



Upcoming Events

March 13-24 *Swimming lessons Yr's 1-5*

March 28 *House event*

April 2 *Daylight savings finishes*

April 4 *Kereru Beach Trip*

BOT meeting 6.15 in staffroom

April 6 *Last day of term 1.*

April 24 *Teacher Only Day*

April 25 *ANZAC day*

April 26 *Term 2 begins*

From Deb's desk

Sharing some appreciation

Yesterday I popped into the Levin Aquatic Centre to check out the swimming lessons our children have been receiving over the last couple of weeks. The teachers can really see the progress that is being made. These swimming lessons are paid for as part of the Rural School Swimming Programme.

A warm pool, trained swimming coaches, visiting the library, buses to get us to Levin, all free! We are very grateful to the Horowhenua District Council for making this happen.

Also, the safety improvements at the front of school are in full swing. Stage 1 - Honi Taipua is nearing completion. The team from Higgins has been great at giving updates and allowing the children to be involved in this process. There are still quite a few changes to implement and we are all going to need to be flexible with our parking. The end of the day pick ups are still full on. I remind you all to āta haere, slow down, look with eyes that see as you pull out of the parking space and fully concentrate on driving.

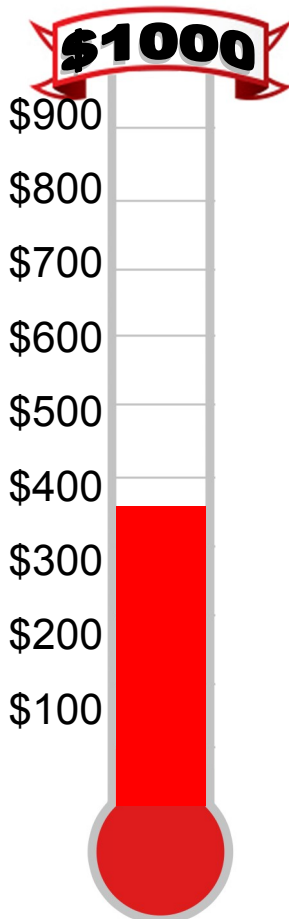
We want everyone to get home safely:)

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC Day is in the first week of Term 2. We will be starting school on Wednesday 26th April. We have been asked to once again be involved in the ceremony, and it is always a proud moment when our senior students share poems and readings as part of the occasion. Dressing in our Manakau uniform and representing our school is strongly encouraged. It would be great to see you there.

We will hold our own school ceremony on the last day of this term.

Deb



School Lunch Fundraising

We will be offering school lunches for the remainder of this term. All of the profit will go to the Cyclone Gabrielle relief effort, for schools in the Hawkes Bay. Our goal is \$1000.

Emergency Supplies Reminder

In the case of a school lockdown, we are asking that all parents/caregivers, please supply the school with the following:

A non perishable item your child would be happy to eat cold, plus a bottle of water. Please could you drop these into the office in a bag with your child's name on it. Thank you.

Bulb Fundraiser

Reminder to return all orders to school by this Friday March 24th. *Thank you.*

House Event

This is happening next Tuesday, April 28th. Come dressed in your house colours.

Kereru Beach Trip Tuesday 4th April

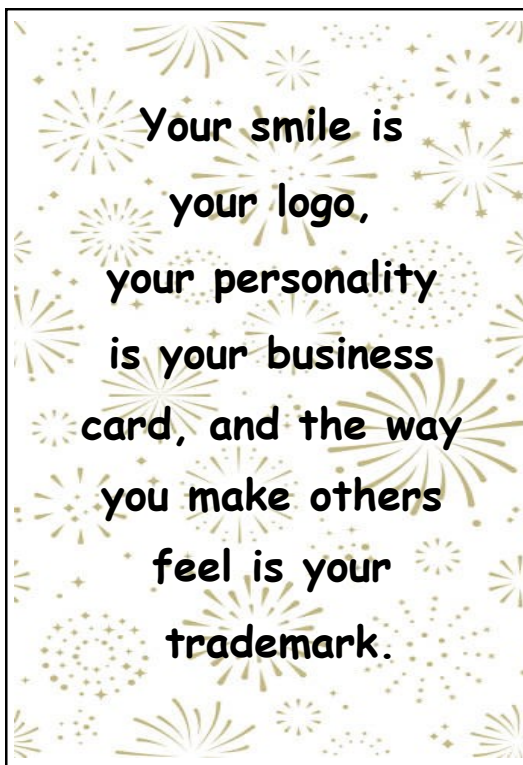
This day will include a beach clean up, sandcastle building, water play and lots of fun. Permission forms have been sent home. Please could you make sure they are filled in and returned. Thank you.

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

Thank you to everyone who has already returned uniforms. We are very grateful to have these back. We are now particularly looking for netball uniforms... Please check at home to see if you still have any 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

There are only a few immunisation forms left 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 Charities.

Yummy Apples

We collect during the year the 'Yummy' stickers and the 'cut out' on the bags of yummy apples here at school. Please feel free to drop these into the office. You can also print off a collection sheet for either of these items. Just go to www.yummyfruit.co.nz.

Last year we were able to purchase some new hula hoops with these stickers. I know that sounds small, but all these bits help with purchases for schools.

Students lunches at

Manakau Store from \$5

You can order these if required. Each lunch pack includes:

- 1 sandwich with 2 fillings
- 1 cookie or small tub of yoghurt
- 1 piece of fruit
- 1 small packet of rice crisps.

Place your order the night before. Email: gate28sonya@hotmail.com or you can phone (not text) 021 117 8878.

Manakau Store is open from 6am-6pm.

Thank you Manakau Store for all your support of Manakau School.