

Upcoming Events

- July 3 *Awhi Rito - Class trip*
 July 4 *Korimako trip to Rangiatea*
 July 5 *Assembly - Mr P's Class*
Last day of term 2
- July 22 *Term 3 starts*

From Deb's Desk

Kia ora tatou (Hello everyone),

I'm writing with a heart full of appreciation for the opportunity to attend the recent Growth Culture - School of Transformation conference held in Fiji. Funded by the Ministry of Education's Principals Wellbeing and Professional Development fund, this conference directly addressed our school's focus on nurturing a positive and thriving environment for both our students and staff.

The focus on well-being throughout the conference resonated deeply. From renowned speakers like Marshall Diggs and David Mulford delving into leadership coaching and development, to Julia Grace's insightful session on prioritizing well-being as leaders ourselves, the takeaways for me were plentiful. I'm excited to continue to implement these strategies to cultivate a growth mindset within our school, fostering innovation and positive change.

The highlight of the conference, however, wasn't just the learning. It was the chance to give back. On the third day, we rolled up our sleeves and put our aroha (love and compassion) into action, serving the local community at Sabeto District School. This hands-on experience, involving painting, gardening, and professional development workshops, was a powerful reminder of the importance of collaboration and the joy of making a positive impact.



This conference was an invaluable opportunity for professional growth alongside fellow principals. The knowledge and strategies I gained will not only benefit me as a leader, but will undoubtedly have a positive impact on our entire school whānau (family). I look forward to continuing to work together to create an even more vibrant and supportive learning environment for everyone at Manakau School.

Ngā mihi nui,,

Deb Logan
Principal

Sporting and Academic Success

We have had a very successful couple of weeks.

Year 6-8 Otaki Rural Sports Group Annual Soccer Tournament

Perfect weather, great coaches, managers and supporters headed to Haruatai Park for this tournament.

Postponed on Tuesday due to poor weather meant some quick organisational adjustments for Mr P and Mr Singer. Finishing the day with a tournament win for the top pool Year 7 and 8 squad was the icing on the cake. Many thanks to Gary, Gian and Tom for taking a coaching role with our children. It was fantastic to see so many of our children involved.





Book Battle

In term 1 and 2 a team of students have been busy reading a selection of texts, and last week their knowledge was put to the test against teams from the Horowhenua and Manawatu region.

Feedback from the Manawatu Literacy Association (organisers of this event)

“It is great to applaud the teams that placed. Congratulations to Hokowhitu A (1st), Parkland B (2nd), and Manakau (3rd) in the Year 5 & 6 competition and Fairfield (1st), Faith City B (2nd), and Faith City A (3rd) in the Year 7 & 8.

The Year 5 & 6 was a close fought competition with not many points between them. The winner got 55 out of 70 and 2nd and 3rd were close behind on 54 (with the tie-breaker deciding it). With some tricky rounds in the Year 7 & 8 competition things were a bit more spread out - I didn't know many of the answers! The winning team got 81 out of a 100 and the 2nd and 3rd were 81 (with a tie breaker deciding it) and 78 respectively.”

Congratulations to Max, Parker, Emma and Frankie (Year 5 and 6), and Audrey, Blake and Oliver (Year 7 and 8)



News from the Board

Our recent board meeting with karakia led by the new presiding chair, Mel Baxter. We welcomed Mel into this role and our community can be assured that we, your board, have the best interests of our school at the forefront of our decisions. In our Governance role there are many areas we cover. We are the employer of all staff, and set the overall strategic direction for our school. At each meeting we cover many different areas, some of which include:

- Health and Safety
- Property
- Policy

Our principal Deb is the ‘chief executive’, her role is to manage the day to day operations of the school in line with the board's direction and policies. In her latest report to the board, Deb shared our latest (from Term 1) attendance data. Our overall attendance rate for term 1 of 75% and punctuality rate of 78% are an area we would like to see improved. It was interesting to note that holidays in term time are considered non attendance in our percentages. This is short of the Government's goals (85%) for attendance and is an area for us to work on. Deb will be making contact with families with attendance under 85% to see if there is any additional support you need.

We would also like to let you know that we will once again be seeing some infrastructure work at school. This week builders start work on the exterior walls of the staffroom. Included in this 12 week project will also be modernisation of Awhi Rito's class, plumbing work under the staffroom, replacing butanol roofing over the Kereru Block, and the establishment of the Learning Support Coordinators office space and a revamp of the staffroom. These are significant works and we are really pleased to have the ‘go’ from the Ministry of Education.

To enable Awhi Rito modernisation we have to move some classes. Awhi Rito (Mrs Shukers class) will move to the Huia Block, and Tumeke (Mrs Dears class) will move to Korimako.

Mel, Levi, Bridgette, Rob and Deb

SACKS OF PINECONES

FOR SALE. NOW \$5

Purchase and picked up from Manakau School.



