



MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

March 05, 2025 Term 1, Week 5

Upcoming Events

Mar 5	School photo day 9am
Mar 14	Assembly - Mrs Dears Class
Mar 29	FOM's working bee morning
April 11	Last day of term 1
April 28	First day of term 2

Kia ora whanau

Week 5 and here we are. First up, thank you for all those who attended both our assembly and WHARE WERO – HOUSE CHALLENGE - last Friday. The colour, energy and overall spirit that our tamariki participated with was a sight to behold. We have these challenges every fortnight – to coincide with our assemblies - but they won't always be physical tests so keep an eye out on your HERO COMMUNITY feed to see where the next challenge is.

On a different topic, there has been some talk – mainly from our students – that there is something 'fishy' in our water. Please be assured that we test the school water every month and each time the samples have come back as being clear and above the levels recommended. We take water safety very seriously and our inspection person has visited the school twice in the last 2 weeks to check the filters and tank level and everything is in order.

This week we begin our PATs tests in Reading and Maths. This gives us an insight into where our students are at in their 2025 learning journey. From these results teachers can set goals and plan for these curriculum areas. In term 2 you will see our data emerge on the HERO app.

At the end of this term on week 10 we are holding a MARKET DAY based on a technology and design approach. Watch this space for more detail.

Look after each other as we ease into Autumn.

Rod D

Acting Principal



Welcome Andrea Boon - Our New Principal!

We are thrilled to announce that Andrea Boon will be joining Manakau School as our new principal, starting on 28 April (day 1 of term 2). Andrea brings a passion for academic excellence, student success, and community engagement.

She has successfully implemented programs that enhanced student learning and well-being, as well as being approachable with a great sense of humour. We are confident that Andrea will continue to build upon our school's vision and lead us in embracing the future through our values of 'Personal Best Always'.

Thank you for your patience and support throughout this exciting journey!

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Andrea.

Mel Baxter
Presiding Member

Kia ora koutou,

I am excited to become part of the Manakau School community. I grew up in very similar settings on the East Coast of the North Island before settling in Wellington to embark on my career. For the last six years, I have been on my "Big OE" in the South Island, where I have been Deputy Principal at a school in Christchurch. I am very happy to be coming back to the area that I call home. It is my goal to make sure that all students enjoy their learning and all teachers enjoy their teaching – combining passions and strengths to be our "Personal Best Always".

I am looking forward to meeting you all, getting to know you and being part of the future of Manakau School. "He waka eke noa - We're all in this together."

Ngā Mihi Nui
Andrea Boon



Weetbix Tryathlon

This is not a school run event, however there are a few parents taking their children up to this event. Taking place on Tuesday 18th March 2025, 8am, at Ongley Park, Palmerston North! Entry is open for ALL 6-15 year olds. New Duathlon option available. We usually have a group from Manakau School going to this event - it is a great day! Enter online <https://tryathlon.co.nz>

Mix and Mingle evening

Thank you to everyone who took the time to come to the Mix and Mingle evening. It was a social and enjoyable night. Great food and great company. If you are missing any utensils (or a large bowl) please speak with Deb in the office. We definitely have more tongs in our staffroom drawer than we started the evening with.

School Lunches available
from Manakau Store
Only \$5

Manakau Plunket Playgroup.

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am-12noon

Where: Honi Taipua Street

Cost: \$2 per child, per session + a piece of fruit to share at morning tea.

Everyone Welcome.

Families Of Manakau (FOM's)

Saturday March 29th at 9am

School working bee

We would appreciate any help we can get to do a few jobs around the school.

Please bring wheelbarrows/weed eaters/shovels any weeding tools that may be of use.

We need to clean the bike track and weed eat where the mower can't reach.

The biggest joke
On mankind is
That computers
Have started asking
humans to prove that
They aren't a robot



School tops

Still missing in action.

School tops.

Please return asap.



This years House Captains. Christi-May, Kendall, Conner, Saige, Zeb and Zoe