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# Newsletter

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#### Thank You

- ... To those gearing up for the forthcoming year 3 and 4 camp.
- ... TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS!
- ... To Mel Williams for being so generous with her time.
- ... To our PSG ... see swimming pool below

#### People Of The Week

- ... Our Kapa Haka group for their stunning performance last week - and their wider support team!
- ... Those awesome children who entered in our Art Scholarship competition ... your artwork is stunning.
- ... Those children who have entered/ are entering the school Spelling Bee Competitions ... these are not easy ... so well done!

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

- 18 November Camp Meeting Y3/4 6pm in Staffroom
- 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 ... 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

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

#### The School Swimming Pool

Will open soon for a month or so prior to the school holiday period. Children will get a chance to swim during the remaining weeks of term, then the pool will close again for about a month during the Christmas break, and then open again around mid-January. Keys will be on hire soon for \$50. The swimming season usually stretches as far as Easter ... **but we have a heated pool now and so likely longer this year.**

***Thank you to our wonderful Parent Support Group, and their supporters, for investing in the heating of our pool. You are awesome!***

#### 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 **29<sup>th</sup> of November.**



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### In brief

- Please continue to monitor your children's use of social media.
- Bring sun hat and water bottle every day to school
- Year 7&8 parents, please pay your Technology Fee (\$70) for this year.

### 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- booklets due Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of November

A reminder to keep working on those Home Garden Diaries.

Please upload photos or share & receive gardening tips on our Facebook page if you can...  
[www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens](http://www.facebook.com/matarauschoolhomegardens)

### Virtue

Our current virtue is **Purposefulness**. Please look over the notes sent home last week if you have not already done so and see if you can strike up some discussions at home.

### 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.

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### 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!

### Sunblock

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

### Pubertal Change Booklets 2024- Year 6s

Year 6 students will be bringing a pubertal change booklet home soon. If you are the parent of a year 6 child, can you please advise the school office next week ...

... if you do NOT want your child to receive this booklet

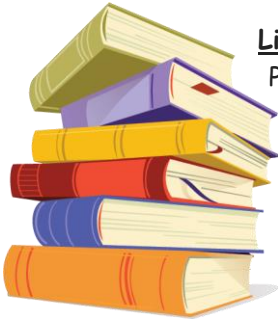
... if you would like to drop by to view a booklet

... or if you would prefer to pick your child's booklet up yourself?

If we do not hear from you, all year 6 children will bring a booklet home at some stage soon.

## 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 2025.

*Thanks to everyone who saved the Yummy sticker promotion this year. We received a huge number of stickers and are excited to let you know the results. Matarau School has \$665 to spend on sports gear*



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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 - LAST CALL

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](mailto: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

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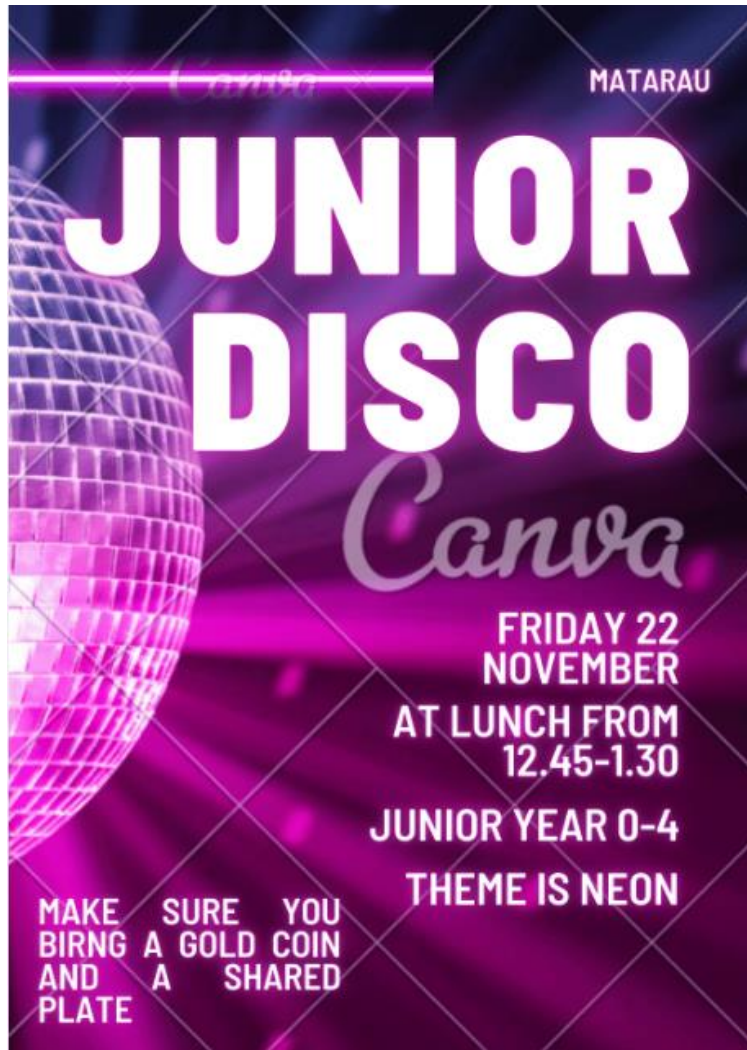
Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

## FUEL FOR SCHOOLS

The Board would like to thank

Grimmer Contracting Ltd, Adairs Farming Limited, Alisha Tracey and Bevan Grant Harper DS and KL Campbell Partnership .....for nominating Matarau School as a recipient for Fuel for Schools reward points. This generous support helps us to buy additional learning resources. If you are in a position to use these companies please do so in acknowledgment of their generous support.

