

Upcoming Events

- March 8 School photos
March 10 Assembly - Mr P's Class
March 13-24 Swimming lessons Yr's 1-5
March 14 PTFA 6.30 in staffroom
March 28 House event
- April 4 Kereru Beach Trip
April 6 Last day of term 1.
April 24 Teacher Only Day
April 25 ANZAC day
April 26 Term 2 begins
- Oct 14 School Gala



Principal

From Deb's desk

Last week was busy! The team and I were part of many opportunities to work with teaching colleagues from around the Horowhenua.

Teacher Only Day - Ngati Raukawatanga

On our teacher only day the staff and I spent the day at Matau Marae, in between Levin and Foxton, hosted by Ngati Huia ki Pouroutāwhao. It was a great opportunity to spend time with our teaching colleagues from around the Horowhenua and to learn some of the korero (stories) about our region. Each year we are hosted by a different Hapū. Lockdowns and social distancing over the last few years had slowed this down, however we are back in full swing. So far we have visited Poutu Marae in Shannon, Kereru Marae, in Koputaroa and now Matau. As part of our learning we visit significant sites. The Poroutāwhao Flour Mill replica that once stood near the Waitārere Stream was very interesting, and the property of Heather Heron-Speirs to learn about the cultural and ecological significance of this area was new learning for many. A lot of the activities we were involved in linked to other curriculum areas and we are excited to bring many of these into our school setting.

Professional Development for our team

Over the school year there are many opportunities for our teaching team to continue to develop. Not only did we have a teacher only day, we also had representatives attend professional development in Maths Leadership - focused on the proposed changes to the Maths curriculum, and three of the team attended Writing Moderation. Writing moderation looks at the consistency of assessment in writing across several schools. It helps us to know our assessment is rigorous, and in line with the curriculum expectations. It's also quite fun.

GRIP Student Leadership Conference

This is the first time we have attended this particular conference, and I took a team of 9 students for this practical and interactive experience.

We explored concepts like;

How to be an 'others first' Leader.

The people a leader can impact the most.

Ideas that impact everybody.

How to get everybody on board with a new idea.

Why we lead.

"I didn't quite know what to expect, but I really enjoyed this" - MS

"I really liked the booklet they gave us, it has heaps of ideas and helps me remember what we talked about" - CTP

Nga kupu hou (new words)

Kaitiakitanga - Guardianship and Protection. It is a way of managing the environment, based on the Māori world view. A kaitiaki is a guardian. This can be a person or group that cares for an area such as a lake or forest. They are given that role by the local iwi.

E.g. Heather Heron-Speirs is a kaitiakitanga of the Ngāwakahiamoe (Native Bush Reserve)

Deb

School Lunches

We will be offering school lunches for the remainder of this term. All of the funds will go to the Cyclone Gabrielle relief effort. Our goal is \$1000.

School Uniform items

These options are available if you are interested:

School hoodies from \$61-\$70

Manakau green tees from \$30-\$38

Manakau black polo \$TBC

Softshell black jackets from \$76-\$81

If you would like to know more, please contact the school office.

Safe drop off and pick up

Please be mindful of all the children and vehicles at the end of the day. Go slow, and drive defensively looking for hazards. Sometimes the safety fix is as easy as meeting your child on the school side and walking with them back to your car:)

Yellow lines opposite school - NO PARKING

A new safety layout is being implemented by the Horowhenua District Council. This will provide a reconfigured bus zone, kea crossing, footpaths extended and installed on the bowling club side, resealed hall car park and additional parking spaces. So an improvement is coming.

First Aid Refresher course

Are you needing to re validate your first aid certificate before it expires? If so, please speak with office Deb asap, as we are looking at holding this course at school, after hours.

Bulb Fundraiser

Reminder to return all orders to school before March 24th. *Thank you.*

Kereru Beach Trip

The date is set for Tuesday April 4th. This day will include a beach clean up. Sandcastle building, water play and lots of fun. Permission forms have been sent home. Please could you make sure they are filled in and returned. Thank you.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Tuesday, 21 March 2023 in Palmerston North.

Who can TRY? Entry to the TRYathlon is open to all Kiwi kids aged 7-15 years. TRYathlete's can enter an individual, or in a team of two.

6 year olds can TRY too with our special "Splash & Dash" event. Be quick as spaces are limited.

Help wanted

We have had someone offer to do the concrete pad for a new small shed, which we are very grateful for. Is there anyone else who would be able to help with this. It is not huge, however, this needs to be completed very soon. Please contact the office if interested. Many hands makes light work...

School sports uniforms

Please could people check at home to see if you still have some sports uniform items. We would gladly receive anymore that have not yet made their way back to school.

Immunisations for Year 7 and 8 students

Please could all Immunisation forms to be returned to the office. There is a section for agreeing to immunisation and a section if you would not want this done. Whatever you decide, this form still needs to be completed, signed in the appropriate section, and returned to school please.

Mobile Phone Recycling

We currently have a mobile phone recycle box in the school reception. Please feel free to drop any unwanted mobile phones into this box during the year.

This is an environmentally responsible recycling scheme helps divert phones and accessories away from our landfills and recover reusable material that can be re-used to create other products.

To date the Mobile Phone Recycling Scheme has raised over 3 million dollars for NZ Charites.

Please support businesses that support our school.

We are very grateful to **Quin Buildings**, Levin.
Thank you for your generous services to Manakau School.

Manakau Store

3626840. Open 6am to 6pm 7 days.

Trellis Centre in Levin

Our new out door picnic tables look great and are being well used.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Heart of Manakau Proudly Presents
Summer in Paradise QUIZ NIGHT

Date: Friday 17th March 2023

Time: 7.30 start

Location: Manakau Bowling and Sports Club. Corner of Honi Taipua and Mokena Kohere Streets. Cost: \$10 per person

Teams: Maximum of 12 teams with 5 per team. If you don't have 5 we can help you make up a team on the night. Please make sure you register as we were at our maximum at our last quiz night. Register your team by contacting

Kimbal 029 835 1215 or 36 26 395 or mchugo@mchugo.co.nz. Refreshments: The Bowling club bar will be open. Light snack food will be served during the evening

The MDCA will be running raffles during the evening with all funds raised being used by the MDCA for projects that benefit the community

Please support your community by entering a team.
Regards Kimbal McHugo

Horowhenua Vibes. Free Whanau event.

Thursday 9 March. 3pm - 5pm

Solway Park, Corner of Solway, Cargill and Perth Streets, Levin.

Free food, music, games, skate lessons and more.

