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# Newsletter

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#### Thank you

... to those helping out with the beach visits

#### Well done

... Nikora and Taniora Rapana who helped deliver two sick baby birds to the Bird Recovery centre last week. Well done boys for your conservation efforts and for your kindness.

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

|           |          |   |
|-----------|----------|---|
| Monday    | 10 March | Year 8 HPV vaccinations                   |
| 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            |
| Friday    | 21 March | School Swimming Celebration Juniors Y 1-3 |
| 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 11<sup>th</sup> of April. First day of Term 2 is Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Please check our School App regularly for any permission slips**

#### School Swimming Sports - 20 March - Years 3-8

Please join us for our Swimming Sports on Thursday 20 March.

Events will run at approximately the following times ...

|                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11:30 - Year 5-8 Freestyle        | 12:30-1:00 - Lunch          |
| 11:50 - Year 5-8 Backstroke       | 1:15 - Years 3/4 Freestyle  |
| 12:10 - Year 5-8 Breaststroke     | 1:40 - Years 3/4 Backstroke |
| 2:00 - Years 3/4 Breaststroke ... | <b>SEE YOU THERE!!!</b>     |

**(Please note that Swimming is "opt in" (with encouragement).** If you are very keen for your child to participate in the school swimming sports, **please let their teacher know** next week and they will send a little extra encouragement in their direction.

**Further** ... A number of children have entered in the zone swimming sports at Kokopu School, **but have opted not to do trials for our school swimming sports.** If you are keen for them to participate in our school swimming sports as well, please check with them to ensure that they swam in our trials. If they did not, and you would like them to participate in our school event, please email Katie over the weekend and she will ensure they are trialed ([kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz)).

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### School Swimming Celebration Juniors

You are invited to our special Junior School Swimming celebration for years 1 and 2 starting at 1:45pm on Friday 21st March. Our goal is to have all children participating as the event is all about celebrating water skills and having fun! Please ensure your child has their togs, towel, school hat, jumper, drink bottle, and sunblock (all named) at school that day. Children will be sitting in their year groups ready to swim and we will have an area for parents to sit and cheer.



*We look forward to a fun and hopefully fine afternoon.*

### Interschool Swimming Sports WPSSA - Wednesday 12 March

Congratulations to the children that have qualified. Information will be sent out on the School App to the parents of the qualified children.

### 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.
- ... Hockey Year 2-6: if your child wants to play hockey this season, please sign the permission form on the caregiver app asap.

### Bus Pick-up and Drop-off Times

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

[www.wntng.easybus.nz](http://www.wntng.easybus.nz)

### 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.

### Sponsors

If you would like to be a school sponsor, please contact Miranda at school (admin2@matarau.school.nz). For a \$600 donation to the school, sponsors are connected with a class for the year, and they are advertised on our website and in weekly newsletters. Sponsor donations are used to buy learning resources. We are very grateful to our 2024 sponsors ... **THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE SCHOOL AND FOR YOUR VERY GENEROUS SUPPORT.**

### **Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews)**

The above are scheduled for **17th & 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the event code of **p4zdx** or use the following link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/p4zdx> 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.



### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**The following children made it through and have been entered into the WPSSA Swimming Championships:**

Year 5 Girls Freestyle - Emily Pearson, Lily Donaldson

Year 5 Boys Freestyle - Aiden Jambor, Silas Hughes

Year 6 Boys Freestyle - Daniel McGrath, Denim Hutchinson

Year 7 Girls Freestyle - Pippa Peyton

Year 8 Girls Freestyle - Ady Gibbs

Year 8 Boys Freestyle - Zac Burgin, Gideon Woodman

Year 5 Girls Backstroke - Emily Pearson, Lily Donaldson

Year 5 Boys Backstroke - Aiden Jambor

Year 6 Girls Backstroke - Ruby Croucher

Year 6 Boys Backstroke - Daniel McGrath, Denim Hutchinson

Year 7 Girls Backstroke - Taylor Masefield

Year 8 Girls Backstroke - Ady Gibbs

Year 8 Boys Backstroke - Zac Burgin, Gideon Woodman

Year 5 Girls Breaststroke - Emily Pearson, Lily Donaldson

Year 5 Boys Breaststroke - Theo Goodin

Year 6 Girls Breaststroke - Lauren Postlewaight

Year 6 Boys Breaststroke - Daniel McGrath

Year 7 Girls Breaststroke - Pippa Peyton, Whaiawa Tito

Year 8 Boys Breaststroke - Zac Burgin



## Sanitarium Weetbix Kids Tryathlon - Matarau Style! / Year 5-8

As a school, we are very excited to partake in the TRY CHALLENGE - a new programme that allows families and schools to create their own TRY CHALLENGE event to earn their TRY Champions t-shirt and medal. TRY CHALLENGE is designed to make staying active and healthy as fun and affordable as possible.

The Finlayson's have generously offered us their farm again as a site to run our Try-Challenge, on **Tuesday 8th April**. The distances will be roughly the same as what they would be doing for the Weetbix Tryathlon, apart from the swim.

The swim will be replaced with a 50-metre mud run.

Year 5-6 - Bike 4km, Run 1.5

Year 7-8 - Bike 8km, Run 1.5

Students will need to have their **own bike** for this event, and **covered shoes** (preferably old, as they will get muddy).

**PLEASE FILL IN PERMISSION ON THE CAREGIVER APP**

The cost for this event is **\$15 per child**.

Each child will get a TRY CHALLENGE T-SHIRT & a MEDAL. **Please complete the questions below by the 10th of March**. This will allow enough time for packs to be ordered and shipped.

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

For internet banking please pay into the school account: 12-3093-0239515-00 with WEETBIX as the reference.

## Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Matarau Trail Ride returns home to Lovells farm on Sunday 16th March.



**We are looking for volunteers to help us ensure the day runs smoothly.**

Are you able to spare a few hours to help? There's no need to have any knowledge of trail rides, we are looking for help with registrations, cooking on the bbq and checking wristbands.

If you are able to help please fill out the form

at <https://mataraufundraising.co.nz/matarau-school-trail-ride-2025-volunteer/> and one of the committee members will be in touch.

### **Finally**

Please book an interview slot if you can. Jot in advance any questions. Have in mind areas you would like teachers to especially focus on ... and remember that teachers are available by appointment if interview days/times clash.

Best for the weekend.

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Kevin Trehella  
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