



Upcoming Events

- 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

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End of an Era

Kia ora koutou,

In 2016 I started my role as Principal of Manakau School, and as we stand on the brink of the year's end, it is with a heart full of pride and gratitude that I address our school community. Reflecting on the past eight years, it's hard to believe that in 2016, as well as myself, Manakau School welcomed three bright-eyed five-year-olds – Jasper, Gus, and Abby – into our school family.

Together, we embarked on a journey in this tight-knit community, surrounded by the support of parents and whanau. Our school, tucked away in the Horowhenua, became our own secret piece of paradise, a place where curiosity was nurtured, and friendships flourished.

As the year unfolded, so did our school family. Braeden, Emma-Rose, Kyan, Danielle, and Logan quickly joined our ranks, bringing their unique personalities and talents. Milly graced us with her presence the following year, and then came Izabella in 2018, Cooper and Maxi in 2019, Liam in 2020, and finally, Blake in 2022. Each of these additions has enriched the tapestry of our school life, making it more vibrant and diverse.

And now, as we approach the end of another

chapter, I find myself brimming with emotion as we bid farewell to our Year 8 students. It has been a privilege to watch these young minds grow into the unique individuals they are today. They have not only excelled academically but have also demonstrated kindness, resilience, and a sense of community that makes us all immensely proud. They have an understanding of their "Personal Best" and that we are all works in progress.

The memories we've created together – the laughter echoing in the classrooms, the shared triumphs on the sports field, and the collaborative spirit – will forever be etched in our history.

To the graduating Year 8's, as you stand on the threshold of a new adventure, know that you carry with you the values and experiences that make Manakau School unique. May your future endeavours be filled with the same passion, determination, and sense of community that you have shown here.

To the parents, caregivers, and the wider school community, thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Your support is the cornerstone of our success, and together, we have created a nurturing environment for our children to thrive.

As we look ahead to the coming years, let us continue to build upon the foundation we've laid together. Manakau School is not just a place of learning; it is a home, a family, and a community that cares deeply for each and every member.



Wishing you all a joyful holiday season, a restful break, and a new year filled with endless possibilities. Thank you for being a part of the Manakau School story.

Noho ora mai, Deb and the Manakau Team

Cafe

Another outstanding café was run by the Korimako class team. Thank you to Chris Thorpe, Rachael Newman, Natasha Sanford and Donna Henare for your efforts, your energy and your ideas for the lovely food you dream up to do with your class. Thank you Korimako children for all you did to make this an enjoyable café.



2024 classes

The children will be visiting their 2024 classes on Thursday. Following this they will bring home their 2024 stationery lists.

New staff member appointed

Lauren Shuker will join Team Manakau as our 6th classroom teacher. The Board has made a decision to appoint a sixth teacher, which is above our allocated staffing level. We have managed our budget to allow this to happen for the past two years and both the board, the teaching staff, and I recognise the positive impact smaller class sizes has for our children, both academically and for our well-being. Lauren will be working 4 days in class, and I will be teaching in the class on the 5th day. Lauren has worked at our school for the past 3 years as a Learning Support Coordinator. She has established really positive relationships with the teaching team, students and whanau. The management team (Rachael and I) are stoked that Lauren chose to apply for this position and we know she will embrace and enhance the learning environment at Manakau School. Lauren's referees spoke of someone who has the students learning and wellbeing at the centre of her teaching practise. An experienced teacher.



- **Yr 8's Graduation Dinner
Wednesday December 13
held in the Manakau Hall.**

- **Assembly and Awards Ceremony
Thursday December 14
at 1.30pm**



***School finishes
Friday December 15
at 12.30pm***
(The bus will run at this time)

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 **20th 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

otakiwomensclub.org/christmasmarket

THINGS TO ENJOY IN THE HOLIDAYS.

- ◆ Fish and chips on the beach
- ◆ Do a scavenger hunt
- ◆ Donate some food
- ◆ Go for a bike ride
- ◆ Find a new playground
- ◆ Lay outside looking at the stars
- ◆ Check out Christmas lights in your area
- ◆ Create a meal together
- ◆ Build a hut
- ◆ Have a picnic
- ◆ Read together



Wanted:

Moccana jars with lids. Any size.

Girls bike 24" or 26". 73cm from ground to seat. Phone Jill 0277799036.

RAFFLE AT MANAKAU STORE

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



Pop-Up eats

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community together!

**Popping UP Next In
MANAKAU**

19 Driscoll Reserve, Honi Taipua St
Tuesday 19 December 5pm - 8pm

HOROWHENUA  PopUpEatsHorowhenua

Ōtaki Market Young People's Market

Stall fee for kids
Donation
Koha

+ our regular Market

Calling all Young People
Run your own stall at the Ōtaki Market

- Art & crafts
- Hand made products
- Preloved toys, clothes, books, games
- Home baking and treats
- Jams, preserves and honey
- Fruit & Vegetables
- And much more...

SUNDAY
14
JANUARY

10am - 2pm
main highway, Otaki

Ages 5 - 19 years old



Register for a stall

otakiwomensclub.org/kidsmarket

Manakau Plunket Playgroup.
Last day of the year is
Thursday 14th December.
First day back for 2024 is
Thursday 8th February.

AKOTECH Co Camps Summer School Holidays - FREE PRIZE & EARLY DISCOUNTS

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Felix Housiaux will be selling goodies on
Friday 15th at morning tea time. They are
\$2 each, or 3 for \$5.

- ✧ Reindeer Chow (Xmas pretzels and pebbles)
- ✧ Hot Choc Stirrers – Marshmallow/ Choc/Candy Cane and Crushed peppermint)
- ✧ Meringue Mistletoe – (Meringue, White choc, spearmint leave and Jaffas)

