



# MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

November 29, 2023 Term 4, Week 8

## Upcoming Events

- Dec 4 Swimming lessons Yr6/7/8*
- Dec 7 Korimako Cafe*
- Dec 13 Yr 8's graduation dinner*
- Dec 14 Final Assembly and Awards Ceremony @1.30*
- Dec 15 Last day of school 12.30 finish*

## 2024

*February 1 Back to school*

## From Dqb's desk

Exciting times ahead...

As we head towards the end of another year, it's not that I am wishing the time away, however I get excited about starting a new school year.

Every Term 4, I have the opportunity to put together the class lists. It is not an easy task and many areas are taken into consideration before I share them with the teaching staff. Once I get their feedback, I rework the classes, taking into account the suggestions from the team. Often, parents have made contact with me to share their thinking, and I also consider this. I understand that changes can be challenging for both parents and students, and occasionally, this unease may arise.

When discussing the new classes with your child, please lend a listening ear to their thoughts. Ensure they feel heard and understood, and then help them navigate this transition with a calm and positive attitude. Remind them that our teaching team is dedicated to knowing and supporting each child, and that they are in good hands.

At this time I would also like to let you know that Whaea Katie has chosen to take an opportunity at Levin Intermediate, where she will be the food tech teacher (formally cooking). Katie has been part of our team for 2 years and we wish her well. We will let you know of our new appointment when it is confirmed next week.

Your child's 2024 class will be shared (with their stationery lists) on Thursday 14th December

## Morning Tea With Me

Bella is a student who has demonstrated quiet moments of academic brilliance throughout the year. Bella is a compassionate student, who is able to lift and include others when they are in need and is able to recognise this earlier than most. Bella accepts people for who they are and can always find the good in them.

Oliver is a hard worker who has become a regular recipient of Huia OG's free time passes. Oliver's hard work and natural talent has taken academic achievements to even greater heights. Oliver is fully involved in classroom challenge activities and is kind and considerate towards others.

Spectacular Saige is polite, enthusiastic, bubbly and just an all round lovely person. She is focussed and finishes work to a high standard, always displaying our school values and her personal best. Saige comes to school with a positive attitude and is ready to learn. I admire Saige's gentleness and generosity towards others, creative flair and great sense of humour. Saige has been an asset to our classroom this year and I appreciate all the happy energy and growth she has displayed.

Zestful Zeb has shown some great growth this year, particularly in approaching work with a positive attitude and finishing tasks to his best. Zeb reminds others of expected behaviour and helps others to show their personal best. I respect how Zeb gives everything a go and participates in class activities, even if these are out of his comfort zone. This often leads to us having a fun, goofy time with plenty of laughs to brighten the day. Keep up your fantastic work Zeb, you are very appreciated in our classroom.

Cooper C. Thank you Cooper for getting stuck into hard work in the garden and outside projects. I really enjoy your family stories and the smile that they bring to your face. I want to recognise your perseverance at your friendships and the way you have tried your Personal best. Thank you.

Ingrid. Thank you for volunteering to demonstrate in front of an audience. I have enjoyed the way you have taken on leadership roles in the short time you have been here. You are always on task and have a thirst for learning. I will miss your bubbly energy.

Congratulations Ella on the superb progress you have made in reading this year. You have also made good progress in your understanding of place value, helping your addition of two digit numbers. Ella, I appreciate that you manage yourself well, usually having everything you need for the day or lesson and you know what you should be doing.

Thank you Baylee, for always being willing to help out with jobs around the classroom. It is great to have someone who is aware of others in the class and is willing to help them get back on track. You have developed resilience during PE this year and I have enjoyed seeing your increased participation and effort in our physical education.

Dexter is a wonderful role model in Korimako. He is reliable and responsible. Dexter will stand up for what is right, making good choices. He always gives everything a try and has a positive attitude towards his learning. Dexter is a great friend to many and displays our school values of perseverance, respect, integrity, diversity and excellence. We are proud to have him in our class and school.

Leo is always a happy and willing helper in Korimako. He will even look for extra jobs to help out in our learning space. Leo has had to overcome some obstacles and he has done this with a fantastic attitude and a fresh enthusiasm for learning. Leo is our resident lego expert. He has fantastic ideas and can problem solve when making creations. We enjoy having you in our learning space.

### School Sports Tops

Thank you to everyone who has returned school sports tops. However, we are missing quite a few green collared/polo sports shirts. Please could you check at home, wash and return these tops to school. If we could please have these returned asap and before the end of the term/year. Thank you.

### KawaKawa

We have a freshly made batch of Kawa Kawa balm (made by Korimako class) for sale in the school office. Only \$5.



### **RAFFLE AT MANAKAU STORE**

A camping/quake/novice renter/sleepout kit. \$10 per ticket. Will be drawn Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December draw. Winner will be contacted on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

*We have the Mobile Dental Unit currently visiting Manakau School to examine and provide preventative treatment (cleaning, fissure sealants, x-rays and fluoride treatment) where required for patients due for their annual check.*

*Students requiring further treatment, (fillings and extractions) will be sent an information pamphlet, medical history update form and consent form. These will need to be signed and returned to either the Mobile or the school office before any treatment is undertaken.*

*If parents have any concerns or wish to be present at their child's dental appointment please contact us on either of the numbers below.*

*Regards from the Dental Team*

*Telephone 027 669 5115/0800 825 583*

### **Yr 8's Graduation Dinner**

**Wednesday December 13**

**held in the Manakau Hall. From 5.30.**

Invitations will go out today with Year 8 students for the above. Please rsvp to the office by Friday 8th December with numbers attending.

