

Upcoming Events

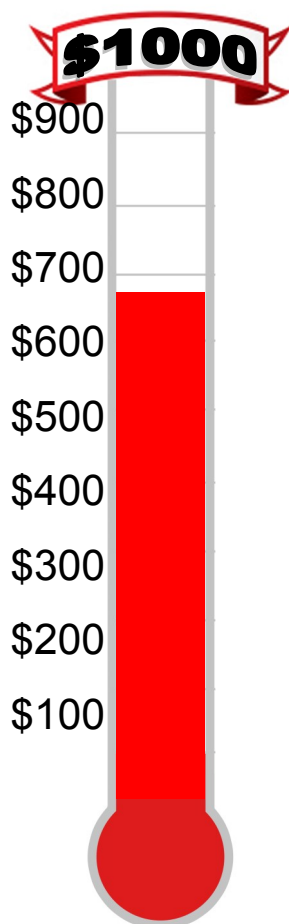
April 6 *Last day of term 1.*

April 25 *ANZAC day*

April 26 *Term 2 begins on Wednesday*

School Lunch Fundraising

We have been offering school lunches for the term. All of the profit has gone to the Cyclone Gabrielle relief fund, for schools in the Hawkes Bay. Our goal was \$1000.00



From Deb's desk

What a speedy term it has been. It is good to remember all that we have been working on.

The children have camped at school, travelled to Waikawa beach and attended a team building day with Kapiti Schools. We have been swimming, visited the splash pad, Waiopahu Reserve, attended a leadership conference and had our technology lessons at Otaki College. Equine and Lego therapy sessions have been

delivered by Lauren, our Learning Support Coordinator. All of this and more while maintaining a focus on consistent learning programmes and raising student achievement. The NZ Curriculum's identified key competencies are well embedded for most of our students with thinking, relating to others, managing self, using symbols, languages and

text, participating and contributing woven into everyday life at Manakau School. We are looking forward to the Easter Break and ready to dive into more learning next term.

Over the term break our school pool area will be under transformation. The rationalisation project is being funded by the Ministry of Education and it will allow us to utilise the space differently. It is going to be quite special to see how this develops. On the subject of changes to our physical environment. The board has been exploring a replacement for the swing set up. This much used area has been a real hassle over the past six months as we have replaced fittings and repeatedly tried to get them up and running. In her role as Health and Safety rep, Mel Baxter is now leading this project, and we look forward to a long term fix that will add to our awesome playground.

Thanks

Many thanks to Kat and the PTFA for organising the delivery of bark for our playground. The children have worked to make sure it is all in the playground area. It has been wonderful to see some of the children really step up. It is not easy work moving that much bark and particularly the team from Tupuranga (Whaea Katie' class) have come back on several occasions, often in their lunch break to get the job done. Special thanks to Kasey, Connor, Felix, Zeb, Quinncy, Kadyn and Noel. Thanks to the following who also helped - Blake K, Bostyn, Bjorn, Baylee, Lachie, Pererika, Emma, Wolfie, Lilliana and Casey.

Deb



(And a huge thank you to you Deb L for all the bark you have moved!!!)



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. Assemble at 7.20am.

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

ANZAC DAY

Normally the kids can go and play,
But not on the eleventh day.
On this day, the kids will stay
To remember soldiers who gave their lives away.

We sit under the plum tree,
Towering over the cemetery.
And remember people here to stay,
Acknowledging where they once lay.

Anzac Day, poppies of colour,
Making the day a little less duller.
The blood that fills our veins once more,
Reminds us of blood we saw in the war.

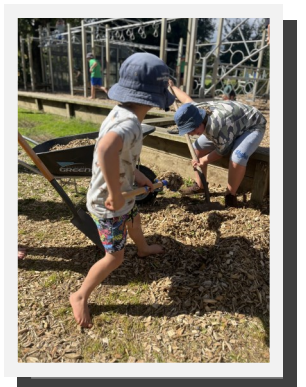
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ANZAC DAY

It's Anzac day.
The soldiers march.
March, march.
It's Anzac day.
The explosives go.
Bang, bang.
It's Anzac day.
The nurses are at work.
Work, work.
It's Anzac day.
The poppies sway.
Sway, sway.
It's Anzac day.

