



MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

October 20, 2021 Term 4, Week 1

Upcoming Events

Monday October 25

Labour Day - school closed

Tuesday October 26

Teachers only day - school closed

BOT meeting

Tuesday 2nd/Wednesday 3rd November

Tech Camp based at school



Friday November 5

Speech finals 11am-12pm

Friday November 12

Ag Day



Monday November 29

BOT meeting

Monday November 29 - Wednesday December 1

Huia Block Camp

Friday December 10

Final golden ticket draw

Monday December 13

Kereru Tahī Trip



Tuesday December 14

Awards Assembly - details to follow.



Wednesday December 15

Last day (half day) of school



These events will be confirmed closer to the time due to covid restrictions.

From Deb's desk

Te Whare Korimako

The team has been very busy over the term break. The garden area has had a face lift with new compost and mulch added to the garden beds. Keep an eye on this space over the next few weeks as the addition of vegetable and flower plants will be added. Many thanks to Rachael, Chris and their husbands for making this happen.

This Friday, we will be making new rat traps for the Predator Free Manakau Village project which is being led by Chris Thorpe. Chris is our 'within school' teacher for the Horowhenua Kahui Ako (Community of learning). Chris has made strong connections with the Horowhenua District Council and the Department of Conservation, and they are supporting this initiative. This exciting development is part of our overarching theme of contribution and is an extension of the school based rodent trapping programme.

We are really looking forward to seeing how this project develops.

Te Whare Kereru and Huia

The use of QR codes has had an impact on our everyday life. Teams in Kereru and Huia will be carrying out research into significant features in our local community. The aim is to research and generate QR codes which link to short snippets of information. Another big focus for this term will be the annual speech competition. Unfortunately we will not be able to have parents in for the finals, however, we will film all of the speeches and put them in the seesaw app.

Monday 25th October is Labour Day

Followed by Teachers Only Day on Tuesday 26th

Enjoy your long weekend

Covid-19 Update

A big thank you to all of our parents who are wearing masks when they come onto the school grounds. Please keep doing this and signing in using the QR codes on the entrances to the school.

The Otaki Schools Sports Group events have been impacted by the Alert Level 2 restrictions. Yesterday it was decided that there will be no inter school events this term. This means our Annual Cliff Porter touch tournament has been cancelled for 2022. Although this is really disappointing, at least we have some certainty around the planning of events that quite possibly will not go ahead.

The Korimako Better Start Literacy meeting, will not be going ahead now.

Horowhenua Agricultural Day Event (Calf and Lamb Day)

The children are preparing their art projects and we have an impressive number of lambs and 1 calf entered this year. We are currently waiting for more information about any changes that we may need to make so this event can safely go ahead. Information will come directly to the families involved.

And finally

Reading Grandie Retires

I would like to acknowledge a very special person who has contributed her skills, knowledge and love in our school space for the past 18 years. Some of you will know Francis Gibson well as she has supported many of our children, most recently as a reading grandie in Korimako and our resident artist working with small groups of children from Years 4-8. When I first met Francis, she exploded into the staffroom with tales of her latest adventure. She had just returned from celebrating a significant birthday (it would be rude for me to say 80th) jumping off the sky tower in Auckland. As we have spent the past 6 years together I have learned much more about this dynamic super gran and have valued our weekly catch ups as we put the world to rights. Francis epitomises our motto of Personal Best Always and we are so thankful she chose Manakau School as her own. Good luck with the gardening Francis xx your Manakau family.



Deb Logan

PTFA - Update

Country Fair - time for a revival! New time of year - New exciting opportunities

Save the date, Saturday 26th March 2022.

The PTFA met at the end of last term to set the date for the Manakau Country Fair, and they are planning a revival. Over the past couple of years the weather and circumstances (read Covid here), have certainly put a damper on this, our major fundraiser. We are looking for ways to not only fundraise for our children, but also to provide an opportunity for our community.

More details will come to you during this term - Watch Manakau Matters and our Facebook page for details.

We also approved support for the new sandpit. Collecting pinecones and selling Kawakawa balm has been Team Korimako's fundraising focus for the past few years and supporting this initiative.

We would like to thank Amy Williams for the time she has given as the Chair for the PTFA. Amy and her family have just moved into the Kapiti region. We wish them all the best.

Manakau book and uniform amnesty

Please check your home for any school readers, library books or school sports uniform. They can be returned to the office.

School Disco Thursday 25th of November

This will only go ahead if we are in Alert Level 1

Drink Bottles

Please could you make sure your child/ren bring a full drink bottle to school each day. Our drink bottle fill station is a clean and safe way for children to top up their drink bottles and stay hydrated at school.

Clothing

We have a little bit of 'found property' at school. We try to display this on the handrails outside the office on fine days. Any unclaimed /unnamed items left at the end of the term will be given to charity.

Thank you to Otaki New World for supporting the school by supplying us with free sanitiser for the school and hall.

Again, we would like to thank the parents who have sent back the checked and updated 'enrolment forms' sent home mid last term. So many people had changed email address's phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc. We have updated all information given for our school records. Great work. everyone.



Thank you to Korimako teachers and their husbands for a fantastic job achieved on the school veggie garden during the holidays

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Levin-Waitarere Surf Life Saving Club Junior Surf Program 2021/2022

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 4th December 2021 to the 5th March 2022. We also have a holiday Program (for ages 7-13) over two weeks in January.

Registration will take place on Sunday, November 21st 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.

How to Register:

1. Visit www.waitareresurfclub.com and head to the Junior Surf page for the online form.
2. Complete the online form and make the payment to the advised account.
3. Head to our Pool registration day for the swim assessment

For more information and to stay up to date:

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

Visit our website: www.waitareresurfclub.com

OR contact Liz Fitzgibbon Junior Surf

Coordinator lwslscjuniorsurf@gmail.com 027 9734226

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.

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

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