



NEWSLETTER **21ST MARCH 2018 TERM 1 WEEK 8**

Up-Coming Event

Please note the Parent information evening scheduled for this Thursday has been postponed due to the up-coming John Parsons Parent Evening. I strongly recommend you attend the parent evening at Te Takere next week, especially if you have children who use or will use social media and digital technology.

John’s profile below comes from his website Simulate2Educate

Profile: John Parsons - John Parsons is an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant to schools, the private sector and the health sector, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe use of Digital Communication Technology.

John was named and awarded a "Paul Harris Fellow" by Rotary International for his work in child protection online and in the community.

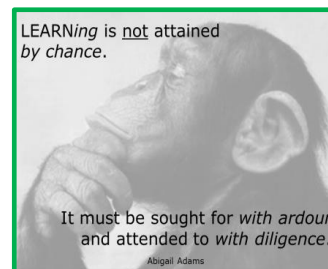
He works alongside Police, Children Young Persons and their Families (CYF) and H Professionals delivering training in child protection to attendees who come from a wide range of professions. The focus of this work is the reduction of child abuse in New Zealand.

Resilient children and youth understand what is theirs by right:

- To be respected • To be valued • To be supported • To be heard • To be protected • To learn

Manakau School Values

Teachers



<p>Week 8 – This week</p> <p>Monday Science Road Show – Levin Intermediate School Year ¾ and 5/6 Cricket</p> <p>Tuesday Weetbix Tryathlon EPRO8 Challenge Tuesday 4pm Year 7-8s</p> <p>Wednesday EPRO8 Challenge Wednesday 9am Year 5-6s</p> <p>Thursday Hockey 5.20</p> <p>Friday Year 7/8 Water Polo</p>	<p>UP-COMING EVENTS</p> <p>Week 9 Monday 26th School Photos Easter Weekend – No School Friday</p> <p>Week 10 Easter Weekend – No School Monday and Tuesday</p> <p>5th April 6-8.30 at Te Takere John Parsons Parent Evening Cyber Awareness</p> <p>We will be taking the school van to this event. If you would like to be picked up please text Deb to book your seat.</p>
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Grand Opening of the New Playground

This Friday 23rd March @ 1pm

All welcome

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

Nga mihi ki a koutou - Greetings to you all,

Last week saw the start of the campaign for new contract conditions for primary school teachers and principals. Over the next few months there will, no doubt, be a lot of media attention given to this. New Zealand's teaching profession is in crisis as many schools struggle to find teachers. Many teachers are leaving the profession to pursue careers in the private sector where the conditions are more favourable.

This excerpt from a recent NZEI media release gives you an overview of some of the areas which will be addressed in the negotiations.

NZEI Te Riu Roa President Lynda Stuart said teachers were fleeing education, and students did not see teaching as a desirable career choice, with a 40% reduction in people enrolling in teacher training in the past six years.

Members will consider an increase in the order of 16% over two years. Funding for special learning needs coordinators in every school is also essential to meet the needs of all children and to free teachers to give one-on-one time to every child.

At a launch in front of more than 100 NZEI leaders and sector representatives, Ms Stuart said the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers would be nothing compared to the situation in five or ten years if drastic improvements were not made now.

"The solutions are not cheap, but tackling these issues head-on is the only way to stop this crisis in teacher numbers turning into an unmitigated disaster for our children's future education," she said.

A survey of NZEI members found that the overwhelming majority agreed with the need for a major pay jolt to recruit and retain teachers.

"The children of New Zealand deserve the best education in the world and the government has committed to that. We need to address these issues now, otherwise the crisis in teaching will only escalate and we'll be faced with classes of 40 or more children.

"The lack of time to actually teach and the inadequate pay of teachers is making recruiting and retention extremely difficult right across the country.

"That's why we're saying *It's Time/Kua tae te wā*. The government recognises the growing crisis that the previous government failed to address and has shown a willingness to work with the sector for solutions beyond a band-aid approach. We're optimistic that it's not too late to turn this crisis around."

Warm Regards

Deb Logan

Many Thanks to the wheel barrow brigade who moved the mountains of mulch! This is the finishing touch on our awesome new community adventure park.

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

Principal's PBA Award

Many thanks to the wheel barrow brigade. Whakanui ki a koutou mo to mahi, me to whanaungatanga – Thanks to the Yaxley, Peace, Georgetti, Byrne, Wirihana Te Rei-Murray, Butler, Owen, Housiaux, Hart, Tulloch, Williams, Roach, Watson and Fox whanau.