Zoe



Lost/Found property

Thankfully, the majority of our found property has found it's owners. We have just a few pieces left, including some shoes. We will drop any left over found property into a clothing recycle bin if it has not been claimed by the end of the term.

School photos

These can now be viewed and ordered on the Photolife website. All key codes were emailed out this week to parents. If you have not received your code, please contact the office asap. Free delivery expires Sunday 16th April.

ANZAC DAY

Today is the day,
The day to remember.
Sadness rises with the sun,
As we all march out to remember those who died.
We are all silent as we wait of the time to start,
A man walks out wearing his fathers brooch.
He said a speech that made me cry,
The man said the soldiers died.
They died for us to save New Zealand and
Australia,
So the world can remember us.
Make them happy by remembering them.

Mackenzie

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CASUAL CHEF / COOK... We're looking for someone to join our amazing Kitchen team! If this sounds like you or someone you know.... head to our website to find out more:
elrancho.co.nz

Mid Central Pharmacy Group. Did you know .. If you have conjunctivitis you don't need to go to your GP. You can get free treatment for tamariki/children aged 2-13 from your local participating pharmacy.

Plunket Manakau Playgroup
Tuesday and Thursdays from 9.30am-12 noon. Honi Taipua Street.. Cost is \$2 per child, per session + a piece of fruit to share at morning tea. Everyone is welcome. For more info find us on facebook @ manakauplaygroup or text/call Anita 021 212 9230

Hop on in to Ngā Manu this Easter Weekend.
Ngā Manu's Easter celebration runs throughout the long weekend 7 – 10 April and we have over \$2,000 worth of prizes to give away.
What's happening

- Join in the popular Easter Rock hunt to win chocolate Easter Eggs
- Have a selfie with Kiri the (Easter) Kiwi, our life-sized kiwi mascot
- Buy a sausage sizzle or a hot drink. We'll also have cold drinks available at our food stalls or in the Visitor Centre
- Join in the colouring competition and scavenger hunt
- Watch or join in on the daily eel feeding at 12pm and 2pm
- Take our Native Bird Close Encounter tour at 11am. Places are limited.

Bring your picnic blanket and make a day of it! It's all happening at Ngā Manu these School Holidays.
Find us 74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road Waikanae, 5391, New Zealand.
<https://ngamanu.org.nz/easter-weekend/>
Contact us on Phone +64 (04) 293 4131

Shadow Puppet Workshop
Bring along your torch and join Anna Bailey, renowned puppeteer from String Bean Puppets for this imaginative and environmentally minded workshop. You'll learn how to create magical, and beautiful shadow puppet animals using natural materials you can find in your garden as well as build your own up cycled shadow box to take home. Plus, pop in any weekday from 10-12 for fun crafts and activities.

BOYS GYMNASTICS SQUAD TRYOUTS OUT
Levin Gymnastics Club, Horowhenua Events Centre, Victoria Street, Levin. Open to all boys between the ages of 7 to 11 years (approx.)
Wednesday 5th April starting at 4.30pm for one hour. Come along, have a go even if you have never done gymnastics before.

House for Rent
North Manakau Rd. One year rental agreement preferred. Two bedroom new 2020 build 70sqm with lovely Veranda. Gorgeous sunset views. Rural setting. \$475/week. Move in date ASAP. No inside dogs sorry. Email Robyn. robymourie@gmail.com

Safari Kids
For younger tamariki (0-7), join us for an amazing interactive musical show about friendship, adventure, and animals.

Tuesday, April 11, 10:30am

Safari Kids Don't hibernate these holidays! Join us for an amazing interactive show about friendship, adventure, and animals. www.tetakere.org.nz

Last day of school

Is tomorrow, Thursday April 6.

We finish at 3.00pm. The bus will run as usual.

Term 2 starts Wednesday April 26