



**NEWSLETTER** **21ST FEBRUARY 2018 TERM 1 WEEK 4**

**Up-Coming Event**

<p>Week 4  <b>Monday</b>          Year 3/4 and 5/6 Cricket Competition in Levin  <b>Tuesday</b>          Weetbix Tryathlon training 3.15 at school  <b>Thursday</b>          Hockey competition begins – 4.45          Manakau Dynamite versus Foxton Beach Kahawai  <b>Friday</b>          Year 7/8 Water Polo</p>	<p><b>UP-COMING EVENTS</b></p> <p>School – Community Picnic          Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm</p> <p><b>Parent Information Evenings</b>  <b>See more detail in this newsletter</b>          Week 5 - Keeping Ourselves Safe 1<sup>st</sup> March 6.30          Week 6 - Learning through play and inquiry Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 6.30          Week 7 - Paid union meetings for teachers March 14<sup>th</sup>          Week 8 – Learning through collaboration and inquiry and Learning with digital technology Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6.30</p>
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**Manakau School Values**

**Personal Best Always with PRIDE**

**(perseverance, respect, integrity, diversity and excellence)**

*Principal’s Message - from Deb’s Desk*

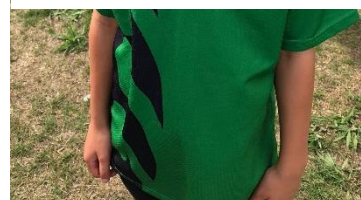
Nǐ hǎo, Hallo, Hej, Kamusta, Namaste, xin chào

Nga mihi ki a koutou - Greetings to you all,

As a team we have been focusing on setting the children up for success at this early stage of the school year. Each class has developed their own class guidelines for working effectively together, which include clear expectations, consequences and rewards, and as a team, the teachers and I have put in place systems to ensure we share the rich learning opportunities with you, our parents and extended whanau. Currently we are using our school website (which is under a revamp to include BOT policies, and has a current up to date calendar) the Seesaw App, our school facebook page, our Wednesday weekly reminders and of course this fortnightly newsletter. We also make contact via email and text messaging. Please use these lines of communication and connect with the information we are sharing. It does help to keep you well informed and aware of the up coming events and what is happening at Manakau School.



*Isla representing in school colours*



I have an open door policy and welcome the opportunity to talk with you all, however if you need a more formal catch up...without interruption ☺ please make an appointment through Annette in the school office.

Warm Regards  
 Deb Logan

# KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

## Principal's PBA Award

Week 2

Elliot-PBA Leadership

Week 3

Paisley-PBA Integrity

**Welcome to our new students and their families** –Boston, Shontanye and Kingston  
You have already made a very positive start to your time at Manakau School.

## Class Awards

### Room 1

**Mackenzie:** Fantastic imagination and creativity

**Oliver:** Enthusiasm for learning and taking responsibility for his learning

### **Keani and Tait**

Fantastic job as daily reporter, counting around the room and reporting back to the class.



*Jadon and Shontayne class challenge*

### Room 2

**Te Whatu** - excellent reading skills

**Ada-Grace** awesome writing about the Best Part of Me!

**Emma-Rose** is becoming a confident reader, using expression to make her reading sound like talking.

**Milly** persevered to make a parachute that flew off the top of the fort.

**Braeden** created wonderful drum rhythms outside Room 1.

### Room 3

**Grace** – Great art

**Stella-May** – Personal Best Always

**Paisley** – Fantastic leadership in Room 3

**Austin** – Great writing

### Room 4

**Hannah** - being on task, proactive and creative

**Kade** - Cool calm and collected attitude

### Room 5

**Fintan** – techno guy for school assemblies

**J.T** – Fantastic reading responses

**Anna and Paige** – For organising the Room 4 sleepover

## Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) Important Parent Evening

Keeping Ourselves Safe [KOS] consists of a comprehensive range of child protection resources to help students learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. All classes at Manakau School this year will participate in a KOS programme tailored to their appropriate level of understanding.

This parent evening gives an overview of the content that will be covered and is going to be facilitated by Police Education Officer, Constable Fiona Read.

**Where: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Room 3 at 6pm**

## The Seesaw Home-School Connection

All children at Manakau School have a Seesaw log in. You should have received information



about this already. If not, just clock in with Deb or your classroom teacher.

Trialled last year by Rachael Newman and the Room 1 team. This application is used to support the communication between Home and School. Our teachers and the children are able to immediately share pictures and videos of what is happening in class. Room 3,4,5 have posted some of the Athletics training sessions, and Rooms 1 and 2 have already shared lots of the inquiry learning happening in their spaces.