Class Awards

Room 1

Ngehupo: Awesome author- fantastic effort at writing time

Oscar: Inspiring illustrator- wonderful details in his drawings

Kadyn: Enthusiastic digger driver- Great following instructions when using the digger

Room 3 + Room 4

Stella - Excellent result in first multi-stage fitness test. Focus & enthusiasm in all classroom learning areas.

Charlie - Writing expertise (and enthusiasm) with technical language

Amelia - Great progress with daily basic facts

Luke - Great work with basic facts in maths

EPRO8 Science and Technology Challenge



Caitlyn and Friend – The challenge was to build a storm proof dog kennel.

This competition gives creative and practical students a chance to shine in an exciting, competitive environment. Each team is located at a workstation, which contains an impressive assortment of easy to use equipment, including gears, wheels, pulleys, weights, tools, aluminium framing, motors and electronics. Students decide on the best approach to complete 4 practical tasks. Team work and problem solving is definitely needed. Caitlyn, Elliot, Kenny and Samuel made it into the final stages and narrowly missed making the top 4 to compete in the regional semi-finals. The Year 5/6 team of Abbey, Hannah, Reece and Stella with a 4th placing will be representing us in the regionals 😊

School House Event – ATHLETICS

27th March starting at 10.30 on the school field. All welcome to attend and cheer the children on. Don't forget to dress in your child's house colours. Please check the current House list in the corridors of both blocks as some children have changed houses to make the competition more balanced.

Weetbix Tryathlon

30 Athletes represented our school in this annual event competing as individuals or teams. With over 2500 children entered in the Palmerston North event the logistic of coordinating the swim, cycle and run legs is rather impressive.

Many thanks to Carrie for coordinating our students and providing the weekly training sessions.



Anna and Zarnia getting ready for their event.

Remember the local **Great Forest Run** event is also happening on the 14th April. **Entry** for children (Future Athletes) is **free** 😊

Friday Lunches

The PTFA will not be providing Friday lunches this year, however there is an opportunity for fundraising. If you are interested in supplying lunches, either as a one off fundraiser or over several weeks please see Annette in the office for more details.

Hockey

Our first significant win for the Year 5/6 hockey team and it really is a pleasure to see the development of skills, particularly team work and strong attacking play. Belle hit the top of the goal scoring with 5 goals, Ned 4 goals, Zarnia on 2, Lachlan scored 1 goal and he set up many of the other goal scoring opportunities. Hannah showed real attacking strength and she was strong throughout the entire game. Connor, Abbey and Stella were a tight defensive line up. Well done team!!

Updating Medical Information

Hearing and Vision Screening – Mid Central Health

Routine Screening will happen at school on the Wednesday 11th April.

Children to be screened during this visit are:

- New Entrants who have not had/completed their B4 School Check
- All Year 7 Students, distance vision only
- Re-screening/follow-ups from the previous visit
- Children who have no previous screening record

*If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to be checked could they please inform Annette in our school office.



We are currently updating our records and all children identified as having asthma will be given a personalized action plan to bring home tomorrow. This form is designed to keep your child safe while at school and it would be appreciated if you could fill this in and return to school urgently. If your child has not been given a form and in fact does have asthma could you please contact Annette in the office. Tel: 3626791

Yr 7&8 Immunisation Programme Session

Mid Central Health will be holding an information session here at school for students, and parents, re the immunisation programme for Year 7 and 8's. This will be held on Wednesday, 4th April at 11.00-12.00pm.

Year 7 – Tetanus, Diphtheria, Hooping Cough

Year 8 – HPV (boys & girls)

All parents are welcome to attend and have any of their questions or queries answered.

Cricket Update

Next week is our last Superstar Cricket game down at Donnelly Park. We hope you and the students taking part have all enjoyed it? There will be a BBQ and some drinks on for the kids as well as a small presentation. Could you please ensure everyone arrives on time and after the game they all attend the Horowhenua tent where the presentation will occur. – Matthew Good



Zara showing her PERSEVERANCE and strength on the new adventure park☺

Emergency Telephone Tree

Over the next week we will be actioning our Telephone Tree. We have special co-ordinators who will ring the contacts on their line (being you) and just check that your telephone numbers are correct. These will only be used in case of an emergency or school closure. You do not need to do anything but just clarify that your numbers are correct when that person calls. Thank you.

