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Thank you

... Jackie Marvin for organising and supporting our extra literacy interventions ... which included working on the weekend.

... Those supporting our zone swimming team event (6 March) and those parents

... To our 2024 sponsors

Well done

... Those students who undertook special actions in remembrance of Eli this week. This meant a lot to your fellow students.

... Jack Keatley who supported a Lions Fund-raiser that raised 12k for charity. Lions asked that we especially commend Jack. Well done Jack.

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

Monday	3 March	Surf Life Saving Room 7 & 8
Wednesday	5 March	Double Tennis Seniors Year 7&8
Thursday	6 March	Kokopu Swimming
Friday	7 March	Surf Life Saving Room 9 & 10
Wednesday	12 March	WPSSA Swimming Year 5-8
Sunday	16 March	Matarau School Trail Ride
Monday	17 March	School Interviews
Tuesday	18 March	School Interviews
Thursday	20 March	School Swimming Sport Year 4-8
Wednesday	26 March	Individual Duathlon
Thursday	27 March	Team Duathlon
Monday	31 March	Adventure Day Year 7 & 8
Tuesday	8 April	Sanitarium Weetbix Kids Tryathlon Y5-8

Last day of Term 1 Friday 11th of April. First day of Term 2 is Monday the 28th of April.

Please check our School App regularly for any permission slips

In brief

... Cell Phones ... please ensure you are up to speed with our cell phone at school requirements and keep us informed of any changes.

... Headlice ... please check your child's hair weekly and treat within 24/48 hours where necessary.

... Please show a big interest in what your child is reading. Read to them, or listen to them read, each night if possible.

Netball

We are desperate for Year 7 & 8 Netball players. Please contact Stacey or get a form from the Office



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ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS: KOKOPU SCHOOL Thursday 6th March 2025

Our Zone Swimming Sports, at Kokopu School, is on Thursday 6th March. This is an opportunity to compete against other swimmers from our zone and to qualify for the Whangarei Championship, which will be held on Wednesday 12th March.

If your child is selected after our time trials, the permission slip is on the caregiver app.

Bus Pick-up and Drop-off Times

Information on our bus routes can be found on our website or at:

www.wntng.easybus.nz

Hockey

If your child want to play hockey this season, please sign the permission form on the caregiver app asap.

Stretching the finances

Life can be expensive at times, and school expenses can simply add to the burden. So PLEASE drop by and see Kevin or Paula if things are tough at the moment, we will come up with a plan that works for you.

Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews)

The above are scheduled for **178 & 18th March** - the online bookings screen is open. This is a chance for you and your child (optional for year 1 children) to be heard and to hear some first impressions of how their year is unfolding. To book your interview time.

Please book online via the following website -
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code of **p4zdx** or use the following link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/j4dc4>
or scan the QR code.

Please note that bookings are allocated on a first in basis and so don't delay.

With respect to interviews

... please be on time and move with the bell
... note down any questions beforehand
... we suggest that you do not book back to back interviews. A ten minute break between interviews will help you transit from one interview to the next, enable you to reflect on discussions and prepare for your next interview
... please note that buses will run at their normal times on both interview days.

Further interviews

If the above interview days do not suit, please know that all teachers are highly available by appointment. So if you didn't cover what you wanted to cover, or if you would like a deeper discussion in an area of interest or concern, please contact your child's teacher directly or phone the school office.



Finally

Thank you to those parents who work diligently to get their children to school for each school day. Numerous factors determine a child's educational and life success, but regular school attendance is undoubtedly near the top of this list. If we can help in any way to improve your child's attendance, please let us know. Equally, if there is anything that is making them reluctant to come to school, please let us know early, sometimes problems can be very quickly solved if we know about them, and attend to them thoughtfully. Currently only 56% percent of our children attend school more than 90% of the time, and 85% more than 80% of the time. The most common cause of absence is illness (understandable), followed by holidays taken during term time, and reasons deemed non-compliant with attendance regulations.

Patterns of poor attendance are hard to break and so this is a trap worth avoiding. We are here to help and so keep in touch. We are aiming for improved rates of attendance in term 1 of 2025 and with your support we are confident of achieving this.

Nga mihi

Kevin Trehella
PRINCIPAL

You can use the link to Lunchonline by clicking on this School App



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Sushi every Thursday
Ruatangata Café every Friday



We believe breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and we'll now be providing Sanitarium Weet-Bix™ and Anchor™ Milk in a programme that is a partnership between Ministry of Social Development, Sanitarium and Fonterra, and has been running successfully nationwide for over 12 years.

Every Monday - Wednesday - Friday

from 8:15 to 8:45 in the hall.

For more information about the programme, you can visit www.kickstartbreakfast.co.nz

Enviroschools update

Matarau Enviroschools...

Term 1 2025



Term 1 2025- Honouring Enviroschools here at Matarau.

This term we have a variety of expert facilitators who are coming in throughout the term to share their knowledge with each class.

They are offering a fun, interactive and informative lesson that will inspire our students to continue being Kaitiaki (Leaders) of their environment.

Expert 1- We began with Suzanne Woodgates from Kiwi North who educated our students around 'Oceanic Zones' and 'Plenty of fish in the sea'?



Seaweek is New Zealand's annual celebration of the sea and the many ways we are connected to it. This year it is **March the 1st to the 9th**.

- Teachers will celebrate Seaweek in their classrooms with their students. They will be learning the significance of a healthy ocean in our lives is critical and it comes in many shapes and forms. Seaweek aims to inspire Kiwis to reflect on their relationship with the ocean – and realise our interconnectedness.

Expert 2 - Lucretia - Eco Solutions- Reducing Waste (Week 6 Thursday 13th March) based in Room 11

Expert 3 - Anna Talbot NRC - Natural Hazards (Week 9 Wednesday 2nd April) based in the Library

Expert 4 - Alicia King NRC - Biosecurity - identifying less well-known pests (Week 9 Thursday 3rd April) based in Room 11



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Anna Alexander on aalexander@matarau.school.nz or Jo Gunson on jgunson@matarau.school.nz

