



Upcoming Events

Dec 11 Final BOT meeting
Dec 13 Final Assembly 2pm start
Dec 18 Last Day of term 12.30 pm pick up

2025

Feb 3 Term 1 starts

From Deb's Desk

Tena koutou katoa,

I am writing to share some news with all of you. Next year I will take on an exciting opportunity to be the Principal of Fairfield School in Levin. This was not an easy decision. Reflecting on my nine years here, I am proud of all we have accomplished together. Our children show their personal best.

Change challenges us all, but we have got this!

It has been a privilege to serve as your principal. I am very grateful for the team I have worked alongside, the staff, parents, board and community.

With appreciation and excitement for the future,
 Deb Logan

News from the Board

Our amazing principal Deb Logan has decided to resign from her position at Manakau School. I know this news may come as a shock and raise some concerns, but the board wanted to assure you that we are currently working on a plan to find a suitable replacement. In the meantime, it is important to stay positive and continue supporting one another during this transition period. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we work to keep the focus on what is best for our school and students.

I am sure you all join me in thanking Deb, not only for working tirelessly each day to ensure our school runs smoothly, but for going above and beyond the job description. We wish you all the best as you embark on this exciting new chapter.

Mel Baxter. Presiding Member

School Disco

Many thanks to the organising team - Fiona, Zoe, Macca and the other supporters. It was a great night.

Twilight Soccer and Basketball

We would like to share our thanks to the parents who have been able to support the children to participate in the local competitions. The extra training sessions, the coaching and managing have all added to a wonderful experience for our children.

Interschool Athletics

Year 7's - 4 x 1sts, 1 x 2nd, 2 x 3rds at Levin Interschool Athletics today. Also 4 school records. What a day!

Year (3) 4-6s at Levin Interschools. Also very well performed. Big numbers. Casey 2nd in 200m.



Korimako - Out and about

This week Team Korimako visited the Levin Fire Brigade and the Horowhenua District Council to learn more about how people are kaitiaki of our space.



Korimako New Entrants- Year 1/2	Rachael Newman and Ali Hutchinson
Kereru Year 2/3/4 Year 4/5/6	Michaela Dear Rob Pollock
Huia Year 5/6 Year 7/8	Maddy McAlpine Lorne Singer
Support Team	Natasha Sandford and Donna Henare
Classroom Release Teacher	Jo Humphries

2025 Classes

We are very pleased to welcome Ali, Jo and Maddy into the Manakau whānau. Students will visit their new class next week and will be provided with a stationery for 2025 then also.



Thank you and farewell Chris Thorpe

What an amazing member of our teaching team you have been. As you embark on this new chapter of retirement, we wanted to take a moment to express our deepest appreciation for the support, commitment, and positivity you have shown over the past years. Your dedication to shaping young minds has not only made a difference in the classroom, but in the hearts of all your students, and the staff around you. Thank you for being an incredible teacher and friend. Enjoy this next phase of life!

Lauren Shuker

You have been a part of our school for several years, taking up a full time teaching position this year. Thank you for all you have contributed to our students/staff/school family. We wish you all the best for the new adventures you and your family for next year.

Books

Please look for any school books at home and return by the end of the term. Thank you.

Informal farewell

On Friday 6th at 2.15 Korimako is holding an informal farewell afternoon tea for Chris Thorpe. This is open to any other parents who wish to attend. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

End of year fun afternoon

Wednesday 11th. 2-2.45pm

We will have some water fun with a slippery slide and a water fight. Students who wish to participate need to bring togs and towel.

Ag Day gardens

We are wanting to judge these next week. Please contact the office with details of when would suit for this to be done asap. Sometime between Monday and Thursday please.

School tops

If you have one/or more, of these shirts at home, please could you return it to school, clean, before the end of this term. These are tops school provides for events when representing our school.



Last day of school is Wednesday Dec 18

We finish at 12.30pm

The bus will run at this time.

Term 1, 2025 starts on February 3rd

COMMUNITY NOTICES

We have some 2 day workshops coming up in the school holidays. These workshops will be fully funded by Gumboot Friday if the participants have not used that funding previously:

- * Navigating Family Separation Workshop years 9-13 December 16th and 17th
- * Anxiety Workshop years 4-8 January 6th and 7th
- * Anxiety Workshop years 9-13 January 13th and 14th
- * Navigating Family Separation years 4-8 January 21st and 22nd.

Workshop Details: Dates: 16th & 18th December 2024. Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm. Location: 593 Waikawa Beach Road, Levin. Connect with Horses: Experience hands-on interaction with horses in a safe and nurturing environment. Horses help mirror our emotions, providing unique insights and opportunities for healing. All activities are ground-based, no riding.

- * Explore Your Feelings. *Build Resilience.
- *Foster Connections

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Kelly Henry. 027 6353537. EAGALA Certified Professional <https://www.eagala.org/>. Herd by Horses Equine Specialist. Horse Powered Reading Certified

Keep a watch on the Manakau and Waikawa Beach Community pages in January for details of a very special event happening on 1 February at Waikawa Beach. This will be a fun and educational event for all the family where you will learn about the beach environment, how to identify and protect its very special environmental inhabitants, and identify those which are our unwelcome guests, and what to do to move them on."

Manakau Pop-up eats. Festive Edition. Join Pop Up Eats and Manakau District Community Association for a special Christmas themed Pop Up Eats. Driscoll Reserve, Honi Taipua Steet, **Tuesday 17 December 5 -8pm.** Food Trucks. Market Stalls. Live Music. Entertainment. Games.



Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish
invites you to

Cribs on Kāpiti Nativity Scenes

See Nativity scenes come to life!

16 – 23 December
7pm – 9.30pm

Our Lady of Kāpiti Church
1 Presentation Way, Paraparaumu

Entry: Gold coin donation or food bank item

For more information:
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