



MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

September 25, 2019 Week 10

Upcoming Events

Friday September 27

- Last day of term 3

Monday October 14

- First day of term 4

Wednesday October 16

- Yrs 1-4 swimming

Monday October 21

- Yrs 1-4 Swimming

Tuesday October 22

- Yrs 1-4 Swimming

Thursday October 24

- Yrs 1-4 Swimming

Friday October 25

- Yrs 1-4 Swimming

Fridays November 8, 15, 22

- Yrs 5-8 Swimming

Fridays December 6, 13

- Yrs 5-8 Swimming

Other Dates of Note

- Nov 10 - School Gala
- Nov 15 - Ag Day

I have now been Principal at Manakau School for 3 years and 3 terms, in fact I have now been a Principal for 3 years and 3 terms. It has been an interesting experience to say the least. Most of the time I love it. I love the variety, I love the things that the children come out with, their perception of the world, their unique-niss. I love the excitement that is conveyed when our children learn a new skill, or achieve one of their goals. I love the dynamic environment that is created when our children come together from our diverse families. I particularly enjoy the opportunities I get to teach.

Over the past 2 terms I have had to closely reflect on my role in supporting your children to be their personal best. Diversity is an interesting challenge.

“Humans see what they want to see.”

— Rick Riordan, *The Lightning Thief*

This quote resonated with me. The role of a school is to provide an environment for diversity, to create a safe space that allows children to be their best. To face adversity, to challenge perceptions, to build resilience and to learn to work together...whatever we see or hear. This is the power of schools as I see it, and it's a challenge.

I don't write these words lightly. I have thought about my role in supporting a school that allows for this 'niss' in all of us, children and parents, staff, our wider community and myself. When we gathered recently for the Music Extravaganza, we saw our diversity...for some of our children the challenge was to learn to play an instrument, for others it was to stand on stage in front of their peers and families, and for others it was to sit for an extended period of time while being dive bombed by an angry bee. Diversity is what makes us human, and it's a challenge!

As we head into our term break and then into Term 4, I ask that you celebrate diversity...in your children, in the families you connect to, and in others.

Happy holidays

Together Each Achieves More

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Thank you and farewell

Thank you to Aimee Pettigrew who has been a Teacher Aide at school for almost 2 years, and is leaving on Friday. We wish you all the best for the next chapter of your life.

Immunisation Certificates

As a precaution, we would like to update our records and ask if everyone could please supply a copy of your child/rens Immunisation certificates or status. This can be dropped into the office or scan and emailed through to the office. We have attached to this newsletter a Mid Central Health Information sheet for you to look over.



Swimming Lessons

In Term 4 we are having swimming lessons for all the children, held at Levin Aquatic Centre. Years 1-4 start in the first week, on

Wednesday 16. Rooms 1, 2 and 3 will need to bring togs and towels etc.

The dates and ages are listed on the calendar on the front page of this newsletter. We have transport sorted. Parent help???

Uniform Reminder

Please could you return all school uniforms so that we can stock take our supplies.

2020 Class Lists

It's that time of year again. We are starting to put together the class lists for 2020. This is always a full-on process as we consider the children's specific needs and the numbers in each of the year levels. Please let Office Deb know if you have any information we should know.

Lost property

PLEASE CHECK OUR LOST PROPERTY THIS WEEK... We have some really good jackets and warm clothing in our lost property box. Please check if any of these items belong to your child/ren. We will gift any items still in the lost property box at the end of this week to a clothing bank.

Around the classes update

Term 4 Classroom and Personnel Changes

We have a couple of new faces on staff that you may not have had a chance to meet.

Two new Teacher Aides - Whaea Natalie - Room 2 and Whaea Donna - Room 4. Please introduce yourself to these lovely ladies. They are providing great support to our students and teachers.

THE STAFFROOM

In Term 4 we are opening a new learning space which will be located in the current staffroom. Children from Room 4 will be working in this space with Ms. Logan. She will be teaching for the morning blocks (9am - 12.50). Please make an appointment with Office Deb if you need to catch up with Principal Deb:)

This space will only be used as a classroom for Term 4 2019 as we wait for the delivery of the new classrooms. We will be relocating our staffroom to the Plunket Rooms (located beside the small fenced off playground). This exciting opportunity has been prompted by the number of unexpected enrolments in years 5 and 6 and allows us to cater to the specific learning needs of all our children. We are very grateful to the Plunket Society for allowing us access to this facility.

