

Upcoming Events

- Nov 30 - 2 Dec *Senior Camp*
- Nov 30 *BOT meeting*
- Dec 2 *PTFA meeting*
- Dec 8 *Mrs Dears Class trip*
Yr 8's Graduation dinner
- Dec 14 *School Fun Day*
- Dec 15 *End of year assembly 2pm*
- Dec 16 *Last day of school. 12.30pm finish*

Again, many thanks to the teachers, Katie and Lorne for organising this adventure, to our fundraising parents for their extra input, to the many families who have donated camp fees for other children, and our school community for supporting the school lunches to enable this camp to actually happen.

From Deb's Desk

Last week, our year 1-3 children and their teachers opened the third Korimako Cafe. Once again they did not disappoint. Vegetables, fruit and now eggs from the school gardens were collected and turned into quality fare by the students and their overworked sous chefs.

The learning and pride shown by the miniature waiters never ceased to amaze me.

Acknowledgements and thanks definitely need to go to the teaching team, Rachael and Chris and teacher aide, Natasha. These type of events don't just happen and a lot of focus and time out of the 9-3 parameters was needed to make sure the children had ownership of this exciting learning experience. A true display of the school strategic goal - Fostering curiosity to enhance student engagement.

Over 50 plates were served to our hungry special guests and it was particularly heart warming to see many grandparents celebrating with us.

And... as you read this edition of Manakau Matters, the 2 Huia classes will be firmly ensconced at the Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and they will have had a great day! High ropes, zip swing, bush walks, eating, sleeping and hanging out together. School camps give opportunities to develop confidence and resourcefulness, establish positive connections with peers and teachers. Our Senior camp will encourage the children to disconnect from technology, learn independence, and expand experiences in nature.



Classes for 2023

As mentioned in our last Manakau Matters, next year we will retain our 6 teachers. An exciting time for our school, as learning and well-being continue to be a focus. There are some changes to the location of the class and this is due to the student numbers in these classes.

Your children's end-of-year reports will come home on the 15th of December. Stationery list and classes will be shared at this time.

Korimako	Mrs Newman and Mrs Thorpe	Year 1-2
Kereru	Mrs Dear	Year 3-4
Kereru	Whaea Katie	Year 6
Huia	Mr Pollock	Year 4-5
Huia	Mr Singer	Year 7-8



Korimako cafe

Morning Tea with Me

Alex, I love the way you will work on something with focus. You are always willing to give things a go and have a great attitude. You have been engaged in your learning and I really enjoy your humour and curiosity. Tumeke Alex!

Ngehupo, I am so proud of the way you are offering to do things you normally would shy away from. You have put in 100 percent into your learning this term and it shows in your confidence in and outside the classroom. Tumeke Ngehupo!

Ani is a delight to have as part of our classroom. She always comes prepared for learning, is organised, gives things a go and has a positive attitude. Ani is a gentle, generous, caring friend and tuakana of our school. She is always willing to help where needed, both in and out of the classroom. I appreciate Ani always being polite, helpful and carrying a beaming smile. She's like a rainbow that brightens our day, Ani thank you for being so wonderful.

Abby, this is your second morning tea this year and it is a testament to how extraordinary you are. Abby continues to grow as a learner and person, dedicating herself to new challenges and is open to feedback. She is organised, polite and enthusiastic with a cracking sense of humour. Abby is always the first person to offer help around the classroom (sometimes I have to make up jobs as she is always asking) and showing patience when helping classmates. Both students and teachers speak highly of Abby which shows what a special person she is. Thanks Abby!

Stella, is a spirited young person who is starting to shine and has an ability to light up those around her. Is generous with her time and is a giving person. Is resilient and solutions focused in difficult situations and displays integrity. Stella is creative in many fields and is springy both physically and in terms of personality.

Trey asks great questions and is developing a big maths brain. Fearless when large round objects are hurtling towards him and a great protector of the goalmouth. Runs a well-liked company called "Better than Techman Limited" and reliably solves many digital conundrums (usually for his

teacher).