Attendance information

Why Attendance and Punctuality Matter:

A consistent presence in the classroom allows students to fully engage with lessons, build strong relationships with peers and teachers, and ultimately, achieve academic success. Arriving on time ensures students are prepared and ready to learn from the very beginning, maximizing their learning potential. The beginning of the day is really important. Often it is a time to clock in with classmates and teachers and help children to settle into the school day.

Moving Forward:

We understand that unexpected circumstances may arise. However, open communication between whānau and teachers is key. Please reach out to your child's teacher if there are any concerns or situations that might affect attendance or punctuality.

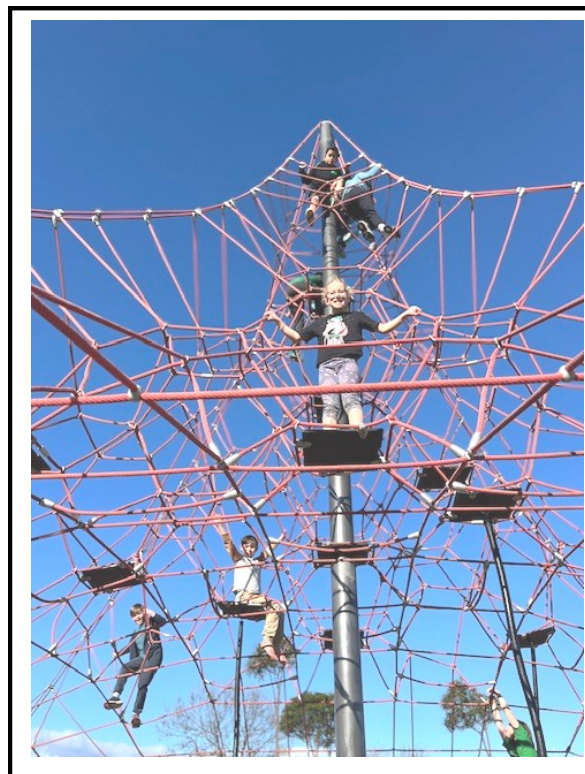
Here are some ways we can all work together to improve:

- Establish routines: Develop a regular bedtime and morning routine to ensure a smooth start to the day.
- Communicate proactively: Inform the school promptly of any illnesses or absences.
- Value punctuality: Encourage your child to understand the importance of arriving on time.
- Partner with the school: Work together to address any challenges or questions you may have.

We are confident that by working collaboratively, we can create an environment where all students thrive. We appreciate your ongoing support in prioritizing your child's education.

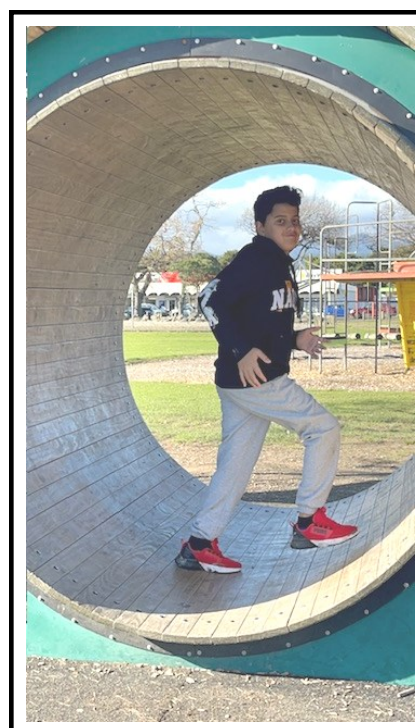
All absences should be reported to the school office. You can use the skool loop or seesaw app, email office@manakau.school.nz or leave a message on the school cell or landline. We ask that you leave a reason for the absence as this is also needed for our attendance data.

*I'm having people over
to stare at their phones
later, if you want to
come by....*



Ream of paper

With all stationary lists for this year we asked for a 'ream of white paper' from each family. I can see we are running short for the year, and just want to remind anyone who hasn't yet given a ream to the school if you could possibly do this early in term 3, it would be greatly appreciated. Or if you are happy to donate another ream, that would also be awesome. Thank you.





Around the classes...

On Thursday last week, Awhi Rjto and Team Glory went to Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō (Levin), to visit the Stardome Planetarium. It was at Te Takere as a special treat before our Matariki public holiday, and it was awesome. We also enjoyed the Levin Adventure Park as it was a blue sky day.

...“It was really cool when he zoomed in and out because we could see things that we wouldn’t be able to see with the naked eye. The solar system was in a circle and we saw inside an asteroid.

