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Thank You

... staff, parents, Kapa Haka group, and Ngāraratunua Marae for our very special Marae experience this week.

People Of The Week

... our Kapa Haka group
... our ukulele group (performance to be posted on our Facebook page soon)
... Rex Philip for his exceptional thoughtfulness this week

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

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)

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

Olympic Reading Challenge

Please continue to ask your children about this and praise them for any gains. The challenge finishes at the end of August (or maybe a little later) ... and shortly after that the medals will be awarded. We will keep you posted.

Year 7 and 8 Cambridge Meeting

If you missed this meeting Mrs Donaldson and Mr Trehwella are available to discuss this programme with you and answer any questions. Just give us a call or flick us an email.

Final virtue for term 3 - Patience

We are excited to announce our new virtue for the second half of term 3. A few thoughts on PATIENCE follow at the end of the newsletter
Please take regular opportunities...

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

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Quiz Night 2024 - 7th of September 2024

We are thrilled to announce that all tables to our Quiz Night have now been sold! Thank you so much to everyone who purchased a table/ tickets. Additional Pizza's can still be purchased via our website: <https://mataraufundraising.co.nz>

And if you are in need of transport, we can also help. End of night rides for \$5 or return trip for \$10. Transport Bookings are essential!

Donation Request: Are you able to pop a bag of yummy M treats for our quizzers into the shopping trolley at the school office? We are looking for any wrapped goodies starting with M. Thank you so much!

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 - Thursday 24th October

If your child wishes to bring in an animal to Calf Club please follow this link to complete the online form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevnw7LdwReRK5S0mdL2NJ8vKOey8tq0EITJ_8QhG7Z6sXfQ/viewform

Any questions please email Miranda admin2@matarau.school.nz

* PLEASE NOTE We can't accept entries on the day itself.

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** ... any questions to your child's teacher please.

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).

Home Gardens

Permission slips are published on the Caregiver App. Please complete to indicate if your child will be participating in the home garden programme this year. Please discuss this possibility with them and encourage them to become involved. Diaries will be sent home before the end of the school term. Any questions contact Mrs Burgin or Ms Gentil.

Interschool Cross-Country - Barge Park - 4.9

If your child qualified for this event then you should have received a consent form by now. Please complete this form on the School App early next week so that we can confirm entries. If you did not receive a consent form, please contact the school office. Please note that parents are required to transport and supervise their own child(ren) to/at this event.

Races cater for Years 4 to 8 and will be run in the following **age** categories. These categories are based on **Age as at 1st January 2024.**

10.00am	8years and under girls	1800m	11.30am	10year old boys	2200m
10.20am	8years and under boys	1800m	11.45am	11yeaer old girls	2800m
10.35am	9year old girls	2200m	12.00am	11year old boys	2800m
10.50am	9year old boys	2200m	12.20am	12+ year olds girls	2800m
11.10am	10year old girls	2200m	12.35am	12+ year olds boys	2800m

Player of the day - Basketball

Matarau Magics - Flynn S.

Early Notice - Staff Only Day ... 14.11

The Ministry of Education have awarded schools a specific number of Staff Only Days to prepare for the implementation of the new curriculum. The final Staff Only Day for 2024 will be Thursday 14 November ... accordingly, school will not be open for instruction on that day. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience arising from this day. (We would have liked to attach it to a weekend to give you the option of a long weekend but 14.11 was when the facilitator was available).

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.

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.

Out of Zone Places ... for 2025

... will likely be advertised in the Northern Advocate Saturday 14 September. Please pass this information to anyone you think might be interested.

Finally - Coaches and Managers - THANKS!

Now might be a suitable time to reflect on the extraordinary efforts of school coaches and team managers over the past six months. Theirs is not always an easy job, and we owe much to their selfless and diligent efforts. Could you all please ask your children to convey their gratitude by a personal approach, a phone call, an email, a letter or a thank you card. These people are special!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Netball

Our year 7 and 8 netball team the Matarau Mystics won their section last weekend. Well done girls! And the biggest thanks to their wonderful coach Stacey who has so generously shared her skills and time.



Matarau netball teams celebrated the end of season with a dress up festival day. A big thank you to all our coaches, managers, players, parents and supporters. We couldn't do this without you.



