



MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

October 16, 2019 Week 1

Upcoming Events

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
- PTFA meeting

Thursday October 24

- Yrs 1-4 Swimming
- Slide space to GNS

Friday October 25

- Yrs 1-4 Swimming
- Waterpolo Yr 5/6

Monday October 28

- Labour Day - no school

Wednesday, October 30

- Room 5 Camp
- Fire Truck visit Rm 1&2

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

Welcome back to school everyone. It's great to have you here as part of our school community.



7 Tips for parents and whanau

As young people use more digital technology, it's important parents teach them about online safety. While there might be a gap between what your child knows and how much you know about technology, you don't have to be a tech expert to help. You can offer life skills, maturity and experience your child hasn't developed yet.

So, how do you get started?

Netsafe has put these tips together to help parents and whānau talk to their young people about online safety.

SEVEN TIPS TO HELP YOU

The following tips are designed to enhance your digital parenting knowledge and have been developed with parents in mind.

- ◆ **Understand:** Read about the potential online risks, challenges and sometimes illegal behaviour young people face to understand what may happen
- ◆ **Learn:** Ask your child about what they do, how they use devices and who they talk to learn about their activities. Check in regularly to see what has changed
- ◆ **Explore:** Take the time yourself to explore the sites, apps and technologies your child uses to improve your knowledge and understand their experience
- ◆ **Agree:** Create a family code with your child to agree on what they can do online including sites to visit, appropriate behaviours, privacy settings and limits
- ◆ **Start:** Recognise each child has unique needs, but some online safety concepts are universal. Start by teaching yours the Five tips to help your child thrive
- ◆ **Model:** Be a good example to your child. Make sure you role model the sort of behaviours you want to see your child use online and offline
- ◆ **Plan:** Make a plan so everybody knows what to do if something goes wrong and where you will be able to get advice and support in challenging times

More information to help with each of these tips is available at this link <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>

Swimming Lessons

In Term 4 we are having swimming lessons for all the children, held at Levin Aquatic Centre. Attached is a separate notice to put up at home, to help you remember what days swimming is on so you know when to bring togs and towels etc.



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.

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 scanned and emailed through to the office.

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

- ◆ **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.

Are you interested in helping with the Gala? If so please let the school office now.

Ag Day is Friday November 15

If you are submitting a calf or lamb and have not let the office know, please could you do this straight away. Thank you.

SCHOOL LUNCHES FROM MANAKAU STORE

Base rate \$5 = 1 cookie, 1 piece of fruit, 1 Cassava crisps, 1 sandwich of 1 filling.

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.

Switch to Water challenge

As a school, we are promoting a 'Switch to Water' drinking challenge. It runs for 30 days from October 21st through to November 21st. There are great health benefits to dropping sugary drinks. Please could parents help to encourage this especially over this 30 Challenge.

School Donations

Have you remembered to pay your school donation? Please check with the office if you are unsure. These are a once a year expense. Your donations help to cover costs at school such as resources used in the class, art equipment, many costs to help learning by more fun.

Massive Fireworks Display.

Friday 8 November, Haruatai Park, Mill Road, Otaki. Gates open at 6.30pm. Tickets available at: Waitohu School, Kiss and Bake Up Waikanae, Café 66 Otaki, Mobil Otaki, Levin and Paraparaumu as well as at the gate on the night. Pre purchased Tickets - Adults \$5, Students \$5. On the night - Adults \$8, Students \$5 (Preschoolers free). Eftpos available. Car parking available at Otaki College \$5 per vehicle.

Host Families Needed

STS are looking for caring host families to welcome our students from Europe arriving to NZ in January 2020. If you want to experience another culture without leaving NZ contact STS today. Call: 0800 991 991 or email: highschool@sts-education.co.nz

OTAKI SURFCLUB – NIPPER TRAINING

Otaki Surfclub Nippers training every Thursday 7-8pm at Haruatai Pools. If you are 7-13 years old and can swim one length of the pool confidently, just come along and get fit for the beach (sessions start Sun, 10th November). For more information contact Jutta on 021 0395922 or Carrie on 021 775432.

<https://www.otakisurfclub.co.nz>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2067217190196025>

Repair Café Otaki. Memorial Hall, Saturday 19th October, From 10am - 2pm.

A meeting place where people repair things together. You'll find expert volunteers with repair skills in all kinds of areas along with the tools and materials to repair or to help you make any repairs you need. Please remember to bring replacement items like a zip garments along!