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Thank You

... Thank you to all of our Fuel Points contributors. If you are signed up (or have potential to sign up) for the Fuel in Schools Programme please nominate Matarau School ... and encourage others to do so. Presently we are focussed on growing our fleet of chrome books to improve access to these.

... To those who supported our Zone Cross Country team this week.

People Of The Week

... Those children who have gone the extra mile to prepare for their forthcoming cross-country race. Well done!

... Those children powering away at home on the Olympic Reading Challenge Programme.

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

19 August PSG Meeting 6:30pm @ staffroom
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
23 September School Production (some time this week)
27 September Final day of term (14 October - start of term 4)

Olympic Reading Challenge

At the end of July children started an Olympic Reading Challenge intended to incentivize reading and work their way to a bronze, silver, or gold award. Please ask your children about this and praise them for any gains. The challenge finishes at the end of August and shortly after that the medals will be awarded. We will keep you posted.

Year 7 and 8 Cambridge Programme

Parents wanting to know more about our Cambridge programme (year 7 and 8), are invited to a meeting 3:15 pm, Room 12, Thursday 22 August. Few NZ schools offer this programme at this level (and even fewer offer it for free).

*We are keen for as many parents as possible to understand what this programme has to offer, and the exceptional leg up it gives students on transition to secondary school. This programme will be of special interest to parents of current year 6 children. **See you there!***

*Please note, we also have information on our website (Cambridge and Year 7 and 8 tabs), and are more than willing to meet with parents one to one. High schools are consistently telling us that our students are around a year ahead on entry to Secondary School, this can have very positive long term educational implications. **A brochure briefly explaining his programme was sent out with year 6 students today. Any questions just give us a call.***

Please don't forget to check the School App.

There are frequently permission slips and notices posted.



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Quiz Night 2024 - 7th of September 2024

Tickets for our quiz night are now on sale at www.mataraufundraising.co.nz. Grab a table for 6 or if you don't have a team but would still like to head along, then we have mystery seats available too! Just buy a seat and we'll add you to our mystery team. Our Matarau Quiz Night Shuttle is available for bookings too. We recommended to pre-book your trip and please note a small fee applies for the service. There will be a number of fantastic auction items and prizes on the night, with huge thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors. Follow the Parent Support Group (PTA) Facebook Page for updates and to pre-bid on our auction items if you are unable to make it on the night! - <https://www.facebook.com/MatarauSchoolParentSupportGroup>

Virtue for term 3 - UNDERSTANDING

Support material was sent home some weeks back. Please be sure to ...

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

Consultation on the Health Curriculum

If you were unable to make our meeting this week we are more than willing to answer any questions you might have. Just connect with your child's teacher or give Kevin a call.

Calf Club Day

On Monday we will email you a permission form where you can indicate if your child will be bringing an animal to Calf Club Day. Calves, Lambs, and Kids need to have been born after the 1st of July.

Reminders

- ... Calf Club Thursday 24 October
- ... **Headlice** ... conduct regular checks please, treat within 48 hours.
- ... **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.
- ... **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>
- ... **Arrival time at school** not before 8:00 am please or later than 8:50 am.
- ... **School gates** ... please ensure these are closed after entry or exit.

Art Scholarship

We have had some outstanding portfolios in years past and are keen to see this tradition continue. Now might be the time to start gathering exceptional pieces of artwork.

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).

School Cross Country - 20 August



Please accept a warm invitation to support our cross country runners on the 20 August. Races will be held on the Smith property across from the school (same location as last year) ... **approximate** race start times are included below. It would be helpful if each child has a towel and a spare set of clothes. If parents are taking their children early, it is critical that you advise their child's class teacher please. Please note that this event will proceed **ALMOST** irrespective of the weather.

Please note that certificates will be awarded at a subsequent assembly.

A rough schedule of race times as follows:

	10.30	Morning Tea
Year 7 & 8	11.50	12/13 year old Girls
	12.00	12/13 year old Boys
	12.10	11 year old Girls
Year 5 & 6	12.20	11 year old Boys
	12.30	10 year old Girls
	12.40	10 year old Boys
	12.50	9 year old Girls
Year 3 & 4	1.00	9 year old Boys
	1.10	8 year old Girls
	1.20	8 year old Boys
	1.30	Non 8 year old Girls
Year 2	1.35	Non 8 year old Boys
	1.40	Year 2 Girls
	1.45	Year 2 Boys
Year 0 & 1	1.50	Year 0/1 Girls
	1.55	Year 0/1 Boys
Kindy	2.00	Kindy Race

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.

This information is critical if we are to achieve optimal class numbers across the school.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Over the next few weeks we will be teaching the personal safety programme Keeping Ourselves Safe. Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give students the skills to cope in situations where they might (or should) feel uncomfortable. It has three overall aims:

... to develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people, both online and face-to-face

... to support and encourage children to get help from caring adults

... and to empower these adults with the necessary skills and knowledge

Keeping Ourselves Safe will be taught by your child's teacher, with support from the local Police School Community Officer.

To be successful, Keeping Ourselves Safe needs your help and support. Your child may have home activities to work on with you. It is important that you participate as much as possible please and

talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will reinforce the messages the school is giving.

Any questions along the way, please contact your child's teacher, or we can connect you with the police education team.

Player of the day - Basketball

Matarau Magics : Oliver B, Rocco and Daniel

Finally

Recently the board received notification of funding to refurbish and enhance remaining classrooms and work spaces. Most of this work will be done over the Christmas break ... ready for the start of 2025. We are thrilled to roll out phase 2 of our upgrade.

See you at cross country!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehella
PRINCIPAL

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS

The Board would like to thank

Grimmer Contracting Ltd, Adairs Farming Limited, Alisha Tracey and Bevan Grant Harper DS and KL Campbell Partnershipfor nominating Matarau School as a recipient for Fuel for Schools reward points. The generous support of these companies/families is allowing us to buy additional resources for the school (most recently chrome books) and enabling more children to access these resources.

If you are in a position to use these companies please do so in acknowledgment of their generous support. If you think you might be interested in nominating Matarau School as a recipient of Fuel for Schools points please contact your fuel rep.

These companies/families will be acknowledged at the end of our weekly newsletter.

Thank you

Board of Trustees ... and staff ... and children



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

PIZZA LUNCH

Tuesday 27th August



A slice of yum to fundraise for AIMS

Our AIMS Games individual athletes are holding a PIZZA lunch fundraiser, on **Tuesday the 27th of August**, to raise funds for our trip down to AIMS Games.

- DOMINOES Pizza will be cut into sixths.
- Complete and return **ONE order form per child**
- **Orders MUST be in by 3 pm Sunday 25th August**
- Please pay Matarau School Account Ref: Pizza, or Cash to the school office.
- No refunds for missed lunch but you are welcome to come and pick it up :)

Name:

Room:

ITEM	Price/Slice	Qty	GF	Total
Hawaiian	\$2			
Ham and Cheese	\$2			
Pepperoni	\$2			
Simply Cheese	\$2			
Ice Blocks	\$2			
Juice Box - Assorted	\$2			

Gluten Free - Please add an extra 50c per slice

PAYMENT :

Account Number : 12-3093-0239515-00

Reference: Pizza

thank you

