nz/brick-show

**Hatea & Whangarei Zonta/
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Saturday 3 August - 8.00am to 4.00pm

Sunday 4 August - 8.00am to 12noon

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So far, just over \$47,000 has been raised for local charities.

We still have 1,000s of books left, which need a good home.

Please come back, one more time and help us recycle the left over books for \$1.00 each.

