



# MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

June 10, 2020 Term 2, Week 9

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday June 13

- New Building Blessing at 6.30am.

### Saturday June 20

- Working Bee, 8am - 2pm

### Monday June 22

- BOT meeting - 6.15pm

### Tuesday June 23

PTFA fair planning meeting - 7pm

### Friday July 3

- Matariki breakfast
- Last day of term

### Monday July 20

- Term 3 begins

### Friday July 31

- Red nose day

## Blessing of the new building

It is with excitement and pride that the Board of Trustees invite you to the Blessing Ceremony, this Saturday at 6.30am. At the time of reading this, hopefully we will have secured the code of compliance.

This customary blessing ceremony is known as kawanga whare: the formal pre-dawn ceremony to open a new building. For us this is an acknowledgement of the stories of the past and how they will be woven into the future of our school. Because this newly built learning space has been made of timber from the forests of the atua, Tāne-mahuta, and rests on tribal lands, we acknowledge and follow the tikanga associated with kawanga whare, which is the lifting of the tapu from these buildings so they can be used by everyone.

**If you would like to join us for this special occasion, we ask that you r.s.v.p. to office Deb by noon on Friday (this will ensure we**

**are able to cater appropriately). A desk will be outside the office space to record your name and numbers attending.**

## PTFA Meeting - Tuesday 9th June 2020

Last night we held our first PTFA meeting since lockdown. The meeting was held in the staffroom and Rachael joined via ZOOM. Attended by Mel, Fiona, Amy, Lisa, Roger, Rachael and Deb.

*Welcome:* Deb

Round the table introductions and celebration of the new parents who were keen to be involved in the PTFA.

*Items discussed:*

Deb and Roger shared previous recent PTFA projects.

- Purchasing ipads
- The New Manakau School Playground
- Supporting Education Outside The Classroom events for classes
- Contributing to classroom resources
- Contributing to school camps/buses/activities
- Purchasing the giant chess set/playground marking

*BOT desire to hold the Annual Country Fair.*

- We discussed the timing of the fair. Time of year, day and actual start time of the fair
- Decided this year we would continue to hold the fair in Term 4 - Date: Saturday 21st November
- Start time moved forward one hour 10am - 1pm
- Set a meeting for the next Fair planning meeting (see below)
- This project is now in the planning stages
- All offers of active support gratefully accepted
- We will need new stall leaders (Many thanks to those of you who have contributed your time and energy over the past years)
- Aiming for \$12000 profit this year
- All ideas encouraged

### *Big Projects to be considered*

- Covering the back deck on new buildings
- Covering the deck on the admin block
- Renovating the school pool (resurfacing and automatic filtration system) - more information being sort - needs and pricing
- Communal eating space/Outside classroom
- Furniture for the historic block once restoration project is completed

### *Smaller Projects to be considered*

- Special Reading Grandie Chair for the new block - agreed
- Bark for the Adventure Park - agreed (Amy to investigate source)
- Building/Gardening supplies for the new garden zone - more information being sort
- Oven for the new classrooms - agreed
- Signage for the blocks once names have been decided - agreed
- Signage for Nga Pou Korero - agreed

*Discussed the sandpit project* - Rachael shared that the previous sandpit had been covered over by the new playground. The Year 1-3 classes have raised over \$1000 in pinecone and toy sales and approx \$500 in Kawakawa Balm sales over the past 2 years. Suggested a contribution from PTFA to support the building of the new sandpit once the garden area and placement is decided. Some funds to be set aside for gardening resources - agreed

Discussed another order of school sweatshirts  
Discussed sponsorship for PTFA projects  
Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Moving forward all PTFA meetings will be available through the ZOOM app and in the school staffroom.

All parents of children at Manakau School are automatically members - Welcome:)

### **Next Meeting:**

**Fair Planner 7pm 23rd June**

### **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 :)

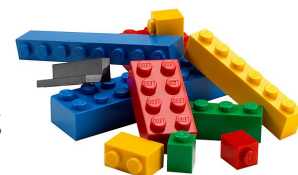


## FAMILY FUN NIGHT IDEA

**BUILD LEGO.** The proof is in the pudding, (consumer empire) building Lego is F.U.N.

Prepare with lego to build with, paired it with delicious snacks and fun drinks and park yourselves at the table to make a creation together.

If your kids are Lego masters then perhaps instead of doing one altogether you each complete your own.



**KAWA KAWA BALM  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE \$5.**

### **GIVE A LITTLE**

A family member overseas, related to one of our school families has just found out their child has cancer and a 'Give a Little' page has been started for them, if you are interested please head to 'givealittle.co.nz' then search Niko and Athena's recovery.

Big Bang Adventure Race. Navigate on foot, on water, on mountain bike. Come celebrate our 10th birthday with us! Saturday November 7, 2020. Enter now. [www.bigbangadventure.co.nz](http://www.bigbangadventure.co.nz).

**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).