If you think you might be interested in nominating Matarau School as a recipient of Fuel for Schools points please contact your fuel rep.



**Matarau School Lunches**

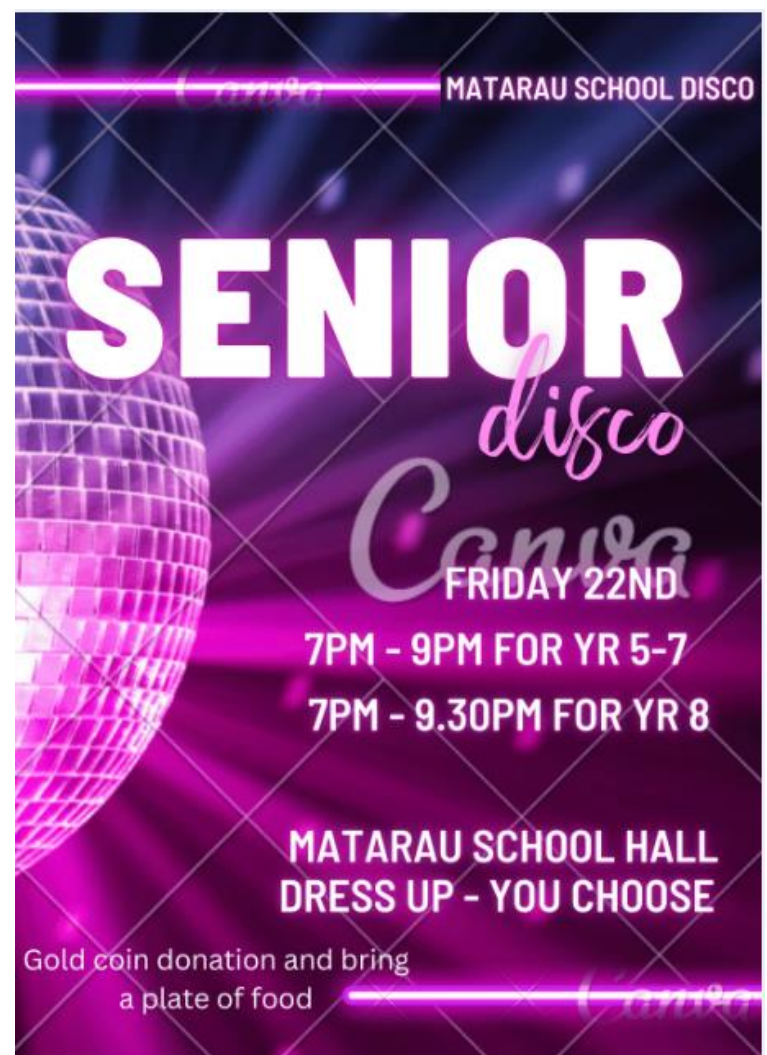
**Horny Goat Café**

**Lunches every Friday**

**Westend Sushi every Thursday**

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)



# Congratulations to all Art Scholarship entries. Your artwork looks amazing!

Autumn Hinchliffe-Triebels  
Taela Kaka  
Zara Ringrose  
Luke Schimmel  
Lily Donaldson  
Estelle Masefield  
Emily Pearson  
Livvy Grimmer  
Ava Snelling  
Emily Judkins  
Isabel Alexander  
Marshall Shanker  
Lauren Postlewaight  
Ruby Croucher  
Sophia Walker  
Imogen Harold  
Jamie-Lee Cawood

Harper Hughes  
Ocean Innes-Liddell  
Olivia Barnes  
Emma Sidford  
Pippa Peyton  
Rose Peters  
Katrina Walker  
Ryan Allen  
Jasmine Manga  
Josh Gandy  
Ashton Henwood  
Casper Harold  
Bella Postlewaight  
Niamh Hall  
Emma Donaldson  
Pippa Goodin  
Eden Milligan



# Purposefulness



## What is Purposefulness?

Being purposeful is having a clear focus, instead of being confused or unsure of what you are doing or why you are doing it. You are acting purposefully when you have a goal you are working toward. You concentrate your mind and your efforts so that something good will happen as a result. Some people just let things happen. A purposeful person makes things happen.

## Why Practice It?

Without a sense of purpose, people scatter their energies and their attention. Without knowing why they are doing something – the purpose – they easily give up. When you choose to be purposeful, you can achieve great results. Motivation comes easily because you know why you are doing something. You have a positive attitude and don't let obstacles stop you from doing what is important.



## How Do You Practice It?

Being purposeful begins with setting a vision or a goal for what you want to accomplish. Knowing why it is important is your purpose. With your goal in mind, do things one at a time, with as much care and concentration as you can. Don't let yourself get scattered in many directions, trying to do everything at once. Stay focused on your purpose.

The Virtues Project



## What would Purposefulness look like if...

- You decide to build or create something that is difficult?
- You are trying to finish your homework and find yourself day-dreaming?
- A friend comes over while you are doing your chores?
- You start to feel scattered doing too many things at once?
- You want to learn to play an instrument?
- You find it is really hard to practice a virtue?

## Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practicing Purposefulness when you...

- Have a clear vision of what you want to accomplish
- Know why you are doing it
- Focus on a goal
- Get back on purpose if you get scattered or distracted
- Do things one at a time and finish what you start
- Persevere until you get results

## Affirmation

*I am purposeful. I am clear about what I am doing and why. I stay focused on my goals. I know I can accomplish great things.*