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# Newsletter

## Number 34

### 29 November 2024



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#### Thank You

... Our year 3 and 4 camp parents!  
... Those stepping up to help with the senior school Poor Knights visit.

#### People Of The Week

... Mr Johnson and his team for your efforts in the build up to camp ... many weeks in the making!  
... All of those children who achieved their goals while on camp.  
... Our home garden parents for inspiring and supporting your child(ren).

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

4 December WPSSA Year 5 & 6 Interschool Athletics  
10 December Year 8 trip to Poor Knights  
11 December BoT morning tea for staff and parent helpers  
12 December School Team Athletics  
13 December Senior Dinner  
16 December School Prize Giving  
17 December Issue of end of year School Reports  
18 December Tabloid Day  
20 December Final day of the 2024 school year

First day of school 2025 ... 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

### **2024 Prize Giving – Monday 16th December**

*We look forward to seeing you at our annual Prize giving evening  
which will start at 6:30pm and  
conclude 8.00pm (approx) with a shared supper.*

*We welcome all whanau and love to see our Grandparents at this  
special occasion.*

*We would be grateful if each family could bring two plates  
of food for a shared supper.*

*Attendance on this night is optional for our 5 year olds  
(all other children are asked to be present please).*

#### Year 8 Leaving books

If you have not yet sent your child's leaving book along to school ... Monday please.

#### Virtue

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



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## Invitation Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

We would love to thank our parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year at our annual Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall on Wednesday 11 December at 10:30am

This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2024.

If you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips, or anything else please be sure to join us if you can.

*Please RSVP to the office.*

### 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.

### 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.
  - Any questions around Cambridge placements (senior school) please contact Katie [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz)
  - **Please don't forget to check the School App.**
- There are frequently permission slips and notices posted.***

### Pubertal Change Booklets 2024- Year 6s

If your child did not bring a booklet home, and you would like one, please contact the school office.

### 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.

## 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

The school prefers Chrome Books please as these fill our device needs better than ipads.

**Parents of children in years 5 and 6** should feel under no pressure to purchase devices for their children. While it is preferable for year 5 and 6 children to have their own devices, we can provide non-take-home devices for a limited number of children.

**We request that year 7 and 8 students** have their own devices if possible please (Chromebook 8 gb of RAM, or HB or ACER 8 gb RAM) but are very happy to work with parents where this presents a challenge. No child will go without a device.

We will continue to ensure that time on devices is not overdone ... our target is a maximum of 30% of learning time on devices.

We note that devices are on sale from this weekend. Please feel free to contact Scotty ([sdelemare@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sdelemare@matarau.school.nz)) or Katie ([kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz)) with any questions.

## 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

It was a huge privilege to pop out to the year 3 and 4 camp a couple of times this week. While camp demands quite a bit of additional work for staff, and parents, it is always worth the effort. I heard no end of praise of staff by parents, and of parents by staff, and so thank you all for your teamwork and selfless efforts. Children are sure to have a bucket-load of memories, a pride in achieving a degree of independence, and the satisfaction of lasting the distance. Well done, and thank you again for your efforts! A special thanks to Andrew and Shelley for your leadership!

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL



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Theatre	When	Time
4	Dec 8	11:30AM

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