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Dear parents and whanau,

Welcome back to term 4. A very warm welcome to our new students and their whanau. We look forward to getting to know you. We have had a busy but fun start to the term and we are looking forward all the exciting things term 4 brings.

Thank You

- ... Ross Wallace for the donation of tomato plants to the junior school.
- ... Karena Reid for kindly donating stopwatches to the school.
- ... For efforts in advance of Calf Club Day

People Of The Week

- ... Bella Postlewright who recently came first in the 13-14 year tumble category at the NZ Gymnastics Championship. What an amazing achievement Bella ... National Champ. Wow! Well done!
- ... Danica-Jade Williams for winning the coveted sportsmanship award at the recent National Para-Table Tennis Competition. Well done Dani!

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

- 21 October PSG meeting - 6pm @staffroom
- 23 October Out of Zone ballot date
- 24 October Calf Club Day
- 28 October Labour Day (School closed)
- 7 November Zone Athletics - Poroti School
- 8 November Kapa haka performance - Hurupaki School
- 11 November Due date for art scholarships
- 12 November Meeting of BoT
- 14 November Staff Only Day
- 22 November Ukulele Festival
- 27 November Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
- 30 November Home Garden Judging
- 4 December Year 5 and 6 Interschool Athletics
- 10 December Year 7 and 8 trip to Poor Knights
- 16 December School Prize Giving
- 17 December Issue of end of year School Reports
- 20 December Final day of the 2024 school year

First day of school 2025 ... 3 February

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

In brief

- Art Scholarship information is available from Paula on request.
- Please continue to monitor your children's use of social media.
- Enrolment intentions for 2025 - please keep us advised of any change.
- Home gardens - please contact Mrs Burgin or Ms Gentil if you have questions.



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School Carpark

You will likely have noticed that the work on our upgraded carpark was not completed over the holiday period ... please note this work will be completed (weather permitting) on the weekend of 26/27 October ... and so please stay clear of this area.

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 11th of November.

Input to year 7 placement decisions

Pathway decisions will be made some time in week 6 and 7. Parents of year 6 students, who would like to have input into these decisions, will shortly be invited to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson. We anticipate these discussions will take around 20 minutes per child. If you would like the opportunity to have input into placement decisions, please let Katie know.

kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

We will confirm appointment times in week 4.

Calf Club Day .. Indoor Exhibits and the Cake Auction

1. Please find attached to this newsletter a list of calf Club indoor exhibits by level.
2. The **cake auction** is an opportunity to raise money for the school and link kids up with their dads, uncles or grandads. We will send cake boxes 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.

Home Gardens

Garden Diaries were sent home last term with children who have indicated they are participating.

Please note that home garden diaries are due on 20 November and gardens will be judged on 30 November. More to follow.

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

A few tips for planting out...

Remember to 'harden' your seedlings off before planting out into the garden. This involves taking your seedlings outside to a shelter spot during the day, then bringing them back inside at night. Gradually build up so that they are then out at night. This process should take approximately a week.

When transplanting out (or planting into bigger containers), water with a something like a seaweed tonic afterwards. Some gardeners like to soak the pots in a bucket of this tonic before planting out, and some with water afterwards. Both methods work well. This helps with transplant shock. Remember to put your stakes in early for plants like tomatoes and beans. This avoids the roots being damaged later on.

If you are running short on space - look at ways to grow things vertically. Cucumbers and pumpkins can grow upwards on frames. Lots of plants can also be grown in buckets and grow bags.

Please upload photos or share & receive gardening tips on our Facebook page if you can... www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens

Patience Virtue Awards ...

Will be presented at assembly next week.

Spelling Bee Competitions

... are under way very soon. If you are keen for your child to participate, and they are a strong speller, please flick their teacher an email this weekend.

Drink bottles - sun hats

... please get these "dusted off" for the new term (a reminder that sunhats are compulsory in term 4). From Monday children with hats have the run of the playground, those without hats will be required to remain in the central shaded area.

Technology Fee - Year 7&8

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).

