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# Newsletter

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### 20 September 2024



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#### Thank You

... To those amazing parents who offered to fund one of our wellness books ... the aim is one copy per class (for each book) and plentiful opportunities for children to seek out and apply wellness principles.  
... Cooper and Toby for the epro8 kit that arrived a week or so back (made possible by brick (lego) day).

#### People Of The Week

... Harvey Woods, Emma Munday and Aurnyn Karlin who produced the most amazingly descriptive pieces of writing this week. Well done!!!

#### And a special acknowledgement

... of the extraordinary efforts over recent months by Mrs Donaldson, Mrs Gunson, Mr Pattison, Mrs Crawford, those who painted backdrops, made props, sewed costumes etc etc etc for next week's school production. We know for sure just how much time has gone into this. A huge thank you for all of the work you have put in ... above and beyond!

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

23 September School Production (some time this week)

27 September Final day of term (14 October - start of term 4)

21 October PSG meeting - 6pm @staffroom

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

#### Senior School Production

As many of you will know, the senior school (staff and students) have been diligently working on back drops, props, learning lines etc for our forthcoming school production. See Flyer at the end of the newsletter.

#### Calf Club extras .. Indoor Exhibits and the Cake Auction

1. Next week families will receive a list of the indoor exhibits for each level of the school. Most will be done at school but some may be done at home.
2. The **cake auction** is an opportunity to raise money for the school and link kids up with their dads, uncles or granddads. We will send something home before the day, but please give thought to whether this might be an opportunity for someone to have some baking fun with the kids.



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### Calf Club Day - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

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

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevnw7LdwReRK550mdl2NJ8vKOey8tq0EITJ\\_8QhG7Z6sXfQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevnw7LdwReRK550mdl2NJ8vKOey8tq0EITJ_8QhG7Z6sXfQ/viewform)

Any questions please email Miranda [admin2@matarau.school.nz](mailto:admin2@matarau.school.nz)

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

### TO THE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN IN ROOMS 1 TO 3

A number of children in rooms 1 to 3 appear to have come down with a vomiting/stomach bug. This bug does seem to be pretty contagious and so we are requesting ...

... that you keep your child home from school if they are exhibiting symptoms of a possible bug (sore tummy, vomiting)

... that you keep them home for 48 hours after cessation of symptoms to help prevent the spread of infection

... that you advise Paula as early as possible if your child is unwell so that we can keep a track of things

Our goal will be to minimize spread as much as possible and especially to protect children who may be immune compromised.

*Thank you in advance for your co-operation.*

### Art Scholarship (Year 4-8)

Still not too late to express interest. If your child is on board, please connect with their class teacher to discuss how they can support, and what current (or previous) artwork might be added to portfolios.

**Art Portfolios are due 3:30 pm Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of November.**

### Reminders

... **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** ... term breaks where possible please.

### Out of Zone Places ... for 2025

... Were advertised in the Northern Advocate Saturday 14 September.

Please pass this information to anyone you think might be interested.

### Lost Property

Please drop by or ask your child to check the lost property if you are missing any clothes from your child's wardrobe (the lost property is located between rooms 11 and 12)! As usual, all items left at end of term will be donated to charity.

### Final virtue for term 3 - Patience

All going well we will announce the shining examples of the patience virtue next week. So hold on to your seats!

## Calendar Art

The students have been busy creating artwork that can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats, and Sketch Pads. Each product is made from your own child's art. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)
2. Use the Entrance Code: **KZ654** (for Matarau School)
3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account.

*Orders are open from today until Monday the 30th of September*



## Yummy stickers

Keep collecting Yummy stickers! Please collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores (and some Countdowns). The more you collect, the more sports gear we get.

Please see Mrs Easterbrook in room 10 for more sticker/label sheets.

*All started or completed sheets must be returned before by Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September*

## Home Gardens

Garden Diaries will be sent home early next week with children who have indicated they are participating. Over the holidays we suggest that ...

