



MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

August 14, 2024 Term 3, Week 4

Upcoming Events

August 12-16 Life Education Trust
August 15 Netball competition
August 16 Assembly - Awhi Rito
August 27 Rippa Tournament
Sept 12 Speech Finals
Sept 13 Assembly - Tumeke
Sept 19 Manakau Schools Got Talent.
Sept 27 Assembly - Korimako
Last day of term 3

Oct 14 Term 4 starts
Oct 25 Teacher only day (labour day public holiday on Monday 28 Oct)

From Deb's Desk

Tena koutou katoa, olá,hej, bonjour, kia ora, bula, guten tag,

At our school, our primary focus is to support your children's growth and success. Our vision "Developing future guardians of our changing world" leads to the development of our teaching and learning programmes. As a country we are proud of how well New Zealand students perform globally, excelling in creative thinking, reading, science, and maths. Our teachers use their skills and expertise to personalize learning to best meet each child's unique needs.

There are some upcoming changes that we want to make you aware of. The Government is introducing a new math curriculum next year. While this change aims to standardize teaching, it may affect our ability to tailor math instruction to the diverse needs of our students.

Currently, we are also facing challenges related to resources and support. Many students require additional help, such as teacher aides or specialist support, and we are working hard to ensure they receive the assistance they need. However, there are gaps that need addressing to provide every student with the support they deserve. At Manakau School

the Board supports the hiring of an additional teacher to ensure our class sizes are kept small and the teaching team are able to develop positive relationships with our children. We also have a dedicated Special Education Needs Coordinator (Mrs Newman) who works to access and identify external support.

We are committed to doing our best for your children and their classmates. To help us continue to provide high-quality education, we encourage you to stay engaged and involved. If you have any questions or want to discuss how we can work together to support your child's learning, please feel free to contact their teacher.

And, on another tack all together we continue to be a bit of a construction zone. There have been many changes already to the Kereru block with the team from O'Leary Contracting working hard to have Awhi Rito's class, the Learning Support Coordinators office and the staffroom revamped by the beginning of term 4. The staffroom is located in the Principal's office...a bit of a squeeze. I am very thankful to the teaching staff for their "roll with it" attitude during this work. It won't be long and we'll have a new space to enjoy.

Welcome Jonny and Harold - Life Education Trust

Johnny is with us this week and it is awesome to have him as part of our teaching team. On the Life Education Trust website I found a link to the 'Small Changes' [webpage](#). The information shares "At Life Education, the heart of what we do is teaching children about health and wellbeing." On this page you will find a focus on ideas for your family to Connect, Nourish, Move and Appreciate - which cover off many of the key areas of our wellbeing. There are challenges that fit under each of the pillars providing lots of opportunity for education, to spend quality time together, and to promote healthy lifestyles and wellbeing." I'd love to hear your feedback if you use any of these ideas.



Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Deb Logan - Principal

POETRY CONTRIBUTION

Underwater

Everything goes quiet,
Not one little riot.
Twirling with grace,
Swimming in space.
Floating in liquid,
Happy and gifted.
Feeling so free,
Feeling so me.

Written By Zoe Dale-Low ©

Standing there

Standing there, lights on you,
Standing there, feeling so true.
Standing there, singing, dancing,
Standing there, listening to clapping.
Standing there, filled with glee,
Standing there, being me!

Written By Zoe Dale-Low ©

The Domino Effect

Hitting the ground hard,
Suffering badly in the yard.
Not much blood, but lots of pain,
A stinging elbow, my claim to fame.
There's no escape, this time it seems,
Chain reactions, they make good memes.
Wounded pride, blood, bangs and scrapes,
Down like dominoes, drop my luckless mates.

Written by Zoe Dale-Low (with minor contributions from Mr Singer)

Manakau School's Got Talent (MSGT)

A huge thank you and congratulations to the students who have registered to be in our school talent show. Following the heats, next week, we will have the finals and then the winners from this will perform at our end of term concert.

We will be having performances on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th August from 2:10-2:55. Families are welcome to attend.

Students have been notified as to which day they are performing.



Communication Space reminder

We want to let you know of an important change that will be taking place next term regarding our student management and communication platforms. Due to a significant increase in subscription costs for several of our current systems—including a tripling of the subscription fee for the SEESAW app—we have decided to transition to a new platform.

Starting next term, we will be implementing the HERO student management system. HERO will serve as our primary platform for managing student information, as well as for communicating with you about your child's learning and general school notices.

Please be aware that there may be a brief period during which our current systems will be unavailable as we complete the transition to HERO. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

We believe that HERO will offer enhanced features and a more streamlined experience for both you and your child, it will also be invaluable for teachers and Office Deb. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible and will provide further information and instructions on how to access HERO in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Student absences

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 (027 6270 386) or landline. We ask that you leave a reason for the absence as this is also needed for our attendance data.

*Your children will become what you are;
So be what you want them to be.*