

Upcoming Events

Thursday April 15

- Meet the candidates evening

Friday April 16

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

Sunday April 25

Manakau ANZAC parade. Meeting 7.30am outside the school.

Monday May 3

- First day back at school for Term 2



ceremony. It is a very special day for our community as we remember those local boys who gave their lives as members of the NZ armed services. Students and families who would like to participate in this years commemorations, please meet outside the school by 7.30am for a short service followed by morning tea in the hall. Please contribute to the shared morning tea by bring a plate of baking.

Otaki Rural Sports Group - Interschool Swimming

On Tuesday 9 students represented Manakau School at the interschool swimming event. Children from Waitohu, Otaki Primary, Te Horo, Te Kura-a-iwi o Whakatapuranga Rua Mano and Te Rito competed in this event. We are very thankful we were able to proceed, the athletics event was cancelled due to the changes in Covid levels.

We had a very successful day. Great performances in the heats from Saige, Scarlett, Trey and Paikea. Finals placings included:
Emma-Rose 3rd year 6 Breaststroke, 2nd year 6 backstroke, 2nd freestyle
Cooper - 2nd year 6 Breaststroke, freestyle, backstroke
Ada-Grace - 3rd year 5 freestyle, 2nd year 5 backstroke
Francesca - 1st year 7 breaststroke, freestyle, backstroke, 3rd year 7-8 butterfly (boys and girls)
Isla - 2nd year 7 breaststroke, freestyle, backstroke, 1st year 7-8 2 lengths freestyle (boys and girls)
Year 4-8 girls relay team - Saige, Ada-Grace, Emma-Rose, Isla and Francesca placed 3rd

And looking forward - Term 2 is already filling up with events: Please check the school website as we will be updating it regularly and of course, keep reading the weekly Manakau Matters.

ORSG Cross Country, Soccer and Netball - Levin Aquatic Swimming for Kereru and Huia - National Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North

From Deb's Desk

This term has seen the overarching theme of contribution come to the fore. It is evident particularly with Te Whare Huia (our year 7/8 students) back on site for the first time in 3 years. These students are stepping up and back into our school environment. Roles and responsibilities have been clearly established and it has been wonderful to see many of these children revelling in the opportunity to lead. Special thanks from me go to the 6 children who are our bus monitors for this year. They do not have an easy task at times as they support Brian, our bus driver, to ensure everyone gets to and from school safely. Winter, Ava, Isla, Kahu, Francesca and Kade, you are appreciated!

ANZAC Day - Sunday 25th April

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, we will once again be taking a strong role in the Manakau Service. In conjunction with the Manakau District Community Board and the Otaki RSA, this years ceremony will start with the formation of the parade outside the community hall. We march as a group, lead by members of the NZ Army, to the cenotaph where the traditional components of the day will be held. (Senior) Students from Manakau School contribute by leading the singing of the National Anthem and sharing readings within the

(selected Year 6-8 students) - Manakau Music Academy (Year 4-8) - School Disco.

Wishing you all the best for a safe and happy term break.

Deb

Board of Trustees Candidates

We are holding a 'meet the candidates' evening on Thursday 15th April, 7pm-8pm in the Huia block. Come and meet the 4 people who are standing for the Board of Trustees, and they will be available to answer questions and discuss ideas so you can make an informed decision for voting.

Voting forms will be mailed to all voters, parents and main caregivers, of current students at our school, this Friday. Your voting papers need to be returned by Friday May 14th please. These can be posted back to the school or placed in the BOT voting box in the office, once school starts back up after the holidays.

Korimako Café
(The journey continues)

As a follow up to our successful café we would like to put together a community recipe book. Each week we will ask for you to share a favourite recipe for our book. Recipes can be set to school or emailed to...

Rachael@manakau.school.nz
Chris@manakau.school.nz
Office@manakau.school.nz

This week's theme:
Main meal
(meat or fish etc)

Te Hinaki Education Trust Sponsorship Opportunity

With generous support from Levin Rotary, for families who are experiencing financial hardship, the Trust is now accepting applications for sponsorship to support the purchase of a chromebook for students learning at school and at home. To be considered for this, please contact your school or jacqui.kerins@tehinaki.nz to get an application started.

A \$100 contribution is required from successful applicants.



Reminders...

- **Thank you** to all the parents who have provided lockdown supplies for your children.
- Has everyone who wants to play **Interschool netball** next term handed in their notice? These can be dropped into the office.
- **Music lesson notice.** We have only received a few music notices back. All children in years 4-8 have received this notice, last week. If they are wanting to participate in music lessons at school next term, they **MUST** have their forms back into the office by this Friday please. There is a lot of planning to sort for these lessons.
- **School Photos.** Just a reminder to all parents that you will be able to order school photos online in a few weeks. Codes for all students will be given to the school, then sent home to you, the parents, so you can view your child's photos and order online. Orders placed before the free delivery expiry date will be bulk printed and delivered to the school for your child to bring home. Late orders will incur a postage fee.

I have a couple of items that must belong to people in our community... A USB with photos of the rail cart activity in Taumarunui and some keys connected to a remote. If you are the owner of either of these, please pop into the school office. Thank you.

Last day of this term is THIS Friday April 16.
School will finish at 3.00pm. The bus will run as usual.
Term 2 starts on Monday May 3rd, 2021.

Keep safe everyone and enjoy the holidays.