**FINAL ASSEMBLY AND  
AWARDS CEREMONY  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 14  
AT 1.30PM**

### The Gift of Christmas

Recently in 'The Post' newspaper Mrs Thorpe saw an awesome idea. 'The Post' said "We're flipping the script on the pre-Christmas tradition of advent calendars".

We loved the idea they shared and decided we would like to do this too.

From December 1st until the end of the school term, there will be 15 days of school left.

We are encouraging you to donate items to our local food bank. They can be dropped off in the children's classes. Some suggested items: cans of food, spreads, muesli bars, tea bags, tomato sauce, toiletries. You can give everyday :) or pick a day. Thanks for your support.

## 2023 End of Year Reporting

This year we have trialled a new process for reporting to parents. We are working to give whanau real time reporting with examples of students learning in reading, writing and maths.

In term 2 and 4 teachers have shared 'learning posts' utilising the SeeSaw App. On each post there is a description of the learning goal and where the child aligns with the NZ Curriculum expectations.

In Term 2, we sought feedback from parents to check understanding. After discussing the feedback, we have added an additional post for Term 4. This post will have a general comment on your child's learning using the NZ Curriculum's Key Competencies as a reference.

### *About the key competencies*

Key competencies are the capabilities people have and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future.

The New Zealand Curriculum identifies five key competencies:

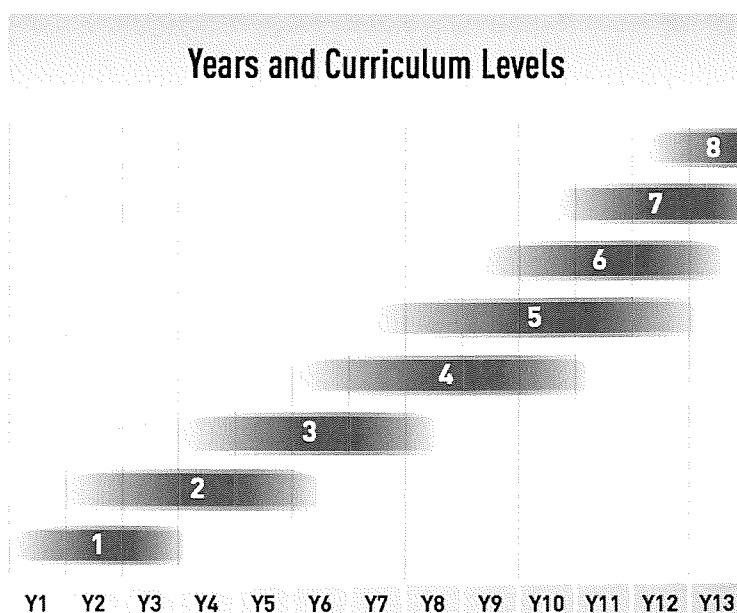
- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Using language, symbols, and texts
- Managing self
- Participating and contributing

(<https://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Key-competencies#collapsible3>)

Below you will see a graph and information related to children's expected levels of achievement. The graph gives you a baseline relating to the New Zealand Curriculum. It does not take into account that all children learn differently and often at different rates. Please bear this in mind when you are comparing your child's level of achievement. If you have any questions do not hesitate to make contact with your child's classroom teacher.

I will be seeking feedback from our parent community next week.

Deb Logan



The expected level for most students is:  
After 1 year at school - Early/IN Level 1  
After 2 years - AT level 1  
After 3 years - Early/IN level 2  
Year 4 -AT level 2  
Year 5 Early/IN level 3  
Year 6 - AT level 3  
Year 7 - Early/IN level 4  
Year 8 - AT level 4

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

It's getting close to the end of the year and we are happy to say we are running Happy Mail again! Children and adults alike can get crafty and creative by making festive cards. Drop them in to your local library and we will deliver to elder residents in care in Horowhenua in time for Christmas. This library initiative run by our Older Adults Librarian helps to ensure seniors living in long-term care feel connected and appreciated this holiday season.

Happy Mail cards need to be received by **20<sup>th</sup> December**.

*If you decide to make a batch with your class or school and you can't get to the library let us know and we may be able to collect them.*

**Samantha Tibbs** Children's Learning Librarian |  
Kaitiaki Whare Pukapuka - Akoranga Tamariki.  
10 Bath Street, Levin

FREE  
PHOTO WITH  
Santa  
Claus  
11am-1.30pm

## ŌTAKI CHRISTMAS Market

Rātapu | Sunday

**10  
DEC**

10am - 2pm  
main highway, Otaki

50 + stalls  
Delicious kai  
Ice Cream  
FREE crafting table  
Facepainting  
Christmas Trees

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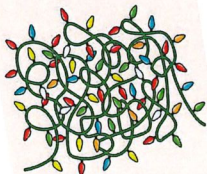
### SPONSOR SEBASTIAN TO SWIM FROM WAINUI TO AKAROA 5KM



#### House Cleaner Wanted:

For Vacuuming and possibly bathrooms. Please contact Barbara Hovord 027 620 9729.

You can tell a lot about a person by how they handle slow internet and tangled Christmas lights.



Kāpiti Christmas

## Parade & Festival

Sunday 10 December

- 11am - 4pm
- Southward Car Museum
- 250 Otaihanga Road, Paraparaumu
- Thanks to our main sponsor, Voyle & Co, for helping make this event possible.



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