



# MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

May 27, 2020 Term 2, Week 7

## Upcoming Events

### Monday June 1

- Queens Birthday Holiday

### Tuesday June 9

- PTFA Meeting - 7pm

### Saturday June 20

- Working Bee, 8am - 2pm

### Friday July 3

- Matariki breakfast TBC
- Last day of term

### Monday July 20

- Term 3 begins

## Lockdown reminders

- ☞ Parents/caregivers. Please do NOT enter classrooms.
- ☞ 1 parent/family in reception at a time.
- ☞ Be on time for pick ups.
- ☞ Make use of Skool Loop app for absences.
- ☞ All parents/caregivers must still sign in when entering the school grounds, either via Skool Loop or hardcopy as provided.
- ☞ Children to enter classrooms via the doors designated ie rooms 3&4 through doors on deck only.
- ☞ Please do not remain at school for meeting or playing after 3.

**PTFA Meeting Tuesday 9th June** - 7pm in the school staffroom (a zoom link will be available if you can not physically attend).

## Horowhenua Winter Sport Update

**Netball** - We have received notification from Horowhenua Netball informing us that they have decided to cancel the school competition for this season.

**Ripper Rugby** - Will still be offered in our school however this will not be until the country moves to Alert Level 1.

**Hockey** - At this stage the winter hockey start date is the 6th June unless level 2 last longer then the association will look at pushing it back. Schools have found it difficult to organise teams with the lockdown so the cut off date has been extended until the 29th May. Please return the sign up forms to the office this week.

## School Based Events

At the recent Board of Trustees meeting we discussed the up-coming school events including Matariki, Senior Ski Camp and the Annual Country Fair. The Board supported the continuation of these events, so planning can now kick into action.

We had booked our **Matariki breakfast** for the last day of this term. At this stage we are taking a wait and see approach; more information will come out to you in the coming weeks, once we know what restrictions will be in place due to Covid-19.

## New Modular

...we are so close...at this stage the classes should be completed NEXT FRIDAY!!!!!! There will still be a lot of work to be completed around the buildings and the school garden. We had planned to have a celebration for the opening, however, the big event will now be held in term 3 or 4. We will put a message on seesaw if we need a few extra hands to move the larger pieces of furniture into the rooms, and will definitely have a working bee (with BBQ supplied) to reset the gardens.

## Working Bee

20th June, 8am - 2pm (come for all or part of the time)

Types of jobs: building raised gardens, moving soil, planting, trimming trees, weed eating, clearing the swimming pool area, trimming the feijoa trees, water blasting, painting old shed :)

## Emergency Procedure

In response to the recent spate of Earthquakes, here is a re-share of our school based procedures. Also, after yesterday's moderate earthquake, Deb L sent a message through seesaw to let our families know the children and staff were safe. We will aim to do this in the future.

In the event of an earthquake, the teacher will call "get under desks. **DROP, COVER, HOLD**".

- Children and staff will get under furniture or shelter near a wall, or drop to their hands and knees away from windows.
- All will adopt a 'turtle position' covering face, neck, head, with legs in close to the body. Where there is no under-desk space, pupils should drop to the floor with hands protecting the head. DROP, COVER, HOLD
- Classes DO NOT go outside following an earthquake - school buildings are earthquake resistant and the hazard of falling materials and exposure to adverse weather outweigh risks of staying indoors.
- Teachers are still expected to use initiative and move children to a safe location if the structural integrity of an individual room is compromised.
- Classes remain in the buildings even when shaking ceases.



## SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES - Winter Hockey Years 0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Horowhenua hockey is looking for teams for the Winter season. Some children have expressed an interest in playing hockey this year and have taken home additional information. If you would like your child to play please fill in the form which accompanies this newsletter and we will send the info home.

If we don't have enough people to make a Manakau Team, Horowhenua hockey will try to make teams by combining schools.

## KAWA KAWA BALM

AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE \$5.

**School Public Health Nurse** is still available to you. If you wish to speak or see the nurse please ring or text 0274555074. Or send an email to [schoolhlth@midcentraldhb.govt.nz](mailto:schoolhlth@midcentraldhb.govt.nz).

Please leave your name, school and best contact details and a nurse will get in touch.

## School lunches - from Manakau Store

Base rate \$5. This includes 1 cookie, 1 piece of fruit, 1 pkt cassava crisps, 1 sandwich of 1 filling.

Made to order, while you wait, or can be pre ordered. You can contact the store : 362 6840 or 021 117 8878 or by email: [gate28sonya@hotmail.com](mailto:gate28sonya@hotmail.com).



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Wellington Zoo** has re-opened with **free entry** until 30 June 2020 - tickets are available online now. Bookings are essential. All visitors to the Zoo will have to pre-book their visit online to help us manage the number of visitors in the Zoo at any one time.

We will have morning and afternoon session tickets available and you'll need to enter the code **FREE** at checkout.

## Queen's Birthday Special Deal...

Book a campsite, Villa, Baker Lodge unit, or Studio and only pay the base rate for the first two people.....kids stay for free .

PLUS we'll entertain the whole family with FREE activities!

- Rockwall: Sat 30 May, 10 - 11am
- Archery: Sat 30 May, 1 - 2pm
- Go Karts: Sun 31 May, 10 - 11am
- Horses: Sun 31 May, 1 - 2pm

\*\*2 night minimum stay | Kids are free up to 12 years\*\*. Head to our website to book: EL Rancho Camp.

What makes a child  
gifted and talented  
may not always be  
good grades in  
school , but a  
different way of  
looking at the world  
and learning.

## Hike it, Bike it, Scoot it, Skate it:

### Kerb drill

Take one step back from the kerb.

1. Look and listen for traffic coming from all directions.
2. If there is traffic coming, wait until it has passed and then look and listen for traffic again.
3. If there is no traffic coming, walk quickly straight across the road.

While crossing, look and listen for traffic, wherever it may come from.

Skateboards, scooters, skates etc powered by foot or gravity. There are requirements on where and how you can use them.

- On the footpath:
- you must ride carefully and be considerate of others on the footpath
- you must not ride at speeds that put other footpath users at risk
- you must give way to pedestrians and drivers of mobility vehicles.



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