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.**

Finally

Great to reconnect after the break. See you on Calf Club Day!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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2024 Calf Club - Indoor Exhibits

Indoor exhibits will again be on display in the hall and can be viewed at any time on Calf Club Day from 10am. As children will be making most exhibits at school over the period 21st to 23rd October, parents are asked to send the items below to school on **Monday 21st October** but **flowers on Wednesday 23rd**. Items not specifically requested below will be provided by the school. All children must complete a minimum of 4 of the 6 exhibits. Each exhibit has a maximum size no larger than a standard shoe box.

All exhibits must be at school by Wednesday, 11:30am

2024	Year 1 - 2	Year 3-4	Year 5 - 6	Year 7 & 8
Floral arrangement	Done at school A Posy in a cup Please bring a cup or mug and small flowers and/or greenery to create a mini posy. (completed on Wed so the container will need to hold water)	Done at school Terrarium - Please bring in Moss, rocks and ferns/plants etc. Terrarium provided by school	Done at school Floral arrangement in an interesting/unusual container. This could include dried flowers etc. Please bring a container and flowers etc on Wednesday - the container will need to hold water. These need to be arranged at school by the children, not at home.	Done at school Aqua Jars Please bring a jar and a flower suitable for displaying in the jar.
Art	Done at school Clay Fish	Done at school Olympic Agamograph art	Done at school Multi media (Scrapbooking Landscape)	Done at school 4 media, Landscape art with focal point
Construction from materials	Done at school Book Character Peg Doll Bring pipe cleaners, felt, material, natural materials, wool, etc. Pegs provided.	Done at school Olympic event tin foil sculpture Materials provided by school	Done at school Ice Block light stand	Done at School 3D room model Materials provided at school
Miniature model	Done at home Miniature scene Create a scene (Farm, garden, or other) on a tray or shoebox lid (no bigger than shoebox lid size)	Done at home Favourite place diorama (Photo of place and model to match. A4 size or smaller shoe box/tissue box to create diorama	Done at home Game: No larger than a small shoe box size	Done at school Pizza Slice - Clay Design your <u>favourite</u> pizza Materials provided at school
Masks / digital	Done at school Pic Collage of images in nature	Done at school Olympic event pictogram created on Canva	Done at School Google Draw - NZ bush	Done at School AI Ultimate Animal Survival in all climates Use AI tool
Baking	Done at school Decorated biscuit Face/emotion-themed	Done at school Cookie decoration - Kiwi Materials provided by school	Done at school Surtakes - decorated at school.	Done at HOME MasterChef Dingle Biscuits

If you are able to help... With the art and craft activities 21-23 October please contact your child's teacher... These activities can be pretty labour intensive so any offers of assistance in classrooms is greatly appreciated. MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE PARENTS FOR ASSISTING WITH THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED MATERIALS

Calf Club Day - Thursday 24 October 2024

All ribbons are sponsored by Ringrose Stock Foods

Key Information. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Calves are judged on leading & rearing. Pets (rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens etc), must be in a cage for the duration of the day. Please bring a container of water for your animal(s).

Plus -

- If the weather is really bad the **pets** will be at the top outside the office. The lambs and calves will remain on the bottom field.
There is no postponement date for this event.
- All pet entries (not lambs & calves) must complete a pet booklet which is due back Monday the 14th of October.
- Please bring money (sorry no eftpos, **only** for Book Fair) for refreshments (sausages, drinks & cakes), **Scholastic Book Fair & Cake Auction!**
*This year you can buy a fresh coffee or hot chocolate from the **Coffee Van**.
The van is parked on the bottom field.*
- Indoor Exhibits will be in the hall and this will be open all morning for viewing.
Exhibits and placement cards are not to be removed before 2 pm, please.

**Prizegiving will take place at approximately 12 noon
followed by a shared lunch this year.**

If you are able to help with putting up the tents on Thursday morning, please contact the School office - admin2@matarau.school.nz. Please also advise if you can help dismantle tents after the event for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour on Thursday afternoon.

Family and friends are invited to come along to watch the animal judging and share lunch with us.