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Thank You

... to the Willcock Family for kindly moving all the mulch from the bottom field closer to the Orchard.

... to those who supported our zone athletics team this week.

People Of The Week

... Casper Harold & Rose Peters being our Golden Librarians. Last week they visited the Library in town. They had a tour, met up with other librarians and had a morning tea. Awesome work!

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

- 11 November Due date for art scholarships
- 12 November Meeting of BoT
- 14 November Staff Only Day (*school is close for instruction*)
- 22 November Ukulele Festival
- 22 November School Disco
- 27 November Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
- 30 November Home Garden Judging
- 4 December Year 5 and 6 Interschool Athletics
- 10 December Year 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.***

Virtue

Our current virtue is **Purposefulness**. Please see the attached notes to help navigate discussions with your family on the importance of being reliable. *If you are reliable, you keep your promises. Others can depend on you and nothing will stop you from giving your best.* I am sure you will all agree that being reliable is a very important trait. We will be looking out for those who are exceptional examples of being reliable and will celebrate them in a few weeks.

School Trophies

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

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 who have already paid.



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In brief

- Art Portfolios due Monday 11th of November due 3.30pm
 - Please continue to monitor your children's use of social media.
 - Enrolment intentions for 2025 - please keep us advised of any change.
 - Bring sun hat and water bottle every day to school
 - Staff only Day - school will not be open for instruction on that day.
- We apologise in advance for any inconvenience arising from this day

Spelling Bee Competitions

... are under way from next week. If you are keen for your child to participate, please flick their teacher an email this weekend.

Home Gardens

Hopefully all home gardens are now well underway. Remember that seedlings should be hardened off before planting into the garden. This involves putting your seedlings out during the day in a sheltered spot, and then bringing them in at night for a few days. Then leave them out at night for a few more days before planting into the garden. Once planted, feed with a seaweed feed (or soak pots in it before planting). This helps avoid transfer shock.

Home garden diaries will be due in on Wednesday 20th

November. This will allow us to get the dairies to the judges in time. Any students who have not received their diary (or have misplaced them), will need to see Mrs Burgin by the end of next week.

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

Input to year 7 (Cambridge) 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, are 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

Carpark

Please remember to pull over into the yellow marked area for drop off of students ... please do NOT park in the yellow marked area ... and move on as quickly as you safely can. Please do not stop in the central transit area (marked with arrows). And maximum speed 5k in this area please and keep your eyes open for children at all times. There is a widened pedestrian area now and so please make use of this. Thank you!

Year 8 Leaving books

Thank you to those parents who have assisted their year 8 child to purchase a suitable leaving book. Just a reminder that these books are due at school please on 29th of November.

Sunblock

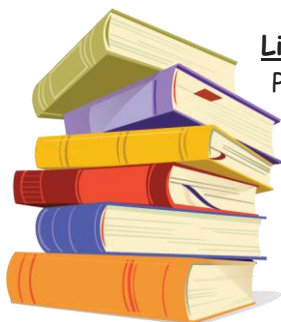
Sunblock is at parents' discretion. Long lasting block is recommended. Clothes covering shoulders is also recommended for summer terms.

***Congratulations to all our Patience Virtue recipients
We are hugely proud of these children and of the examples they have
set for us all. Congratulations also to their parents.***

Name	Room	Name	Room
Sasha Knight	1	Janelle Osias	8
Katherine Reiher	1	Lola Boaks	8
Harvey Woods	2	Dhani Hinchliffe-Triebels	8
Elliot Carr	2	Lila Karlin	9
Asher Sullivan	3	Rex Philip	9
Henry Peters	3	Thomas Woodman	10
William Barnes	4	Aubree Horsford	10
Honor Harrison	4	Casper Harold	11
Luke Schimmel	5	Jarred Waters	11
Ava Edlington	5	Alissa Gill	12
Zara Edlington	6	Emma Donaldson	12
Autumn Hinchliffe-Triebels	6	Jack Keatley	12
Olivia Spear	6	Liam Leonard	13
Oli Ringer	7	Adyn Gibbs	13
Isabel Alexander	7		

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.



Library Books

Please send in any library books you might have at home. We would love these back to take stock of what we have on the shelves when we open the library again.

Junior Readers

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc) for junior readers and send these along to school next week. It is important that we have complete sets for 2024.

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Confirmation of Secondary School

If our year 7 and 8 teachers can assist in any way with secondary school decisions, or the transition to secondary school more generally, please make contact.

Finally - Class Placements 2025

Teachers are starting to give consideration to class placements for 2025. The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school, but we can throw parent requests / suggestions of a **general nature** into the mix (**sorry, no guarantees**). If there is something you would like us to consider (e.g. extension, consolidation, areas of special interest or need, close friends/compatibilities etc), please drop by to see Kevin, or flick him an email on principal@matarau.school.nz. Please note that we do not, as a rule, take requests for teachers. **Reminder ... if your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year, and you have not already done so, please let us know asap**

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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**Congratulations to our *GOLDEN*
*LIBRARIANS, Casper H. & Rose P.***



Whangarei Central Calf Club Day

Congratulations Zoe, Blake, Marlow, Casper, Imogen, Emily P., Emma S., Finn & Liam L.



