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Thank You

... The Campbell Family who kindly donated prizes for Calf Club Day.
Thank You!

... To Gary Langley and Colin Walker for helping with the pick and drop off of a gazebo for Calf Club Day.

People Of The Week

... Those children who received awards for calves, lambs or indoor exhibits. The standards were high across the board. You can feel super proud. Well done!

... Miranda who has worked diligently over many months in preparation for this year's Calf Club. Thank you Miranda for your excellent work. Paula too!

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

28 October	Labour Day (School closed)
7 November	Zone Athletics - Poroti School
7 November	Whangarei Central Calf Club Day at Barge Park
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 ... 3rd February 2025

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

Zone Athletics

... Poroti School (years 3-8) 7th November. Watch this space.
Please complete the permission slip on the SchoolApp ASAP.
There are no classes that day for Years 3-8)

Year 5 and 6 Parent Camp Meeting

At 3:15 pm Thursday 31 October Mrs Donaldson will hold a meeting in Room 12, for the parents of children in years 5 and 6, to discuss the fund-raising programme for the next year 7 and 8 OPC camp to Tongariro (scheduled for 2026). If you would like to know more about how the fund-raising will unfold, or about this amazing, life-changing, camp experience, please pencil this into your diaries. Any questions in advance to Mrs Donaldson please.



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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.

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.

Central Calf Club Day - Thursday 7th of November

We are taking registrations. Please contact the office by the end of Friday 1 November.

For this event, parents need to transport their children to and from the grounds and also look after them as there won't be a school member attending on the day.

Judging commencing at 10.00 am. Please note Calves must be pre-registered and entry forms received prior to the day. An updated programme will be given out on the day.

A few things as a reminder:

- All animals must be born after 1st July 2024.
- Each competitor can only enter one of the three sections: - calf, lamb, or goat.
- All participants should wear enclosed footwear when showing their animals and a school t-shirt
- All children entering a calf, lamb, or goat will receive a Certificate of Participation and Ribbon.
- Pre-schoolers are not allowed to attend.
- All entrants will go into the "Whangarei A & P Society Lucky Draw" which will draw at Prize-giving.
- The correct ring sizes are:
- Calves 15 x 15 Lambs 10 x 10 Goats 10 x 10

The day will only be postponed under extreme conditions, so the likelihood of this happening is very slim. An announcement will be made on all radio stations if the day will be postponed by 7am. The postponement date is Friday 8th of November 2024.

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.

Home Gardens

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

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.

Drink bottles - sun hats

Please check each morning that children have drink bottles and sunhats each day. Children with (brimmed) sunhats - not caps - will have the run of the playground, those without hats will be required to remain in the central shaded area.

Sunblock

Sunblock is at parents' discretion. Long lasting block is recommended. Clothes covering shoulders is also recommended for summer terms.

Technology Fee - Year 7&8

A reminder to please pay your Technology Fee (\$70) 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.

Reminder - Staff Only Day ... 14.11

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.

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.**

Piawai Road Pavement Rehabilitation

*From 29 October to mid-December there will be restrictions on road usage on Piawai Road from the **Dip Road roundabout to number 131 Piawai Road (towards Parikiore).***

These restrictions will apply from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm each week day. The road will be open at night and on weekends.

*In the week 29 October to 1 November traffic will be **reduced to one lane** during the 9:00 am to 7:00 pm period*

*From 4 November to mid-December the road will be **fully blocked** during the 9:00 am to 7:00 pm period*

*An alternative route will be sign-posted via Dip Road and **Three Mile Bush Road***

*Accommodations have been made for the school buses to run to approximately their usual times **in the afternoon.***

Finally

Thanks for helping to make Calf Club Day such a fantastic today. Your efforts and good will were very much appreciated.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehella
PRINCIPAL

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