



# MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

November 16, 2022 Term 3, Week 5

## Upcoming Events

- Nov 23 Korimako Café
- Nov 30 - 2 Dec Senior Camp
- Nov 30 BOT meeting
- Dec 8 Yr 8's Graduation dinner
- Dec 15 End of year assembly 2pm
- Dec 16 Last day of school. 12.30pm finish

From Deb's Desk

Can you believe it? We are halfway through this term already and we've been busy:)

### Agricultural Day

Ag Day brings back so many memories of my time at Waitohu School. It was wonderful to be able to include Hunter and Steph (Waitohu students) in our lamb and calf judging. The sand saucers have now become mandalas, and we include art and miniature gardens. Cupcake decorating is a favourite for all. It is a great celebration of rural NZ. It takes commitment to keep focused once the little animals arrive with the families. My strongest memories are of my Mum kicking us out of the house and encouraging, us, my brothers and sisters, to spend time with our new pets. Feeding, brushing and teaching them to walk on a lead. It takes perseverance from everyone involved! Bringing them to school is the ultimate prize and I thank the families that made the commitment this year. Congratulations to our overall winner Isla, and to Gus, Connor, Arabella, Archer and Keani for sharing your pets with us, and thanks for keeping my memories alive! Many thanks to our parents for supplying the goodies for the cupcakes and flowers for your children.

### Classes for 2023

Exciting News - At our last meeting the board decided to maintain our 6 teachers. With 20 Year 8 students graduating this year the Ministry of Education has only allocated 5 teaching components to our school. Six classes will ensure we continue to have small class

numbers. Our strategic goals have been a driver for this, Embracing well-being as the foundation of life at Manakau School, Fostering curiosity to enhance student engagement and to Grow skilled, actively involved learners. Exciting times are ahead for our wonderful school! Our teachers have appreciated the smaller class sizes as it gives them the opportunity to make strong connections with your children. Their programmes and the children's academic and social learning this year is a reflection of this.

### Horowhenua and Kerekere Kahui Ako - Community of Learning

In a recent meeting, I attended with principals from the Horowhenua region attendance data was a major focus. Across our region particularly in students who have an attendance of 0-70% we have seen a 10-20% decline. That means some of our children across the region only attend school 3 days a week. As you can imagine this has a huge impact on their learning and relationships with their peers and teachers. As a collective group of schools, we are searching for ways to change these statistics by supporting these children and their families and will be rocking out more information in the new year.

### Tipping the Seesaw

Lauren our Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) has been working with the staff on an approach called Tipping the Seesaw. This professional development has a focus on supporting children's emotional regulation. It is specifically focused on helping us to get a better understanding of autism. Learning how to use the tamariki's (children's) strengths and interests to promote learning and communication. We are really excited about this work as the strategies are having a visible impact on the way we are working with the children.

That's all for now team. Hope you're enjoying the beautiful weather.

*Deb Logan*  
*Principál*

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### It's been HOT!

From next week, weather dependant, we will be hauling out the water slide. The children will be encouraged to use the slide in the lunch break. Its great fun! Sunscreen, togs and towel are a must.

### Misplaced

Has anyone seen a hard cased chromebook? We seem to be missing one. Please could you return this to the school office if you find it. Thank you.

Well done to the following students who have been confirmed as our qualifiers for Wellington Regional Athletics and the placing they got at Kapiti qualifier round. They take the top 3 so not bad out of fields of 50 odd each grade.

Elijah long jump (1)

Tiaki discus (2) and long jump (3).  
Also a reserve for vortex (5)

Milly vortex (2)

Also reserves:

Stella high jump (4)

Emma Campbell (5)



*Regionals is Tuesday 6 December.*

**Could all school tops please be washed and returned to the school office.**

Thank you for your support with school lunches this term, we have reached our target for Kereru Tahi's school trip.

Mrs Dear

*Korimako Café - this is for invited guests only.*

*Korimako students have invitations to give out today.*



The Te Hinaki Education Trust (THET) is excited about the collaboration between Manaiakalani and Horowhenua Schools.

The THET currently runs a model of sponsorship that supports families to chromebook ownership with just a \$100 contribution. The Trust contributes the balance of about \$500. This package includes, a case, 3 year extended warranty and no excess on insurance claims.

Currently the THET has funds to purchase another 40 devices before needing to fundraise.

With this in mind and the fact that some of the Trustees have indicated their intention to resign, The Trust is looking to the community for people who have a heart for great education outcomes for all our students to act as Trustees.

The Trust has always had a philosophy of taking the lead from schools. The Steering Group which has operated as an advisory group to the Trust since before the creation of the Kahui Ako, contained 5 Principals.

The funds currently being distributed by the Trust were donated by the Levin Rotary club with the instruction to assist students to have access to technology.

We welcome ongoing input from Horowhenua Schools about how best THET can continue to support education and how Schools will continue to support the Trust for the benefit of our young learners.

Please speak with the school office or principal if you are interested in helping on this trust.

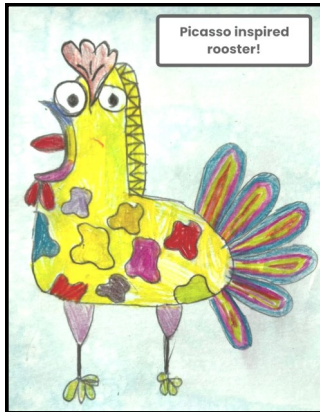
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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



Newstalk  
**ZB**

## Be in to win!

The opportunity to professionally record a Christmas song with Nathan King

### The grand prize

Professionally record a Christmas song with Nathan King, return flights to Auckland for two (if you live outside of Auckland), hotel accommodation for one night and a studio tour.

### To enter

Must be under 13 years old. Email yourself singing a Christmas carol to [christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz](mailto:christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz) before entries close 12 December.

Listen to Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning at 6am to find out if you've won!

# Disney FROZEN JR.

Music and Lyrics by  
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book By  
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee  
and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).  
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

**ŌTAKI CIVIC THEATRE, ŌTAKI**  
Thurs 10 Nov 7pm, Fri 11 Nov 7pm  
Sat 12 Nov 4pm, Sun 13 Nov 4pm  
Thurs 17 Nov 7pm, Fri 18 Nov 7pm  
Sat 19 Nov 2pm & 6pm

**Adults \$20**  
**Students \$15**

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