- ... gardens are dug over and composted
- ... all seeds are planted
- ... seedlings in after Labour Weekend
- ... pest control measures are in place

Any questions don't hesitate to connect, and remember to take a look at our Facebook page (a great source of motivation & creativity) [www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens](http://www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens)

## Technology Fee - Year 7's

A reminder to please pay your Technology Fee for this year. This money is for take home component and will be paid over to the Tech Centre. Thank you to those parents that already paid.

## School Trophies

If your child received a trophy at last year's prize giving, please return it to school. asap.



## 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).

## Out of Zone Applications

Application forms are available from the school office ... and Paula is super good at answering any questions you might have.

**Please note that ...**

- ... out of zone applications close on Tuesday 15 October
- ... if there are more applications than positions available a ballot will be held on Wednesday 23 October
- ... successful applicants will be advised within 5 working days
- ... the school must receive advice of acceptance within 14 days

## 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.

## Finally ... Might you be interested?

We are currently looking at teaching virtues, and promoting wellbeing, through simple narratives (stories). Even the simplest stories (including picture books) can contain deep and highly relevant messages about life, its ups and downs, how to deal with the stuff life can throw at you, accepting difference, valuing self and others, practising forgiveness, overcoming, being accepting of others, and being kind to yourself etc etc.

We are keen to cherry pick the best examples, purchase multiple copies for use right up the school, revisit common themes throughout the years, and go deeper and wider in understanding and application.

We think we can source hard copies of these books (possibly around 8 core books) for \$30-\$40 each. We would like to purchase one for each class and maybe have a few spares. If you think you would be willing to donate \$30 for a book, please email Paula next week (admin@matarau.school.nz). If you can pay \$30 we will top up. Each person who donates will be acknowledged on the inside cover of one of the books.

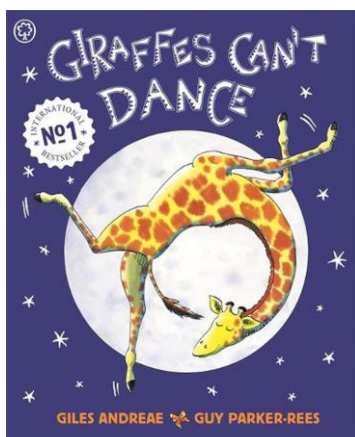
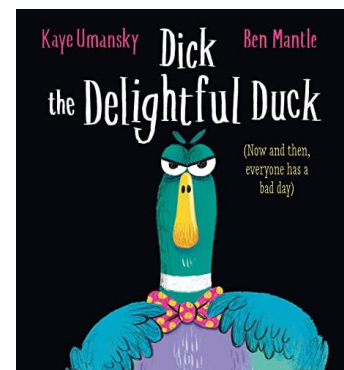
At the link below you will find an example of the sort of book we would like to purchase. This looks a junior book, but it has a message for all ages, and the more you reflect on this message the deeper you go. This book was on the required reading list for a Masters level psych course I did some years back ... the key message ... we struggle ... it hurts ... but our problem doesn't need to own us ... . But then there are other messages here too!

Take a look .... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ok6QEQB3f9Q>

Using narratives could be a breakthrough way to insight and understanding, as well as providing tools to navigate the common (and sometimes difficult) experiences of life.

## **Next steps ...**

We would love to have more of you on board. We already have enough interest to buy each class a copy of "Dick the Delightful Duck" and are looking forward to getting our **wonderful** donors to write and sign the inside cover if they are willing. "Dick the Delightful Duck" is about a duck who is delightful most of the time (as the title of the book suggests) who discovers that some days he is not delightful at all ... but his friends stand by him ... he finds time to say sorry ... and then he gets back on track. **The key message is that none of us are perfect, in the least favoured attributes of others, we might even see a bit of ourselves if we look close enough ... and this should make us slow to judge and quick to forgive.**



If you have any questions and, or would like to donate for the next book, possibly "Giraffes Can't Dance", please give Paula a call (maybe some grandparents would like to purchase a book).

In "Giraffes Can't Dance" we find that indeed they can dance, they just need their moment to shine.

Feel free to give Paula a call if you would like to sponsor one of these books or drop by and see Kevin if you have any questions.

See you next week at one of our senior performances.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trewhella  
PRINCIPAL

## **FUEL FOR SCHOOLS**

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