...Most of the kids from Mr P’s class and Awhi Rjto climbed to the top of the big climbing frame, that was pretty cool, and even Ms. Logan had a go. At the library Ms. Logan read Awhi Rjto a book called The eyebrows of DOOM. I recommend this book because it was good!” - Baylee

...“The thing I liked was the bit when he zoomed out and we saw the circle of the universe. There is a black hole in every single galaxy, it’s spinning around in circles very fast, it’s sucking everything inside” - Archer

...“I enjoyed the planetarium. Lying down and looking at all the stars. I got out 3 books about different cultures and their fashion and that was pretty cool!” - Fergus

...“Relaxing and lying down and watching the stars move around...the adventure park was goooood!”

...The books and star gazing experience were fun and I really liked them. Mostly the library. I would like to go every week!”

...“The star dome was my favourite because the stars and planets looked pretty awesome. At the park I buried Maana, he looked like a merman. I found that very enjoyable:!”

...I enjoyed the mouse running wheel at the adventure park and I enjoyed the inside of the planetarium. The stars and the universe were amazing” - Kady

...My favourite part of the day was when Ms. Logan took a photo of me. I was on the really high climbing frame. Alex

...I enjoyed the planetarium, where they showed the sizes comparing the sun and the earth” - Ella

...I like how when we went into the planetarium, the microbiologist showed us the galaxy, mars, Matariki and the potato plant. It’s called the potato planet because it looks like a potato” - Lilliana

Ag Day 2024

In preparation for Ag day this year...

If you are interested in caring for and training a lamb, kid or calf the dates to remember are as follows:

Birth dates for lambs and kids are 15th July onwards.

Birth dates for calves are 1st July to 31st August inclusive.

We encourage students to think about entering the Manakau School garden section of Ag Day. Manakau School does not follow the guidelines/rules set by the Horowhenua Boys and Girls Agricultural Club but we do encourage the children to plant and grow their own little piece of paradise whether it is in a pot, garden, tyre etc. These will be judged later on towards the end of November with the final date still to be confirmed.

Our Agricultural Day will be held on the week of November 11-15, 2024.

Group finals are at Levin on November 22, 2024. All calves and yearling must have a NAIT tag, but you do not need to notify their movement for Ag days.

Notice of Asbestos Removal Work

We are reminding our community that there is going to be removal of some asbestos at school during the July holidays. Commencing on 8 July 2024 and is expected to finish on 9 July 2024.

Manakau School management and board of trustees have been consulted about the nature and timing of this work, together with the safety measures to be used.

- We are recommending that you do not visit the school over these 2 days.
- Signs and temporary fencing/barriers will be installed.
- PVA solution or water will be applied to asbestos containing materials to prevent airborne asbestos fibres dust as required.
- Air monitoring at the work site boundary will be in place for the duration of the work.
- Asbestos containing material will be wrapped on site and disposed of at an approved site.
- An independent party will carry out an inspection of the site on completion of the work, and issue a clearance certificate.

College Open evenings for Year 8 students and parents are as follows.

Waiopehu College

Date: Thursday July 25th
Time: 5.30-8pm

Otaki College

Date: Thursday August 1st
Time: 6.00 - 7.30pm



Under The Night Sky
School Holiday Programme

Flutter -String Bean Puppet Show

Flutter, a show about being brave, supporting your friends and the threat of introduced predators and how they make night time a scary place for our native species.

16 Tuesday 16 July 10:30am
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

17 Wednesday 17 July 10:30am
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Once In A Full Moon -String Bean Puppet Show

Once in a Full Moon will lead us on an imaginative journey through one evening deep in the New Zealand bush when a lonely kiwi looks up at the sky and mistakes the full moon for a giant egg. Can kiwis fly? Can moons fall from the sky? Can wishes come true?

