

Upcoming Events

Thursday February 27

- Open House & BBQ

Friday February 28

- Yr 7/8 Water polo

Monday March 9

- Teacher only day

Monday March 16

- ERO visitors

Tuesday March 17

- Manakau athletics

Wednesday March 18

- Weetbix Tryathlon

Monday March 23

- School photos

Thursday April 9

- Last day of term

Tuesday April 28

- Term 2 begins



Building Update

New Modular Learning Spaces

On Thursday, while we are at the beach, the buildings were lifted into their final position.

There is still lots more work to be done. However, it is exciting to see progress being made.



Beach Day Excursion

Thank you to all the parents who helped to make the beach day excursion happen. We are very grateful for your involvement.

Open House Tomorrow

- Thursday February 27

5-6pm... teachers in classes.

6pm... onward community BBQ..

Please bring a salad/side dish to share.

Sausages and meat patties provided.



Hopefully you have already set aside this evening. It is an opportunity to look around the classes, meet all of our teachers and join together as a community.

If you would like individual time with your child/ children's class room teacher, they are available after school on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please make an appointment directly with them. We look forward to hosting you and introducing you to the new families of Manakau School.

There will also be an opportunity to contribute to the school goals for the next 3 years. You are encouraged to add your thoughts.



Staffing 2020 - apologies to Michaela Dear for misspelling your name. (Obviously that's why I have come back to school to work on such issues ie spelling.)

Manakau School Lockdown Procedure

- supply list

Thank you to the handful of parents who have supplied water and food already. I have been asked why we have changed the list this year. The reason being if we don't have power in a lockdown, and still need to feed your children, we need food they are happy to eat cold. Also not all areas of the school have cooking facilities. I will attach this list again today to the newsletter. Don't forget to name both your food item and water, or put them in a named bag. These can be dropped into either the office or their classes. Unused, named items will be returned to you at the end of the year.

Kawa Kawa balm.

For sale all year round. \$5.

From Manakau School office.

Teacher Only Day.

Monday March 9th

The school will be **closed** on this day so that all staff can attend a professional development opportunity.



Thank you to all the families who have remembered to drop in **tissues and 2 reams of paper (per child)**. We are very appreciative of your contribution. They are a great help to us as a school.

Pumpkin Growing Competition Judging

Please bring your pumpkin, grown from seeds provided by Paul Beckett from pggwrightsons.co.nz last year. Wednesday March 4th. Judging will happen at lunch time.

Immunisations for Year 7 & 8 students.

During the first few weeks of the term if your child is in year 7 or 8, they will bring home a consent form for the school vaccination programme. As a parent or care giver it is important that you feel informed to make a decision.

Making informed decisions means being able to find and understand relevant information, be given the opportunity to discuss it, and make the decision that is right for you and your family.

Obviously, the internet has a vast amount of good information on various topics, but also contains websites of dubious quality. While many quality websites offer science-based information about vaccine safety, other sites provide unbalanced and misleading information. The challenge is knowing what to believe.

0800 IMMUNE (466863) is a free phone line - available Monday to Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm. All the advisors have extensive immunisation and vaccine-preventable disease knowledge.

Please return your form by February 28.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Calling all Lego fans!
We supply the Lego, you supply the ideas.
Put your creativity to the test. Design and build your own masterpiece!

First Thursday of the Month
Paraparaumu Library – 3.30-4.30

Second Thursday of the Month
Waikanae Library – 3.30-4.30

Third Thursday of the Month
Ōtaki Library – 3.30-4.30

Horowhenua Community Music Workshop.
Music tuition for primary and intermediate age children held after school at Levin Intermediate School. Tuition for : keyboard, guitar, bass, violin, ukulele, drums, flute, clarinet and recorder. The cost of lessons is \$30 for three terms. Registrations for 2020. Ph: 368 2510.or www.musicworkshop.homedns.org

After School Music Lessons at the OTAKI MUSIC CENTRE. An opportunity for your child to learn an instrument *Voice, Keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drums.*
When? Classes on Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm (starting March 3rd).

Where? Otaki College Performing Arts Department

Who is eligible? Primary school students from 7 yrs - up to & including Year 8 (there are limited spaces available & older students have priority)

Cost? \$50 per class per student for the year

PLEASE COME TO REGISTRATION DAY

Tuesday Feb 25th, 3.30-4.30pm

(Otaki College Performing Arts Centre)

Any queries contact Carylann 0276504433

Autumn Kids Camp 2020!!

Registrations will be opening soon....in the meantime, here's the dates to mark in your diary:

4pm, Monday 20th - 11am, Friday 24th April .

For further info about our Kids Camps, head to our website: ElRancho.co.nz

Manakau Plunket Playgroup

When: Tues and Thurs 9.30am—12noon

Where: Honi Taipua Street

Cost: \$2 per child, per session + a piece of fruit to share at morning tea.

Phone: Anita 021 212 9230

Otaki Sports Club Football Registrations.

Kids 6 years and up wanting to play football this year please send their details to Kerry

Bevan. kerry.bevan@gmail.com or 027

4056635. Contact Kerry for additional

information. The season starts early April.

Celebrating Te Rā O Ngā Tamariki (Children's Day) on 1st March at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve. It's going to be lots of fun!

Children (0 - 17 years) will enjoy free entry. There will be Story Telling Sessions (11am, 1pm and 3pm) along with Kākāriki Nature Play activities (whittling and flax rope making) in between storytelling sessions until 4pm. Bring a picnic and come and enjoy a family day out. Meet our birds in the walk-through aviaries and nocturnal house and see the eels being fed at 2pm.

Here is the link to our Children's Day Event on Eventfinda:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/ng-manu-on-childrens-day/waikanae>

A free screening of Frozen - <https://facebook.com/events/s/free-whanau-outdoor-screening-180467433019110/?ti=ia>

Children's Day 2020. Superhero Theme. Sunday 1 March. 11am-3pm. Levin Adventure Park. Free sausage sizzle, face painting, bouncy castles, and much more.

**The most dangerous
game to play:**

**'Resting your eyes'
in the morning after
turning off your
alarm.**