Lots of them won ribbons with their lamb / calf.



Emily P. won these prizes in Dairy Class:
1st Intermediate Heavy Breed - Rearing
4th Intermediate Heavy Breed - Leading
4th Intermediate Heavy Breed - Type
Intermediate Heavy Breed most obvious
Pet



Zoe won Overall Champion Junior with her lamb Violet & 2nd in both leading & calling

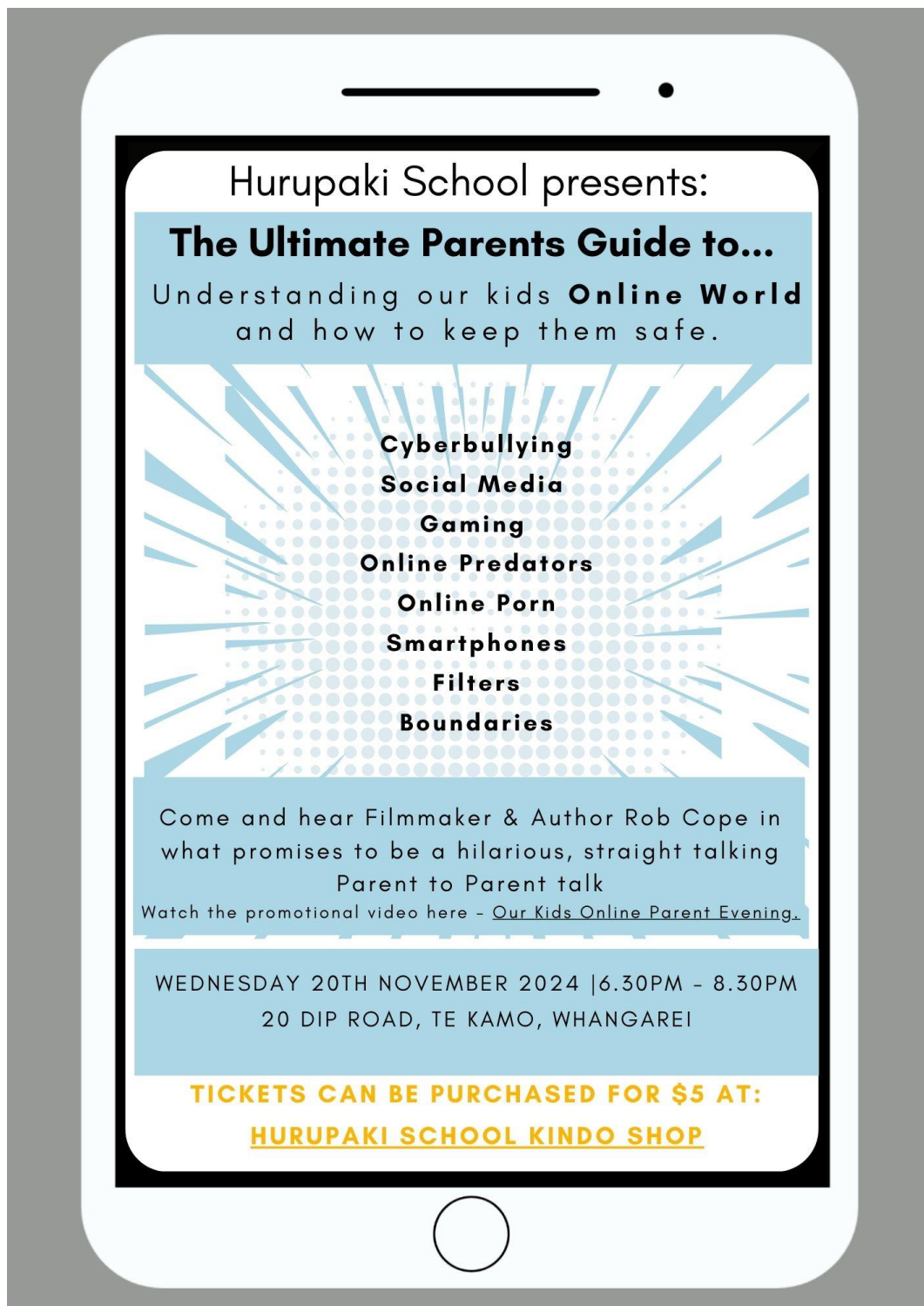


Kings College

King's will be present in Northland over the next couple of weeks!

If you have any friends.....or enemies.....that are interested in enrolment or information about the College they are most welcome to meet with us. Please pass the word around. We are still accepting 2025 enrolments as well as future years.

1. I will be at the Bay of Islands Show at WAIMATE NORTH on SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER
2. The Headmaster and I will be at THE TURNER CENTRE, Kerikeri from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER
3. The Headmaster and I will be at THE DISCOVERY SETTLERS HOTEL, 61 Hatea Drive, Whangarei, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER.



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