

Upcoming Events

Friday February 26

- Foxton Fun Day for Team Korimako

Friday March 5

- House event at 11am

Monday March 8, 9, 11

- Korimako (Juniors) swimming lessons

Friday March 12

- Teachers Only Day

Monday March 15, 16

- Korimako swimming lessons

Wednesday March 31

- School photos

Friday April 2 - Tuesday April 6

- Easter Weekend

Friday April 16

- Last day of school for Term 1
- Finish at 3.

Monday May 3

- First day back at school for Term 2

Alert level 2

Finding ourselves back in Level 2 is a reminder for us all to continue to be vigilant with our personal hygiene and contact tracing.

- Sign in or scan code if you enter the school grounds (everytime).
- You can also use your SkoolLoop app to sign in with.

Reminder from our last Alert level 2

- Kereru (Rooms 3 and 4) enter from the deck
- Expected arrival times for children at school. Your children can be dropped off at 8.30am, the playground is still open however to maintain physical distancing practises we ask that you vacate the school grounds as soon as possible.
- Children need to be collected from school at 3pm. Please do not continue to play
- 1 family/person in reception at a time.
- Limit the parent visits into the classroom - Please wait outside
- Keep connected with your classroom teacher. Make contact if you need additional support.

We have been here before! We've got effective practises in place.

THANK YOU to the families who came to our annual school BBQ last Thursday evening. It was good to meet and welcome both our new and more established school families.



Handyman required to work with a small group on a project. Please contact the school office.

We have a first aid course running at school, over 2 evenings, in the beginning of March. If you need to renew or would like to have your first aid certificate and would like to join this group, we need 10+ people, please speak with office Deb. There is a cost to completing this course.



From Deb's Desk

Personal Best Always - Contribution **Board of Trustees**

On Monday the Board of Trustees held our first meeting of the new year. At this meeting, as we do every year, we elected our Board Chair. Sarah Beech-Pooley was elected into this position as John McElwee stood down from this role and has since resigned from being on the board. We thank John McElwee for his contribution to the Board, and the Manakau School Community over the past 3 years. This now brings the opportunity for another election to fill 2 places on the board. More details will follow next week.

The following portfolios were also confirmed:

1. Finance - Tony Dale-Low
2. Health and Safety - Sarah Beech Pooley
3. Policy and procedure - Andy Brown
4. Teacher Representative - Rob Pollock

Whanau Surveys - Christian Religious Education and Uniforms.

17 children (10 families) would opt into Christian Religious Education in its current form. Parents of 4 children in Te Whare Korimako (Year 1-3) would also opt-in.

In line with the current guidelines from the Ministry of Education, The Board resolved to discuss changing the timing with the current provider and offering the programme in a break time which would not impact the regular classroom programme. Details of what this will look like for the families that opted in will follow at a later date.

38 family responses were received to the question around the introduction of a school uniform. 25 families indicated they would support the introduction of a school uniform. 11 replied No and 2 Yes/No (didn't feel strongly either way). There were lots of valid comments also shared. The Board thanks you for your input.

We resolved to keep the status quo, however, you can look forward to the addition of a couple of additional items in the Manakau School branded clothing.

Boards of trustees provide strategic leadership and direction to our school. The board works in **partnership** with the community, principal, teachers, support staff, and the government to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students.

The board of trustees' key areas of contribution are representation, leadership, accountability, and the employer role.

House Captains for 2021



These are the newly elected House Captains.

They had to prepare a small campaign including speeches and posters. Voting took place last Friday.

Congratulations to (from left to right)...

Caelee, Arnyah, Winter, Samantha, Charlie, Francesca, Rupine, and Austin.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Otaki College Interschool Show Jumping Day 2021

Wednesday Feb 24th - Waikanae Park all-weather arena
Open to all primary, intermediate and secondary school riders

School teams of 4 or individual riders welcome

Entry via Equestrian Entries: www.equestrianentries.co.nz

After School Music Lessons at the OTAKI MUSIC CENTRE
POKAPU PUORO OTAKI. An opportunity for your child to
learn an instrument Voice, Keyboard, Guitar, Ukelele,
Drums.

