

Upcoming Events

November Saturday 21

■ Manakau Country Fair

Tuesday December 1

■ Regional Athletics

Friday December 4

■ Speech Finals

Thursday December 17

■ Last day of school for 2020

From Deb's Desk

Last week we held our Annual Agricultural Day. Calves and Lambs attended school with their owners, and it was a celebration of our rural roots. Over the preceding weeks, parents and children made a commitment to participate in this annual event...and it is a commitment! Feeding, brushing and developing a connection with these animals is something I remember fondly from my Primary School years.

I remember arriving home from school and Mum insisting we "get outside and brush your calf" The excitement and nerves when we arrived at school on judging day, animals cleaned, other children rushing to acknowledge our arrival, being awarded the ribbons, and finding out I could attend finals day in Levin. It was exciting. For some of our families it was the first time they have ever participated in this sort of activity and I would like to acknowledge their commitment!

For over 100 years communities around NZ have also included the "home" crafts in their events. At Manakau over recent years cake decorating, rural themed art, and flower creations have all been included. It is an opportunity to participate for all of our students and we, the teaching staff, are always thinking about the activities we include, and how we can do this well.

With competition there is also disappointment, and that's understandable. It is also an opportunity for your children to learn. I have included a couple of links below to support you

and your children with this, if they didn't get acknowledged as they thought they should. Sometimes it is us as adults that need the reminder.

"The more we shelter children from every disappointment, the more devastating future disappointments will be." - Fred G. Gosman

From Aunty Google...

Helping your children deal with disappointment

Follow [this link](http://thislink(childmind.org)) (childmind.org) and this [one](http://one(quickanddirtytips.com)) (quickanddirtytips.com).

HUIA UPDATE

I am feeling very proud of the, very close to finished, Huia Block. The second big infrastructure project for 2020 at Manakau

School. The team of D.S. O'Leary have done a fantastic job of restoring our historic building and their workmanship and flexibility has made the project a delight to be involved in. At this weekend's country fair you will be able to take a sneak peak inside. We will not be opening the entire block, however the safety fencing will be removed and you will be able to get a true sense of the massive job that has been undertaken.

This project has been about ensuring the children at Manakau School are able to learn in environments that are fit for 21st Century learners. Including the basics of acoustics, lighting and heating have been at the forefront of the restoration, as has ensuring the historic significance of Huia is intact. It is and will continue to be one of the last remaining historic school buildings still in operation in New Zealand.

The Grand Re-Opening will be held on Friday 4th December at 11am. I hope you will be able to join us.





Noah



Oliver



Maia





School Gala/Fair

November Saturday 21

From 10am-2pm

URGENT HELPERS NEEDED

This Saturday Manakau Country Fair

The organising committee have had a good response for helpers to set up/pack up the Country Fair however, we still need a least 4 helpers on the day. This is our only school-wide fundraising event each year and all funds raised go directly back to your children. The PTFA has in the past supported the school by installing a new playground, supporting the purchase of classroom resources including ipads, classroom games, subsidising or paying entirely for school trips, supporting the senior camp, purchasing school sporting uniforms and in many other areas.

Currently, there is a very small team that have organised this event, and they have been AWESOME!

They now need **your** support. It does not need to be for the entire time, an hour or two would be great.

Please contact Office Deb and she will pass on your details. Thanks to all of you who have donated goods!



Noel Beech-Pooley



Austin Kendrick





Noah, Levi and Jadon



As a school we are participating in the **Switch to Water Challenge** for all of November. We are asking you to help by filling drink bottles with water and no sweat drinks please.

A huge thank you to...

Shaun at Central Districts Farm Source Store in Levin



And

Isabel from Resene in Levin



And

Lisa at The Greenery, Manakau



*For supporting our school gala.
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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Little Farm Nails

Gel nail manicure \$40
including feature nails.

Contact Mel 021457484

Levin-Waitarere Beach Surf Life Saving Club has made the finals of a video competition that could win a much needed new Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) worth \$25,000. To vote visit: <https://votetheboat.co.nz/>

Hello to all our Coastal Beach users and nearby Surf Life Saving Clubs.

Levin-Waitarere Surf Life Saving Club Junior Surf Program 2020/2021

What is Junior Surf?

A surf lifesaving program for children aged 6 to 13, fostering confidence and safety in the surf and on the beaches. Participants will learn surf lifesaving techniques, such as wading, duck diving, body surfing, craft operation, plus more.

We run the sessions every Saturday afternoon (2.30pm to 4.00pm) from the 12th December 2020 to the 6th March 2021. We also have a holiday Program (for ages 7-13) over two weeks in January.

Registration will take place on Sunday, November 29th between 10.00am – 11.30am at the Horowhenua Aquatic Centre. Each child will be required to do a small swim assessment.

Juniors from 7-13 years have the opportunity to compete at carnivals throughout the summer season. Carnivals are a great way to participate in both a fun and competitive environment, meet juniors from other clubs and see other beaches. While it can be competitive at times, the emphasis is always on safety, sportsmanship and enjoyment.

Registration form link:

<https://wslsc.wufoo.com/forms/zcuz8c61k1jtje/>

For more information and to stay up to date:

Visit our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/waitareresurf/>

Visit our website: <http://lewinwaitarereslsc.co.nz/wp/index.php/junior-surf/>

OR contact Liz Fitzgibbon Junior Surf Coordinator waitarerefitzv@gmail.com 027 9734226



Our club is a finalist in the BP Vote the Boat competition and we need your help to win new IRB equipment, including boat and trailer. Our lifeguards do a tremendous job of keeping our beaches safe and saving lives every summer, but they're in desperate need of new gear. Could you kindly share this information with your members, families and networks to help us keep our beach users safe?

Please click on the [link and VOTE FOR](#) Levin-Waitarere Surf Club (or cut and paste the weblink below into your browser).

<https://votetheboat.co.nz/lewin-waitarere-surf-life-saving-club/>

You can vote everyday until voting closes - 22 Nov.

With your vote we could win a new inflatable rescue boat and new gear for our club.

On behalf of the Levin-Waitarere Surf Life Saving Club, a huge thank you for your support.

Jo O'Callaghan
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*Cleaning with
Kids*
in the house
is like brushing your teeth
while eating
Oreos.