Bradee
coach of
Yr 6
Shontae
coach of
Yr 5



Pippa and Bella coaches of Yr 3/4



Marae visits

Earlier this week we had the privilege of being welcomed on to Ngāraratunua Marae. This was a very special and humbling experience for our School Community.

A special mention to

- Our students
- School Whanau
- Whaea Jo- leading waiata
- Mr T, Pat Tito and Tyde Job-Neho - speakers
- Staff and Board members of Matarau School

We were extremely grateful to have this opportunity to connect and build relationships that are paramount for our pathway forward.

Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini My strength is not that of one, but that of many.



Parent Webinar September 2024

Copy and paste this content into your newsletter or online communications and invite your school community to participate in this free webinar ahead of the school holidays.

With school holidays right around the corner, it's a great time to consider how you can support your children to maintain a healthy balance between their online and offline time. Netsafe is here to support you with a free presentation for parents focused on Wellbeing & Balance. This presentation is designed for parents of both tamariki and rangatahi. The Netsafe Education team will share practical tips, tools, and advice on managing screen time, supporting your child's online wellbeing and what to do if your child encounters online harm. You can register for this free webinar by following this link:
https://netsafe-org-nz.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qqDubqqT2y5Gmw4uJEONw

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Patience



What is Patience?

Patience is quiet hope and trust, expecting things to turn out all right. Patience is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes. Patience is doing something now so that later it will bear fruit, like planting a seed and waiting for it to grow. Patience is a commitment to the future.

Why Practice It?

Without patience people want everything NOW. They complain when unpleasant things cannot be helped. They act mad when things don't go their way. When people practice patience, they can wait without complaining. They forgive others and themselves for mistakes. They make the world a kinder, gentler place.



How Do You Practice It?

Practicing patience is accepting things you cannot control, like the way other people act, or even an illness or handicap you have to live with. Patience is waiting without complaining. When you are patient, you show gentleness when you or others make mistakes. You set goals and persevere until your goals are won. You picture the end in the beginning. You know that good things take time.



What would Patience look like if...

- Your mother is very late picking you up and you have been waiting for a long time?
- You decide you want to be a lawyer when you grow up?
- You want to grow some vegetables?
- You start to get annoyed when your sister forgets to put back something she borrowed?
- You wish you were taller?
- You have an illness that keeps you from playing your favorite sport?

Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practicing Patience when you...

- Calmly tolerate a delay or confusion
- Are willing to wait for things you want
- Set goals and stick with them until they are finished
- Do something now that will help you in the future
- Accept things you cannot change with humor and grace
- Are tolerant when mistakes are made

Affirmation

I am patient. I am gentle with others and myself when we make mistakes. I wait calmly. I trust that things will turn out right.

Activities with *Patience*



Window Garden

- Have a window box garden in which children can plant some colorful and fast growing flowers such as nasturtiums and marigolds as well as some herbs to bring home to their parents.
- Have children bring flowers they grow to share with other classrooms.
- Name the various flowers by virtues names: Moderate marigolds, Patient petunias, etc.



Virtues Reflection Questions

- ❑ When do you find it hard to be patient?
- ❑ What can you do to be patient when someone is late?
- ❑ Name three things you can do now that will help you to have an excellent career?
- ❑ What would help you to be more patient with family members?
- ❑ What are seeds doing when they are underground and we can't see them?
- ❑ What do seeds need in order to grow?
- ❑ What do you need in order to grow your patience?



Drawing Patience

Draw a beautiful garden.



Poster Points

- ❑ All will be well.
- ❑ Wait for it.
- ❑ Take life as it comes.



Quotable Quotes

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." John Quincy Adams

"I want patience and I want it now!"
Anonymous

"Help us always to be hopeful gardeners of the spirit who know that without darkness nothing comes to birth as without light nothing flowers."
May Sarton

"Patience, patience, patience is what the sea teaches." Anne Morrow Lindburgh

"Patience may be defined as that quality of life which makes suffering creative; and impatience as that whereby suffering becomes a destructive force." Robert Llewelyn

"Patience and diligence, like faith, remove mountains." William Penn