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Thank You

... Bill Ringrose for kindly doing a bit of work with is digger on the lower field last week.

... The PSG for helping with some heavy lifting at school this week.

... **Our Fuel for schools sponsors ... the school received two new chromebooks today thanks to your efforts and the efforts of your supporters.**

People Of The Week

... Those kids brave enough to participate in recent spelling bees ... this is a pretty brutal process

... Our art exhibitors for sharing their work with us this week.

... Our Home Gardeners

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

27 November WPSSA Year 7 & 8 Interschool Athletics

27-29 November Year 3 & 4 Camp

30 November Home Garden Judging

4 December WPSSA Year 5 & 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

The School Swimming Pool

Keys for the next season are available now from the school office for \$50.

Children will get the opportunity to swim during the last couple of weeks of term, then the pool will close again for about a month during the Christmas break, and then open again around mid-January.

The swimming season usually stretches as far as Easter ... **but we have a heated pool now and so likely longer this year.**

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

Payment Pool keys

You can pay in cash or through our school's bank account.

(sorry no Eftpos)

Funds must be cleared before we can issue a key - as we use Xero, this will always take one business day. Once payment is received we will contact you to collect the pool key at the office. Please be aware that we won't give a key to students in case of losing it.

The office is open every day from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm.



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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
- Sunblock is at your discretion. Please do not ask staff to apply sunblock to your child .. maybe long lasting block in the morning could be a solution for some children.
- Year 7&8 parents, please pay your Technology Fee (\$70) for this year.

Please don't forget to check the School App.

There are frequently permission slips and notices posted.

RE : CHANGE IN DATE FOR GARDEN JUDGING - NOW FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Dear Parents

We apologize for this late change but, to accommodate our judges, **we will need to shift the garden judging day to Friday 29 November** (as opposed to Saturday 30 November as formerly advised).

Judges will start judging shortly after (around) 8:30 am and will run for much of the day. Unfortunately, it is near impossible to advise what time they will be at your child's garden.

If Friday does not work for you, please contact Simone or Rachael as it may be possible to arrange a Saturday visit for a limited number of children.

Please make sure to ...

- ... tie a balloon or bright coloured ribbon to our letterbox
- ... signpost to your child's garden
- ... clearly identify which garden is your child's garden
- ... ensure any dogs are tied up

Thank you for supporting your child in their garden adventure. We hope they will get a kick out of an official judge visiting their garden.

Please don't hesitate to contact Simone or Rachael with any questions.

kindest Regards Simone and Rachael

(sgentil@matarau.school.nz / rburgin@matarau.school.nz)

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!

Digital Devices 2025 – year 5 and up (NOT REQUIRED AT YEAR 4 IN 2024)

We prefer laptops and chrome books, as these fill our device needs better than an iPad, but whatever your child has we will work with. **Parents should feel under no pressure to purchase devices for their children ... this is your call ... we will do our best to provide as many shared (non take home devices) as we can.**

We will continue to ensure that time on devices is not overdone, there will always be plenty of time for learning and interacting in a variety of ways.

Virtue

Our current virtue is **Purposefulness**. Please let us know of any shining examples at your end.

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**.

Lost Property

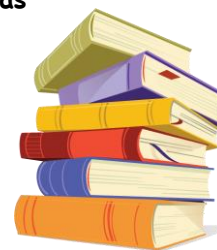
Please drop by to check the lost property sometime over the next couple of weeks. Items unclaimed by term's end will be donated to charities.

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.

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.



Finally – Class Placements 2025 – LAST CALL

Best wishes to our year 3 and 4 students, teachers, and camp parents for next week's camp at Marsden Bay. A huge thank you to those who have stepped up to make the camp possible, and to Mr Johnson who has worked for weeks in advance of camp to bring this camp together. Fingers crossed on the weather front.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehella
PRINCIPAL

A blue movie fundraiser ticket for Moana 2. The left side features a movie poster image. The right side contains event details: Theatre 4 Event Cinemas, Dec 8th at 11:30 AM, and a price of \$28. It also lists included items like movie, popcorn, and juice, and provides a ticket number and website for more details.

JOIN US TO VIEW THE NEW RELEASE OF MOANA 2 TO SUPPORT THE YEAR 7/8 HILLARY OUTDOORS TRIP IN 2026

Theatre 4 Event Cinemas

MOANA 2 Movie Fundraiser

Ticket price includes:

- Movie Ticket
- Junior Popcorn
- Juice Box
- Spot prizes entry

Limited tickets available

For more details & to secure your tickets visit: mataraufundraising.co.nz

DEC 8TH 11:30 AM PRICE: \$28

TICKET NUMBER: 0123456789

Theatre	When	Time
4	Dec 8	11:30AM

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