## Registering for the Weetbix Tryathlon and the Great Forest Event

When entering for both of these events please make sure you indicate Manakau School. It gives the organisers a way of collating all of our entries.

The Great Forest Event is on the 14<sup>th</sup> April and we will be competing in the 5km and 10km walk or run events (half and full marathon option also available ☺). This is a fantastic event to be involved in and gives a real goal for us to work towards. Hauora (well-being) is a central area of our school curriculum and these physical events align with that focus.

## INFORMATION...

For our new families and as a reminder The **bike track** is able to be used during school time. Drop the bikes at school in the morning, pick them up after school or leave them for the week. All children must wear a helmet, and parents need to sign a consent form. Then its time for fun!

It has been fantastic to see our new entrant students zipping around the playground.  
(Well done Ngehupo)



## PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The new adventure park is to be installed in the week starting 12<sup>th</sup> March. Once again we thank Carrie and Marty Yaxley for coordinating this, Carl Gibson for the removal of the old playground, and Dwayne Fox for the installation support. The Transpower and First Sovereign Grants are helping to add a significant asset into our school environment. We are on the look out for orange caution netting and a contact for weed matting for this project. See Deb or Carrie if you can help

## Cricketing Success

Two new sports teams started their tournaments this week. Year 3,4,5 and Year 5,6,7 students were in wining form at the Superstars of Cricket competition organised by Matthew Good and his team from Horowhenua Kapiti Cricket. Top run scoring honors in the Junior team goes to the pairing of Jasper and Stanley with 30 runs, and Charlie and Austin also 30 runs. JT and Levi top scored with 42 runs in the senior team, with Ben and Harrison on 25. Individual top runs goes to Stanley with 21 runs, and JT on 29 runs.

Well done to the other players who contributed to the winning totals. Fintan, Anna, Reece and Spencer, Fraser, Isla, Tane and Arnyah.

## Learning with Digital Technology

This year children in Years 2-8 will continue to use the Mathletics app as part of their classroom maths programmes. Mathletics is designed to provide students with a **captivating** and safe learning experience, which combines targeted and adaptive **curriculum content**, structured and interactive **support**, with **engaging gaming and rewards** – all aligned to the New Zealand primary maths curriculum.

You can see what your child is working on by logging into their account at home. Talk to your child about this and they'll be able to show you. Mathletics is a new resource for your Year 2-3's and they are in the early stages of learning how the site works.



*Ben checking out the competition in his first cricket match.*

## Year 7/8 Programmes

Technology at Otaki College

Last week the Year 7/8 students had their first Primary Technology Programme (PTP) session at Otaki College. Utilising the specialist teachers and resources at the College has been a driving consideration and we look forward to sharing the children's learning with you.

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## Devon Welch

Sunday 25 February - 1pm

Main Space, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

You may have seen Devon Performing at a variety of different events around the Horowhenua over the past 12 Months. These include at Pop up Eats, Horowhenua Taste Trail, and Sunday Sessions at The Little White Rabbit, Foxton Beach.

**Friday Concerts - lunchtime concerts reoccurring every Friday between 12pm and 1pm.**

Friday 23 February: Gill Allen, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

For more information please visit our [website](#).

If you are interested in performing, please contact Emma Childs, Community and Civic Events Coordinator on 027 540 5555 or email [events@horowhenau.govt.nz](mailto:events@horowhenau.govt.nz)

### **Horowhenua Community Music Workshop**

Music tuition for primary and intermediate age children \$30 for three terms, instruments may be hired.

Contact: [www.musicworkshop.homedns.org](http://www.musicworkshop.homedns.org)

Or phone Rona Cooper 063682510

## Chinese New Year Celebrations

Welcome in the Year of the Dog and Celebrate Chinese New Year at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō. Experience traditional music, enjoy delicious culinary delights and learn more about the rich culture and traditions of China.

The Chinese Dragon dance as part of the celebration (Asian and non-Asian) will bring this event to a new level. It will enhance and educate the Horowhenua about Chinese culture - few people have been privy to such intricate and skilled performance before.

Saturday 24 February, 11am - 2pm

Main Space Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Proudly Supported by: Horowhenua Chinese Community and Wellington Chinese Sport and Cultural Centre.



**Teresa, Paddy and the Sannazzaro Family invite you to their House and Garden Tour Sunday 25 February 2018 10am -4pm – Cancer Fundraiser**

**Craft and plant stalls, live music, light lunches, raffles, gourmet sausages and teas – Ticket \$10 Available from Roadkai café, Super Minx and Flowers by Brenda – Levin, Watson’s Gardens – Otaki, Gus Evans Nuseries – Waikanae, Oderings Nurseries – Palmerston North**