

Upcoming Events

Tuesday February 15

- BOT meeting.

Wednesday February 16

- Technology starts for Yr 7&8 students

Wednesday March 30

- School photos

Thursday April 14

- Last day of Term 1

Nga mihi ki a koutou,

Well, team –
Welcome Back!

I would like to start our first Manakau Matters with a thank you, to you, our parents. Thank you for working with us as we begin our 2022 school year. It certainly has been a little different. Alert Level Red comes with some interesting changes for us all, and whether Omicron takes us on an even more interesting journey, I know that together we will adapt to the changes and guidance from the Ministry of Education and Health. Schools need to interpret the changes put to us regularly, and at the forefront of our organization is to ensure we keep our families and staff as safe as we can. I would like to reiterate, if you need to see myself, Office Deb or any of the staff, please continue to do so. Some of you have already made contact with us, and we really appreciate having a few options with timing so that we can be focused on our discussions.

Deb Logan

Sun Safety

The water slide has already had a great workout and it will be operating every day that the sun continues to shine. All children at Manakau are issued with a sunhat for terms 1 and 4 and we remind the children to re-apply sunscreen at lunchtime. Please continue to make sure they are well covered in sunscreen and appropriate clothing for this very hot weather.

Drink Bottles

Water Bottle filling Station - Reminder

At our school we have one traditional drinking fountain. This can cause a bit of a hold up at the end of our morning and lunch breaks. We do however, have a 6 bottle filling station. Please

make sure your children have a named refillable water bottle at school every day. These can be kept in class for easy access and refilled, by the children as needed.

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Otaki Rural Sports Group

A decision has been made by the organizing team - There will be no inter-school events under Alert Level Red.



December 2011		December 2011	
26	Monday	28	Wednesday
<u>Term dates for 2022</u>			
Term 1 - February 3 - April 14			
Term 2 - May 2 - July 8			
Term 3 - July 25 - September 9			
Term 4 - October 17 - December 16			

We sent home a copy of the school Covid Safety Plan last Friday.

Just a few points to remember please.

Masks.

- ✎ Mask wearing occurs indoors or when in close contact with others outdoors. Year 4 students and up must wear a mask indoors (unless a medical exemption is provided in writing to the office). Years 1-3 students' masks are encouraged.
- ✎ Public and school transport require face coverings to be worn.
- ✎ Children are to be dropped off and picked up at the school gates. (a few exemptions will be made for new students).
- ✎ Parents, please do not enter the classrooms.
- ✎ For adults/parents, masks are strongly recommended on school grounds.

Staffing for 2022

Principal..... Deb Logan
Office Manager..... Deb Feldon

Team Huia

- Years 7/8..... Lorne Singer
- Years 6/7Katie Thompson

Team Kereru - Years 4-6

.....Michaela Dear, Rob Pollock
..... Donna Henare (Teacher Aide)

Team Korimako - Years 1-3

Deputy Principal Rachael Newman
..... Chris Thorpe
..... Kavahna Cooper-Ruri (Teacher Aide)
..... Natasha Sanford (Teacher Aide)

Relieving Staff Caroline Beissel

Found: I have had a set of keys handed in to school. One of the keys is a car key. If you have lost yours please contact the office.

Welcome to our new families and students. Just letting you know... we send home a newsletter every Wednesday with the oldest child in the family at school. We are happy to email these also, just let the office know if you would like this emailed to you. All newsletters are put up on our website and on SkoolLoop App.

Do you have the **SkoolLoop App?** This is a very easy to use app for notices, sending through absence notes, booking parent/teacher interviews etc. Plus it is free.



Seesaw. Teachers keep in touch with parents of the students in their class by sharing via Seesaw. This will be an important method of communication if students are required to learn from home. Contact your child's teacher asap if you are not already connected with Seesaw.



Manakau Dairy is happy to make up a school lunch for your child/ren if needed. They are great value, starting from \$5, and you have a say in what your child's preferences

are. They are open from 6am-6pm. You can contact the store : 021 117 8878 or email gate28Sonya@hotmail.com, or just pop in.

Manakau Dairy is very supportive of our school, please support them also.

