



Upcoming Events

Thursday December 17

- Last day of school for 2020.
- Finish at 12 noon

Monday February 1

- First day back at school for 2021



This year has certainly been, like Proteus, a year where we have had to adapt to the context, the situations we have found ourselves in. With our Summer Break ahead of us, I hope you have an opportunity to be - relaxed, appreciative and to be with people you love.

To our Year 8's

As you head off into a new learning space I hope you reflect on your time at Manakau School; remember the moments when you have had a chance TO BE... creative, intelligent, artistic, technological, athletic. To be a mathematician, writer, or escape into the world of a book. To be a musician, actor or comedian.

Like Proteus able to change depending on the situations you found yourself in.

Think about the person you want TO BE...

It is much easier to participate in conversations about people, even when you know it is unkind.

Be a stopper

Notice how you are feeling - Notice the people and environment around you.

Be a Noticer... Take time to Breathe.

Surround yourself with good people - friends can take you to success or...not.

Be a good friend. Our school motto of personal best always - is about Learning **TO BE your best you** - you are enough!

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui:

Be strong, be brave, be steadfast

Tenei te mihi mahana ki a koutou.

From Deb's Desk (my thoughts from the final assembly).

According to the lingokids site, The verb - TO BE is to describe someone or something according to the context.

The Greek sea god, Proteus, was (like the sea) capable of changing form in an instant. In order to get any decent information out of him, you had to grab him **and hold** on tight while he went through his various forms — **lion, wild boar, snake, tree, running stream** — it wasn't easy. The verb "to be" is said to be the most *protean of the English language, constantly changing form, sometimes without much of a discernible pattern.*

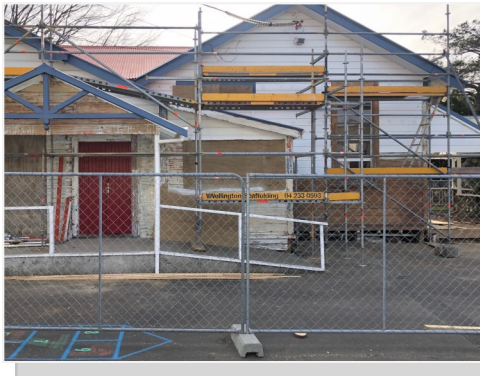
To you, te whanau o Manakau, our teachers, parents, extended family, friends and students, I thank you wholeheartedly for our time together this year - for the privilege of working with you and your children. In a year when we have had an opportunity to be reflective...to be locked down, for some of us it has been a chance to examine how we want to be, what's important.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

is Thursday (tomorrow) December 17. **We finish at 12 noon.**

The bus will run at this time also.





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