



MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

August 26, 2020 Term 3, Week 6

Upcoming Events

Monday August 31

- BOT meeting

Sunday September 13—15th

- Room 5 Ski camp

Friday September 25

- Last day of term

Monday October 12

- First day of term 4

November Thursday 12

- Ag Day

November Saturday 21

- Manakau Country Fair

From Deb's Desk

Attendance

This week I have audited the attendance for all students at Manakau School and have identified students who have had less than 90% attendance this term. There are quite a few. Today, as part of our attendance procedures, I have sent home letters to these families.

I know in many of the cases the reasons for non attendance are justified, however, the Ministry of Education report - Attendance Matters: Guidelines for implementing an effective attendance management plan states:

"Irregular attendance may be an early indicator of problems with student motivation or teaching effectiveness. Students with high absenteeism are less likely to succeed in their learning. If a student misses five school days each term, or one day a fortnight, they will miss the equivalent of one year of school over 10 years. As the level of absenteeism grows, the difficulty of re-engaging in learning can grow exponentially. So we need to work together.

I see this as an opportunity to share this information with you, something that you may not have been aware of. If you need further support with this. Please make contact.

Student Achievement

In the recent Parent Teacher Conferences your child's teacher shared their current level of achievement in the core subjects of writing, reading and maths. They would also have shared how your child transitioned back to school from the lockdown, and may have shared how they are developing the Key Competencies of Thinking, Relating to Others, Participating and Contributing, Using languages symbols and text, and Managing Self. If you were unable to attend these meetings and would like to catch up with your child's class teacher, please make contact with them directly, or through Office Deb.

The Board of Trustees has recently received the interim overall teacher judgements for 2020.

This information includes a breakdown of achievement in ethnicity, gender and year groups.

The following information gives an overview of the achievement statistics for our school. However, what you don't see in percentages are the specific children. Their unique strengths and skills, their challenges and the intervention and extension programmes that we have in place. "Diversity is one thing we all have in common." - Anon

Manakau Interim Reporting 2020

The information provided in this report is based on the Overall Teacher Judgements (OTJ) in June 2020. Each teacher makes an overall judgement of student achievement based on standardised testing, ongoing assessment, in class teaching, assessment, follow up tasks, and independent projects

completed by students. The aim is to use multiple sources of information when making these judgements. Teachers make the OTJ's in relation to the NZ Curriculum expectations. The mid year reports are a snap shot of learning mid-way through the year, and the OTJ's do not give an indication of the students whom teachers expect to meet the expected level by the end of the year.

The interim OTJ's show that in reading there are 42 students (35%) who are not meeting the expected curriculum level, 52 in writing (43%), and 46 students in maths (38%). These numbers are significant and specific acts of teaching, or additional support programmes are needed to ensure these identified children continue to make accelerated progress.

In reading and writing the girls are achieving at a higher percentage than the boys. In maths the numbers are comparable. Maori students are achieving an average of 20% lower than their European peers across all of the core subjects.

Many of the students identified have additional learning needs. These are identified at a class level and recorded in the Diverse Learners Register. Additional funding is also sourced through the Ministry of Education to allow the fulltime employment of Teacher Aides in Years 1-3.


There are concerns identified in the current year 0-3 cohort with 63% (on average) of students in Years 0-3 are not meeting the expected curriculum level in reading, writing or maths. These students will need ongoing support and many have significant learning and behaviour difficulties.

Included in the reporting this cycle are students who have not yet had 40 weeks (1 year) at school. Teachers have been asked to make OTJ statements for these children to indicate current levels of achievement. This gives management and the board an indication of resourcing that may be needed.

Class teachers have identified students who need extra support and programmes are

already in place. These include; Reading Grandies, Steps to Literacy, Teacher Aide support, Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLb), Resource Teacher of Literacy (RTLit), differentiated class programmes, and specific acts of teaching.

