



MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

September 29, 2021 Term 3, Week 10

Upcoming Events

Friday October 1

- Last day of term 3

Monday October 18

- First day of term 4

Monday October 25

Labour Day - school closed

Tuesday October 26

Teachers only day - school closed

BOT meeting

Monday December 13

Kereru Tahi Trip

Wednesday December 15

Last day (half day) of school

From Deb's desk

Nga mihi ki a koutou,

What a term it has been and that is probably a bit of an understatement. When moving alert levels, I used to say "we've been here before, we know what this looks like..." however, I still have a sense of "oh my goodness, are we really here?" This is new for all of us.

I would like to thank you for supporting our children so they could continue to learn in lockdown. Whether it was working on school based tasks, problem solving computer issues, or the many other home based activities you invented. They have, in the main, all returned to school in good spirits and are genuinely happy to be able to spend time with each other. We are very fortunate.

I would also like to congratulate you all for our excellent attendance over the past year. At a recent meeting of local principals we shared Ministry of Education data which collated the attendance rates for all schools in the Horowhenua and I was very pleased to learn that our school had the highest attendance. The challenge is to keep these high rates of attendance.

Classes for 2022

Over the holiday break, the management team and I will be working on the first of our many draft rolls for next year. We take into account many factors to try to create great learning environments for the children. If you know of any families moving into the school zone, new enrolments that we might not be aware of, or that your family is moving out of the Manakau area, please let me know as soon as you can. Once the classes are set, it is difficult to move children around. At this stage, there are no changes to where the class teachers are located, Rachael and Chris - Te whare korimako, Michaela and Rob - Te whare kereru, and Lorne in Te whare huia.

And finally, next term is going to zoom by. There are heaps of school and community based activities already planned. Our Annual Cliff Porter touch rugby festival is definitely a highlight, and we will be holding it on our school fields this year. Also, we have been very lucky to secure sponsorship through PBTech and Usingtechnologybetter.com (UTB) to hold a 2 day STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) camp based at our school. Trainers and equipment are all provided and our children will get hands-on experience with STEAM tools. The camp allows students to innovate, create and collaborate with their peers and teachers to get exposure to STEAM tools in an interactive learning environment.

This is our last week for Term 3.

We will finish at 3.00pm on Friday 1st October.

See you all back for Term 4 on Monday October 18th.

PB Tech and UTB will endeavour to arrange tech industry partners to come along and work with the students on the day. Microsoft, Google, Apple, Kais Clan, SpaceTed have been involved previously. For the older students, this is a great opportunity for them to link the learning to STEAM career pathways.

Keep an eye on the calendar. Next term is only 8 1/2 weeks, and there is much planned.

Have a great school break. See you all soon.

Deb Logan

Thank you Manakau School Families.

Just before lockdown, we held a school lunch fundraising for some games for children in Westport who had lost much through floods. This week we have purchased new games and sent them off to Westport children to enjoy. Great effort everyone.



C O M M U N I T Y N O T I C E S

Levin Library

Joy Cowley – Saturday the 9th of October at 2pm. Her story session is free and not to be missed!

“Water Water Everywhere” school holiday programme:

Starting the 4th of October, it will run both weeks (weekdays) 10-12pm. The programme is free, no registration is required – Just come along and join in.

Levin Athletics Club

Do you like to Run, Jump, and Throw? Come and join the Levin Athletics Club next term. Registrations are open now through our website www.sporty.co.nz/sportyconzlevinathletics/

Club Nights are Mondays at Waiopēhu College field. Starts 18th October. **5pm-6pm:**

Run, Jump, Throw and Get, Set, Go programmes for younger children (6 years old & younger).

6pm-7.30pm: Club Night Competition programmes for Grade 7 and older.

Otaki Athletics 2021 - 2022 Season. Otaki Junior Athletics is starting again Monday 18 October 2021, 4.30pm - 5.30pm, Otaki Domain and will continue on Monday's (except public holidays) through Term 4 and Term 1 next year. All school aged students welcome, no matter their ability, activity groups start from age 5 yrs - 13 yrs, come down and join in before you register.

Kawa Kawa balm
\$5 available at the school office.

Golden Kiwi Egg Hunt Throughout October for Save Kiwi Month October 1st - 31st, 10am to 5pm Ngā Manu Nature Reserve, 74 Ngā Manu Reserve Rd, Waikanae

Included with entry fee (No charge for Friends of Ngā Manu). Find the locations of 6 Golden Kiwi Eggs hidden in the reserve and answer the questions to enter our weekly prize draw to **WIN a Friends of Ngā Manu Family Membership (\$100 value and valid for 12 months)**. A winner will be drawn at random on 11th, 18th, 25th October and 1st November. Existing Friends of Ngā Manu will have an additional 12 months added to their membership.

Ephemeral Nature & Art play. October Monday 4th - Friday 8th, 11am to 2pm Ngā Manu Nature Reserve, 74 Ngā Manu Reserve Rd, Waikanae

Included with entry fee (No charge for Friends of Ngā Manu). Be part of creating non-permanent structures using plant product at Ngā Manu.

Lead by a team of our Volunteers, we invite you to come and let your creative spirit soar as you connect with nature and your creative self as you create inspired structures using items from our natural world. **NOTE:** If the weather is poor the event will not be going ahead.

Ngā Manu Nature Reserve, 74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road, Waikanae. *Tel:* 04 293 4131

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