

Upcoming Events

Apr 12 Last day of term 1
Apr 14 Working bee
Apr 25 ANZAC day
Apr 29 Term 2 starts



Community ANZAC Day Remembrance Ceremony

As has been the tradition for many years, Manakau School will be actively involved in this special occasion.

Our students will speak in the ceremony and we are given the honour of leading the community for the singing of the National Anthem.

We ask that the children wear their Manakau branded sweatshirts or Manakau Green tops. Please could you be at the hall by 7.45am Please keep an eye on the community and school Facebook page for more details. You are also asked to bring a plate of food to share after the ceremony.

Fundraising efforts

Thank you. We have been astounded by your generosity! The fundraising has really kicked into gear and so many of you have embraced the concept of the FOMS (Friends of Manakau School). If we all give a little it adds up to a lot!



Helping with Friday lunches, sharing the colour run fundraiser, ngahere nui (big forest) working bee, impressive garden gnomes sorting out the weeds around the pa harakeke (flax garden), helping with our trips (education outside the classroom) selling Korimako products at the Harvest festival, a donation of ice blocks from a local business - Paekākāriki Pops! and applications completed for external grants.

We are so grateful!

The colour run event has raised over \$9k. This will help to resurface the bike track and still contribute toward the new swings. 'Thank you' prizes from the fun run have been confirmed and will arrive for distribution early in Term 2.

Term 1 attendance statistics

This week the Government outlined their expectations for attendance "This is part of the government's target of ensuring 80% of students are present for more than 90% of the term by 2030," so where are we at? This term our attendance is averaging 87%.

There are valid reasons for keeping your children at home, sickness being the #1. At this time schools are not aware of how your reasons will be shared in the statistics, we are definitely in a "more information to come" space.

If you are planning to be away from school for more than 5 days, please could you ask at the office for a leave form.

Wheelbarrow Working Bee

This Sunday 9am - 12 you are invited to bring your wheelbarrow and shovels to school. We will be aiming to move the load of mulch onto our gardens and the Ngahere Nui (big bush) space. Many thanks to Shane Lagas for organising this huge free delivery from the team at Electra.



Daylight Savings is here

We have noticed there have been a few families who are arriving at school very early. Children do not need to be at school until 8:30 at the earliest, unless a prior arrangement is made or your child /children travel to school by bus. Teachers use the time before school for additional daily prep. Thanks for your support.

School photo orders

Everyone should have received, via email, your codes for ordering your school photos.

Parents have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2024 School Photos.

*****FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 21st APRIL *****



Has anyone lost...

- Childs Manakau School top/s
- Men's watch
- Childs glasses

If so, please contact the school office.



**Last day of term 1 is this Friday, April 12th.
We will finish at our usual time of 3.00pm.
Term 2 starts on Monday April 29th.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Otaki Vibez Presents

End of Term Pool Party at Otaki Pools
Friday - 12th April 2024 from 3pm-6pm
Free entry . Sausage sizzle . DJ

School Holidays are all about having fun, right?
Well, here at Ngā Manu, we've got fun in spades!

Tuesday 23rd April at 11am - puppet show -

"Flutter" A short tailed bat who is afraid of the dark is befriended by a sparkly glow worm who thinks she is a star. The show is for 3-10 year olds. Entry to **Flutter** is by koha.

For those wanting to see Te Pua o te Rēinga in flower, standard admission fees will apply.

On Thursday 25th April (Anzac Day) at 1pm we have a story telling session with local author **Bianca Begovich**.

Entry is free for this session. Standard admission fees apply for those who wish to explore the reserve before or after.

We're also open every day during the holiday break from 10am to 5pm. Ngā Manu Nature Reserve
74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road, Waikanae

www.ngamanu.org.nz

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...



Ages 5 - 19 years old



Register for a stall
otakiwomensclub.org/kidsmarket

Library Program **Free event**

SHAKE UP YOUR SENSES

Ignite your senses at the library these school holidays with entertaining activities inspired by touch, sight, hearing, taste and even smell!

Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am - 12pm
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10am - 12pm
Shannon Library, 1.30pm - 3pm