Deb Logan
Principal




GALA DONATIONS

These items are used for prizes and treats for many of the stalls on Fair Day.
Place in boxes provided in classrooms

TERM 3 - NEXT WEEK

Mystery Jars

What would you be happy to receive in a mystery jar? Make these great value. Please fill, wrap and return to school. Thank you.



Room 5 Toy Sale (camp fundraiser)

Thank you to those who have contributed to this, however we do not have enough toys for a sale. We will instead donate what has come in to the gala so the school still benefits.

School Gala/Fair. November Saturday 21.

We are collecting items now for our annual fundraiser Gala.

- 👉 **White Elephant Stall** - Good quality 2nd hand items and books
- 👉 **2nd Hand Clothing** - Clean 2nd hand items gratefully accepted
- 👉 Baskets for the actual gift baskets

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

**Pop Up Musical Theatre presents:
Into the Woods Jr. September 10-12.
Te Horo School Hall. Tickets: \$15/\$10**

Tickets are now on sale for this exciting show. Be careful what you wish for, as Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's mixed up fairytale comes to life this September in this adaptation of the Tony Award-winning musical. *Into the Woods Jr.* features all of your favourite characters — Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk) and the Witch — in this lyrically rich retelling of classic Brothers Grimm fables. Throw in a couple of Princes, a Wolf, Rapunzel and a baker and his wife - and the stage is set for adventure, journeys and wishes that may or may not come true!

Online ticket bookings are now open. Go to www.popupmusicaltheatre.co.nz

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).

Do you want better English for work? And other things in life? We are starting an English class for Pasifika women who work.

When? Wednesdays August 19th – November 18th from 4-6pm

How much? Free to permanent residents

Where? English Language Partners (ELP), HLC building, 102 Liverpool St, Levin.

Level? Medium (*people who have some English and want to improve it*).

How do you join? Contact David Harris Phone 06 368 6062.

Email david.harris@englishlanguage.org.nz

Or visit ELP 102 Liverpool St.. **English Language Partners New Zealand | Horowhenua Kapiti**
Ph 06 368 6062 | 0800 639 5494 or 0800 NEW KIWI
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**Wellington South Coast Clean-up
Saturday, 19th September 2020**

This is the 11th Annual South Coast Clean-up, a single day event where members of the public, schools, businesses, local groups and organisations join together, along with hundreds of thousands of volunteers at other places around the world, to take part in the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Clean-up week. There will be **12 sites for you to choose from**, all the way from Owhiro Bay to Breaker

Bay, each one operated by a different local community group (MTSW being one of those groups... come help us!). This is a grassroots activity with aims to clear the coast of rubbish, do something positive for our local environment, and also simply to get together as a wider community.

Mountains to Sea Wellington will be out at site 3 (see map below), **West Island Bay Beach**. Join us, or anyone of the other community groups along the coast, at 10:30am on the 19th of September. Gloves, high-vis, and rubbish bags are all provided, though if you have your own suitable gloves please bring them along.

All rubbish will be gathered up around 12.00 and taken to Lyall Bay to be collected by the council. At 12.30 there will be a sausage sizzle (including vegetarian) near the playground area where participants can mingle and meet each other, share stories and celebrate our collective achievement.



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| 1: Project Jonah | 5: Houghton Valley School | 10: Moa Point residents, Wellington Lions' Clubs |
| 2: VUW Coastal Ecology Lab, Victoria Rescue | 6: Anglican Parish of Wellington South | 11: F&B Places for Penguins, Kiwi Conservation Club |
| 3: Mountains to Sea Wellington Trust | 7: Wellington Underwater Club | 12: Breaker Bay residents, Plastic Free Peninsula |
| 4: Friends of Taputeranga MR | 8: Lyall Bay Coast Care | 9: NIWA |

You can make a difference in one child's life

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED in welcoming a child into your family, either on a short or long term basis, give us a call to find out more about Shared Care or Foster Care with CCS Disability Action.

Contact us today

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