



MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

May 3 , 2023 Term 2, Week 2



Upcoming Events

- May 5 *Assembly - Huia OG in charge*
- May 9 *BOT meeting in staffroom 6.15pm*
- May 11 *Korimako trip*
- May 12 *School cross country*
- May 25 *School disco (TBC)*

- June 5th *Kings birthday - public holiday*
- June 30 *Last day of term*



From Dzb's dask

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou, Warm greetings to you all.

The children have settled back quickly into what has already been a busy few days, starting with our ANZAC Day representation. It was wonderful to see so many of our community at the ANZAC commemorations last week. Rob (Mr P) and I had the honour of representing our school on the day and we were supported by a hardy, small group of students and families. It has been a while since we all joined together, another consequence of our COVID journey.

Rob stepped up to read the Prime Minister's address and he did a great job. While I had the privilege of sharing the 'Ode to the fallen'. I can say, my nerves were definitely in a bit of a jiggle on the day. The community hall was adorned with artwork from all of our students and I got a real sense of pride to receive feedback from many! I would like to acknowledge the work of Pauline Masters, who tirelessly coordinates the proceedings on the day, supplying much of the kai for us all to share. Thank you Pauline. We really appreciate the opportunity to take a role in this community event. The team from Ngati WehiWehi are fully involved on this day. Setting the scene for the community, starting with the karanga to call the marches to the memorial, a karakia to acknowledge the friends and family who



lost their lives, and ensuring the kai was ready at the end of the ceremony.
Thank you!

Parent - Teacher Conversations

This year we will start our first round of 'real time reporting'. This is a culmination of some of the professional development we have been working on in 2022. Changing how we share your child's learning journey was brought about by an identified need to ensure you know exactly what your child is working on, and where they are achieving academically. It is also driven by an identified need to ensure the children have ownership of their learning goals. The learning posts will be shared with you using the seesaw platform, and an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher will be scheduled at the end of this term. Of course, if you have any questions for the classroom teachers or myself before the end of the term, please make an appointment with us. We can share suggestions for how you can help your child at home.

Safety Improvements

Thanks for being flexible with the pick ups at the end of the school day. We have tried to keep interruptions to a minimum... however it has been a tad tricky with most of the road outside school involved. The Higgins team had hoped to have completed much of the work in the school holidays, but as you will all be aware this has not happened. Please bear with us as we work with the contractors to get the footpaths, kea crossing and extra parking sorted. It will be worth it. Also, there has been the installation of a mobility parking space identified in the western car park. Some road marking still needs to be completed to properly identify this space. For now, if you could leave the first carpark, under the mobility parking sign for those who need it, it would be appreciated.

That's all for now,
Deb



News from the Board

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and align with the National Education and Learning Priorities. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review. We invite you to visit the site at <https://manakau.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "manakau" and password "pba".

Education Review Office (ERO) - Last week we began our 3 year review process with the ERO team. Maddy, our evaluation partner, spent a day with us. The Education Review Office | Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga (ERO) is the New Zealand government's external evaluation agency. They evaluate and report on the education and care of learners in schools. The 3 year review is a new way of working with schools, and Maddy spent quite a bit of time (this round) checking our policies and governance procedures. We will share updates from her as they come to hand.

Sarah Beech-Pooley (presiding member)

Community Notice:

Manakau Autumn in Paradise quiz night.
Friday May 5 2023, at 7.30 in the Manakau Bowling and Sports club. Cost \$10 per person. 5 people per team, Register your team by contacting Kimbal 029 835 1215 or 36 26 395 or mchugo@mchugo.co.nz.