When? Classes on Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm (starting March
2nd)

Where? Otaki College Performing Arts Department

Who is eligible? Primary school students from age 7 - up to
& including Yr 8's.

(there are limited spaces available & older students have
priority). Cost? \$50 per class per student for the year

PLEASE COME TO REGISTRATION DAY

Tuesday Feb 23rd, 3.30-4.30pm

(Otaki College Performing Arts Centre)

Any queries contact Carylann 0276504433

He Rangi Mokopuna, celebrating Children's Day (<https://fb.me/e/diCDep5zi>)

Sunday 7 March. Haruatai Park, Ōtaki

12pm-7pm (movie starts at 5pm)

It'll be an awesome day for the tamariki kicking off at 12noon with free entry to the Ōtaki pool, waterslide and dunk tank. On the sports field you can have a go at back yard cricket, football and tennis, plus we'll have bubbles, bouncy castle and face painting too. With so much action you might need to refuel by grabbing a bite from a range of food trucks, or bring your own picnic and enjoy the vibe.

There'll be chill-out areas to read books with our librarians, and local musicians on the Zeal stage.

Play activities finish at 4.30pm with the children's movie Aladdin (rated PG) showing at 5pm on the big outdoor screen, sponsored by Mike and Audra from Voyle and Co. See you there!



Corey Prouting Coaching Clinics

Starting Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Tuesdays 6-7pm U13
(Year 6-8)

Thursdays 6-7pm U15
(Start time may change for twilight hockey)

\$20 pp commitment fee to be
paid prior to first training
(Horowhenua Hockey Association 03-0667-0267707-00
Childs name and coaching as reference)

To register go to

www.sporty.co.nz/horowhenuahockey/Coaching-1/Corey-Coaching-Clinic or email
horu.hockey@xtra.co.nz

Senior trainings Tuesday/Thursday nights from 7pm,
any players wanting to train can contact Corey on
027 304 6414

To be held at the Halliwell Turf, Donnelly Park, Levin

These clinics will be run by a team of local coaches
organised by Corey.

CLEANER / HOUSEKEEPER WANTED

MANAKAU, HOROWHENUA

For a busy working family
with a newborn & 2 year old.

6 hours per week across 3 days - would suit someone
with kids at school or retired.

Must be reliable & trustworthy.

Send your interest to
021 191 3231 / hello@musterrural.com

Childcare needed for Monday and Tuesdays to
care for two pre schoolers. Please contact Hayley
on 021529974 .

Parent, Teachers and Families Association (PTFA)

A wonderful group of enthusiastic parents gathered together on Tuesday night for the Annual General Meeting of the Manakau School PTFA.

Present

Deb Logan (principal), Roger Beech-Pooley, Fabienne Sopacua, Cathy Yates, Amy Williams, Mel Baxter, Lucy Potter, Lisa Dale-Low, Michelle Gibson, Jill Harvey.

Apologies

Anne-Marie Clark

Voting in officers

Chair - Roger nominated Amy Williams. Nomination accepted.

Minutes Secretary - Cathy Yates to continue this role.

Treasurer - Roger to continue this role. Signatories on the account nominated to be Lisa Dale Low, Amy Williams and Deb Logan.

General Discussion:

- Annual Country Fair will not be held this year. The next fair will be held in March 2022. Other fundraising options to be explored.
- Decided to hold a Mega Easter Raffle this term - details to follow (Organisers Amy/Roger)
- Discussed how the PTFA could contribute to the families of Manakau School

School Disco: Thursday June 24th

- Theme and organisation will be sort from Te Whare Huia students

Next Meeting:

- Revisit the PTFA Constitution
- Set Goals for the coming year