16 Tuesday 16 July 2:30pm
Shannon Library

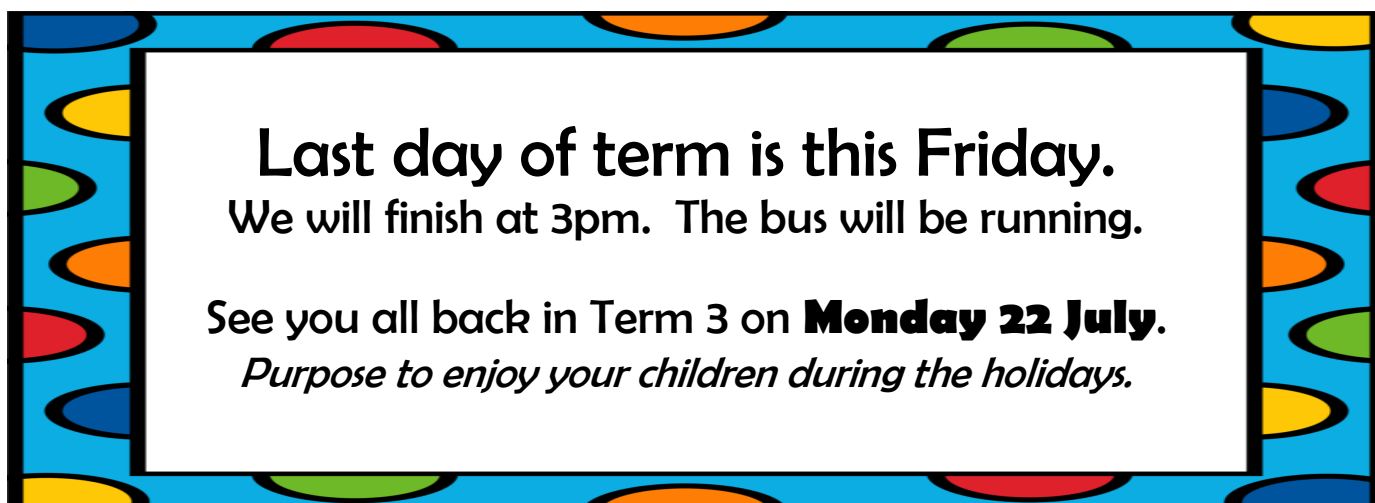
The poster features a night sky background with stars and a mountain range. At the bottom, two children are shown looking through telescopes.



Newspaper wanted

Please drop off to Korimako

Sorry, no school lunches this Friday.



Last day of term is this Friday.
We will finish at 3pm. The bus will be running.

See you all back in Term 3 on **Monday 22 July.**
Purpose to enjoy your children during the holidays.

The announcement is framed by a colorful border with repeating patterns of blue, red, yellow, and green ovals.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Spongebob Musical Youth Edition

Waiopahu College Hall, 74 Bartholomew Road, Levin. trybooking.com/nz/SHC. Wed 28 Aug 7pm, Thu 29 Aug 7pm, Fri 30 Aug 7pm, Sat 31 Aug 2pm & 7pm, Sun 1 Sep 2pm & 7pm. Adults \$25, Student/child \$15. Ticket queries: message our facebook page (HypeTheatreLevin) or all 022 389 6748.

Parenting Programme. The Incredible Years.

Do you have children between the ages of 3-8 years old? Why a parenting programme?

- Parenting is the most important job adults do.
- Learn new skills to manage challenging behaviour.
- Encouragement and support.

Speak with Sam on 022 691 2297

Waikanae Gymnastics Club. School holiday program. Monday 8th July. Or Monday 15th July. 10am-1pm at Waikanae memorial hall. 4-10 yr olds. \$30 per child 3rd child free for families enrolling 3 children.

Please bring a drink bottle and a snack.

Contact Alex at waikanaegym@gmail.com to register.

Herd by Horses Holiday program - 5-10 year olds

Thursday 11th July 9-3pm Cost \$140 per child.

Our specially crafted program is designed to nurture your child's ability to build healthy relationships and develop crucial personal skills such as boundary setting, trust, self-confidence, and emotional regulation. Through engaging, fun and educational activities with horses, you child will not only learn but also experience personal growth in a supportive environment.

How to Register:

Secure your child's place by emailing Kelly Henry, Equine Specialist, at herdbyhorsesnz@gmail.com to receive a registration form and payment details.

What to bring:

Snacks and a drink bottle for morning tea.
Suitable warm clothing, including a hat or beanie, a waterproof jacket, and waterproof, closed-in shoes.

"Parenting Our Teenagers"



A new 5 week FREE programme specially written to help you raise the modern day teenager

Are you finding yourself arguing with your teenager most days?
Do you often wonder why they have changed from the loving "little" one you once knew?

Are you wanting to bring back more days of laughter into your home?
Is it a battle to get them to go to school?

Do you wish they would leave their social media alone so you can spend time with them?

If your answers were "YES" to one or more of these questions, then maybe this programme is for you!

Find out more and apply to attend

8 Bath Street
Levin
5510

Venue: Skills4Living

8 Bath Street, Levin

Ph: 06 367 0680
info@skills4living.co.nz
www.skills4living.co.nz



Cure the winter blues with a visit to the choicest little Nature Reserve on the coast.

Free entry for all children for the July school holidays. To take advantage of this offer, you need to register [HERE: https://ngamanu.org.nz/upcoming-events/kids-go-free-these-winter-school-holidays/](https://ngamanu.org.nz/upcoming-events/kids-go-free-these-winter-school-holidays/)

- This offer is only valid between Saturday 6th July and Sunday 21st July 2024.

- Offer only applies to admission to the reserve and excludes any additional offers including tours and experiences.

- One family per confirmation email (up to two adults and 4 children).

We're also screening a couple of family movies during the school holidays. Visit our [Facebook Page](#) to find out more information and register your interest. <https://www.facebook.com/NgaManuNatureReserve/events/?id=100064705181555&sk=events>

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