The PTFA list of items required building towards the Gala...

- ◆ **Containers for Planting** - 6 section planters please.
- ◆ **Crafty Items** - Are you thinking about making or donating something for our fair craft stall? Please contact Anita on 0212129230 .
- ◆ **T-Shirts** - If you have any clean (thickish fabric) or old t-shirts, please bring them into the main office.
- ◆ **Gazebo's needed** (about 10). Please let us know if we can have yours. Happy to pick up the week before.

Last sleepover at school. Last few newsletters we mentioned a missing air mattress. It appears we have several incorrect mattress's or some people that didn't get theirs back at all. Please could you check the air mattress you took home, to see if it is yours. Several of them had names written on the side of them.

HEADLICE

These are prevalent at the moment. Can everyone **PLEASE, PLEASE**, check their child/ren and treat to ensure that we eradicate these nasty pests. Don't forget to check all members of the family, and wash bedding, clothes, hats etc. If everyone can treat the child/ren concerned then we hopefully can reduce these spreading throughout the whole school.

Wanted: 2 winter sleeping bags. Please contact the school office if you can help.

Small bags of pinecones \$5
Junior school Fundraiser
by rooms 1 & 2

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kid Goats for Sale. Saanen White kid goats. These kids are from high production milking goats. Ideal pets for children's school Ag day or starting your own herd. We are moving and not taking our goats with us. Girls \$140. Boys \$70. Contact us through mobile or email. Shoota Ballinger 02 778 776 78 shoota@ballinger.co.nz

Fashion Show

Rotary Club of Levin Fundraiser in support of children being cared for by Grandparents. Horowhenua College Hall. Wednesday 25 September 2019 at 7.30pm. Tickets \$25. Available from SuperMinx, By Design, Property Brokers, Paper Plus, Pam 021 1685 976 or Alison 027 4725 309.

The Pond School Holiday Shows

The pond is a magical journey through the eyes of the creatures and plants that live in and around the pond and whose daily lives depend on the importance of water for their survival.

To book visit www.littledogbarking.co.nz

Levin Athletics Club

Mondays, 6pm at Waiopahu College
Clubnights start Monday 14th October
All ages: Preschool to Secondary School
Registrations can be done online through the [Levin Athletics Club](#) website

Otaki Bike Rodeo

Free Kids bike obstacle course and bike checks. Tuesday October 1 from 11am-2pm at St Peter Chanel School, Otaki. More info: pedalready.org.nz/events.
Rain cancellations:
facebook.com/bikegreaterwelly.

Horowhenua Taste Trail 2019

Come celebrate the launch of the taste trails. Tuesday October 1, 2019, 6-7.30pm at Te Takere, Levin. Be the first to capture glimpses into the unique experiences the Taste Trail has to offer. As you taste your way through delicious canapes showcasing 13 of Horowhenua's specialist food producers prepared by the students at Horowhenua Learning Centre. RSVP to emma@luluevents.co.nz by September 24.

Exercise class at the Manakau Hall

The classes are being held on a Tuesday morning at 9.30am and Thursday evening at 7pm. They are suitable for anyone (adults only at this stage), and any fitness level.

You can contact me at this email address (stephanie@tackup.co.nz).

Free Entry School Holiday Activity for anyone interested in watching INLINE HOCKEY being held at the Horowhenua Events Centre in Levin. Games will run all day – everyday Sat 5th to Sat 12th with Senior and Premier Finals Sunday morning on Oct 13th. Teams will attend from all over New Zealand. All ages, teams from Under 10 to Seniors, including junior and senior women and for the second year Masters 35+ - there are over 50 teams in total. Local teams from Levin and surrounding areas also competing. We welcome visitors to drop in and take a look at this exciting and skilled emerging sport on wheels.

School finishes at 3.00pm
this Friday for the term.