



# MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

May 17, 2023 Term 2, Week 4

## Upcoming Events

May 23 *Otaki Cross Country*  
May 24 *Waka Kotahi mtg in Huia 4.30-7.00*  
May 25 *School disco 6.00— 7.30pm*  
May 30 *Levin Cross Country*  
June 5th *Kings birthday - public holiday*  
June 20 *BOT mtg. 6.15pm in staffroom*  
June 30 *Last day of term*

## From Dēb's dēsk

At the recent Manakau Districts Community Board AGM I shared an overview of the happenings from our school perspective. It has been a couple of years since I attended these meetings so it was wonderful to catch up with past acquaintances and make some new connections. The following is a capture of some of my korero.

Current roll: 101

Infrastructure: The bits you can see

- New modular buildings - Te Whare Korimako
- An easy connection to the school gardens
- Always something cooking
- Programmes that respond to the children's interests - rich, real and relevant
- Restoration of Huia
- Modern learning environments
- The best of the latest technology for lightning, heating and acoustics
- A pleasure to teach and learn in
- Year 7/8 class and a small class (17 students) of Year 5
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## Next Steps: This year

- Complete the safety improvements - Opportunities for leadership - train the road patrollers

- Classroom improvements (lighting, acoustics, heating) in Kereru
- Replacement of roofing, drainage, rotten exterior
- Removal of school pool and changing rooms

## School Strategic Goals

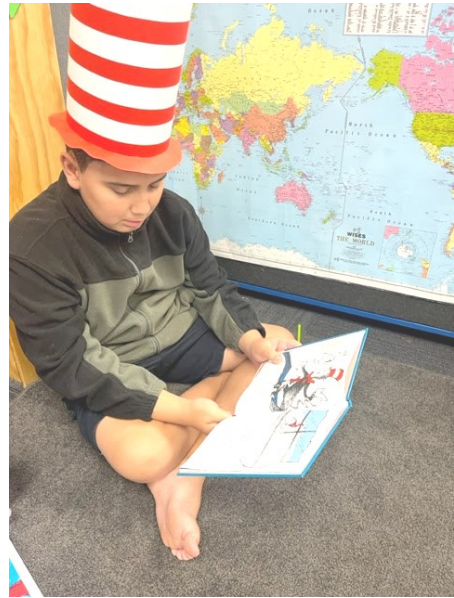
- Shared the 'plan on a page'
- In the covid space, there has been an increased need to focus on the well-being aspect of school life
- This year we have a greater focus ensuring "learners have the skills to lead their learning with strong foundations in the core skills"
- Professional development for the teaching team focused on addressing identified needs
- Utilising resources and expertise by being actively involved in our regional school networks - Horowhenua Kahui Ako, and Maniakalani Outreach Project
- Reconnecting with our community. Restricting access to the school throughout our Covid journey has made an impact. We welcome our families back into the school space.
- Community consultation to check we are meeting the needs of our students and their families
- Enacting the Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles - Partnership, Participation, Protection

As noted above, reconnecting with our families, and checking in, is on my agenda, both as the school principal, and in governance (school board). In both spaces we want to make sure you, our community, have a voice, and can see yourself reflected in the goals of our school. So, when you see the surveys, or invites to school hui (meetings), please engage.

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Buddy reading



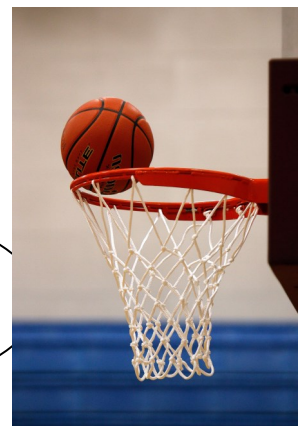
Visitors to our school

The Ngāi Tahu Māori Health Research Unit's Dr Karyn MacLennan is currently piloting a new, innovative and hands-on education programme targeted at tamariki, to help teach them about the science of medicines, using a Te Ao Māori perspective. We had the pleasure of hosting Greg and Craig from 'The Science of Medicines' team on Tuesday. Children in Huia and Kereru were given the opportunity to think about: where medicines come from, how they are made, how they work and how do we use them safely. A great opportunity to enhance our health learning.

Basketball

Chris and Rob have been spending their Monday and Thursday evenings in Levin, coaching and encouraging our basketball teams and by all accounts the children's confidence and skills are really improving. I have watched the Year 7's teams and am impressed by the way they play as a team. A win or two thrown in for good measure certainly helps.

It turns out the answer to my problems wasn't at the bottom of this litre of ice cream, but the important thing is that I tried.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



Join us for the Dirt Duathlon adventure race series 2023.

Race 1: June 18th – Horowhenua

Race 2: July 23rd – Greater Wellington

Race 3 (in the dark!): – August 19th – Kapiti  
Grab your team and enter now!

[www.dirtduathlon.co.nz](http://www.dirtduathlon.co.nz)



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](mailto:mchugo@mchugo.co.nz).

Free - Stepping up

Digital Learning Onboard. Get the skills you need to engage in the digital world. Manakau hall, Monday May 22. 1pm—3pm session only. Registrations essential via [www.steppingup.nz](http://www.steppingup.nz)>JoinAClass or contact us for help. Email: [info@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:info@horowhenua.govt.nz). Phone 06 3681953. *Libraries Horowhenua*

## Fear-Less Triple P (Positive Parenting programme)

Do you know a 6- to 12-year-old who is **often** worried, nervous, fearful, scared, and/or anxious? Or do you know a parent who is finding it hard to get their child to do things because of emotion?

If you responded yes to either of these, then you can suggest this parenting programme called “Fear-Less” which supports parents to “Reduce their child’s anxiety”.

This FREE zoom programme is being run by Prue Savill who works at ACROSS and is for any parent living in the MidCentral area – Palm Nth, Feilding, Manawatu, Horowhenua, and Tararua. It is FREE because the Ministry of Health is providing this for parents who need it.

This terms programme starts on the 18 May and the number of parents who can do the programme is limited. Please encourage registration as soon as possible. Attached is the information and the link to the registration form.

### Key Information:

Here is the link to our Facebook post – <https://www.facebook.com/100079937718873/posts/pfbid02Q3YentK5ekyHHfmQQRQiBDwjYUoBVbkfoXVJR7semffipWfj8okZUXJ6eZgZmMtYI/>

Looking for an after school buddy for my 10yr granddaughter. This position is for a female. Would need to have a license and vehicle. May need to be police vetted. Up to 5 hours per week. Please contact Ngehupo Cooper 027 303 7992 or email [cooperfm@outlook.co.nz](mailto:cooperfm@outlook.co.nz)