Kasey - For a superb work ethic in class. Kasey works hard to make sure he completes everything he needs to and completes it to the best of his ability. He is always willing to share his skill and knowledge with others in group and pair situations. He is polite and friendly and a real asset to Team Glory. *A special mention goes to Kasey - 3 time morning tea recipient from 3 different teachers. I totally agree with Mr P's comments above. Deb L*

Felix is a great help around the class. He is willing to take the lead in group situations and help organise the class when we have come to an impasse.

He can help organise people and get them to change what they are doing without upsetting and annoying them. He is always willing to change what he is doing or alter what he wanted to do to make sure everyone is included.

Casey has been a wonderful friend to a student in Korimako. She has shown kindness and thoughtfulness as they have learned about being at school. Her willingness to help has meant that our student has settled really well into school and we appreciate all that Casey has done.

Rocco is a fine role model in our class. He is engaged in his learning, and always gives of his personal best. He is a kind friend, has a wonderful imagination and knowledge that he brings to his learning. He is willing to help in class and will always give new things a try.

The Manakau Athletics Team

9 students will head off to the Wellington Regional Athletics Competition. We also have two reserves on standby if others can't go. Regionals is the final stop at primary school, but in secondary school, they will move to the North Island champs, NZ champs and then there are opportunities to represent NZ, so all good stepping stones. We have a disproportionate representation at Wellington regionals and per capita would easily be the best! - Mr Singer
Congratulations to: Eli, Tiaki, Milly, Stella-May, Kara, Keira, Connor, Bostyn and Kasey, Emma and Zeb.

ALL students MUST bring their own water bottles - every day

Graduation Dinner information - 8th Dec 5.30pm

This is the first time we have had an actual graduation dinner and the Year 8's are very excited. The evening will be filled with entertainment provided by the children and presentations by Mr Singer and myself. It is a celebration of the Huia OG team. Families have been asked to bring a plate (of food) to share.

Final Assembly

The classes are busy practising their performances for the end-of-year concert/assembly.

You are all invited to join us. School events have been thin on the ground over the past 3 years and at least for now we are dodging the 3rd round of Covid. Please join us at 2pm on Thursday, 15th December, in the hall.

Term 1, 2023 Community BBQ - Open School Event - Thursday, 16th February

Bring a plate of food to add to the shared kai evening: Sausages sizzle will be provided by the PTFA.

Working Bee - Saturday, 28th January

All hands on deck to get our space ready for the new school year.

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.

Owners wanted

Eight, mostly zip up hoodie jackets from size 10-14 have lost their owners... Are you missing one of these? Plus gumboots, and an insulated lunch bag. These can be found in the office.



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



PTFA Re establishment

This Friday in the staffroom at 2.15pm - a cuppa and cake. PTFA - Parents Friends Teachers Association.

We need YOU... What is the PTFA? The PTFA helps raise funds for the school in consultation with the Principal and the Board of Trustees. All of the fundraising activities such as the annual school fair, discos etc are planned, organised and carried out by the PTFA.

In the past these events have raised money for the installation of the new playground, it has been able to help with the costs of the senior's school camps and many other projects.

With only a handful of parents currently on the PTFA, it cannot continue to provide fun events and fundraising activities that benefit the children, so we need parents, caregivers and family members to join the PTFA and attend meetings to ensure we can continue to organise these events that benefit our children and our school.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOUSE SIT NEEDED

Local family are looking for a house sit for the week of Sunday, 18 December through to Monday, 26 December. This is for family visiting at Christmas. They are two non-drinking, non-smoking mature couples who can mow lawns, feed and exercise animals, and provide excellent security while you are away. We will vouch for their cleanliness and respect for property. We can offer a monetary contribution but are unable to pay the AirBnB going rates. If you can offer any assistance, even if the dates are slightly different, we would appreciate it. We would prefer a house within walking distance (1km) of our street (crn South Manakau Rd and Manakau Heights Rd) but are open to further afield. Contact Charity on 027 531 2484 or charity.tycer@gmail.com

Garage Sale

107 Manakau Heights Drive, Manakau

Date – Sunday December 11th

Time – From 9:00am

Included: 2 Fridges - Midea 2 door and a Slimline, Piano, Mobility Scooter, Sofa and 2 chairs, Microwave, Shipping container, Variety of Clothing, Kitchenware, Washing Machine, Nick knacks, Tools, 3 beds and mattresses and much much more.

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