



NEWSLETTER **16TH MAY 2018 TERM 2 WEEK 3**

Music Academy Lessons start tomorrow

UP-COMING EVENTS

Week 4 – Next week

Monday – Year 5/6 Hockey
 Young Leaders Day

Tuesday – School Cross Country

1.20 @ Manakau School
 Dress in house colours – All welcome

Saturday – Year 0-2 Hockey 9.30am
 Thursday – Music Academy

Queens Birthday Holiday

Monday 4th June

Teachers Only Day – Tuesday 5th June

Country Fair – 28th October 2018

**Manakau School
 Values
 Taha tinana
 Physical**

Principal’s Message - From Deb’s Desk

I remember when my son Nathan had his first soccer game at the age of 5. His father and I despaired as our boy sat in the middle of the field picking at the grass, or when he did run with the pack of other children, like bees around the honey pot, he seemed too timid to actually get near the ball. We had no idea that our son would grow up to be a very talented sportsman, playing in the top teams for hockey and cricket at his Secondary School, or that he would revel in the physical nature of his chosen sports. Since leaving school, Nathan has continued to have a sporting focus, playing for community soccer and hockey teams.

To me, being a part of a primary school sports team is a vital part of our childhood. Often in these teams children are working with people from different schools, or people they haven’t worked with before. Parents volunteer to coach or manage these teams. Sometimes they have lots of experience in these roles, and sometimes it’s because they don’t want their child to miss an opportunity, or they’ve drawn the short straw. Whatever the reason, it is a commitment that is at times under valued. As we start our Winter Sports season, please remember to be supportive of your child and their team. Positive comments from the side line are always appreciated, and so is an understanding that we all develop skills and talents at different rates. The following is an excerpt from a Sport NZ paper on the Sport in Schools;

“The sporting needs of children change as they develop not only physically but also emotionally, socially and cognitively. While the majority of children pass through the same developmental phases, each child develops at their own pace. Chronological age is a poor indicator of development and progress, especially in sport. There is no magic age at which a child is ready to play organised sport. Evidence suggests that success in sport does not depend on how early a child gets involved in sport, but is associated with a child participating when they are optimally ready to participate.”

“I’m learning a new sport this year...hockey. I play golf too. I’ve got a few sports I could play when I’m older” - Ned

Playing sport keeps me fit, it feels good when we win!” - Paisley

“Kids enjoy the social side of it, the camaraderie you get in sport...and they develop long-lasting friendships” – Soccer Coach

Thanks to those of you who continue to support our children at a school and community level.

Nga mihi, Deb Logan

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

Principal's PBA Award

Dwayne Fox – Thanks for your continued support. The school shirts you have heavily subsidised look AWESOME!! We will wear them with PRIDE!

Back to Basics!

Lost Property

We are really lucky to only have a small number of items of clothing left at school. However, it would really help if all clothing could be named so it can be quickly sent to the appropriate class and child.

PARENTS Library

Titles include;

- Raising Boys – Steve Biddulph
- He'll be O.K – Celia Lashlie
- Keeping your child safe online – John Parson
- Growing great boys – Ian Grant
- Growing great girls – Ian and Mary Grant

If you are interested in reading any of these titles, Annette has them in the office.

Update Collective agreement negotiation

NZEI – Primary Principal and Teachers Union
Our teachers will be attending another paid union meeting on Thursday June 21st. All classes will be covered and there will be no interruption to our school programmes.

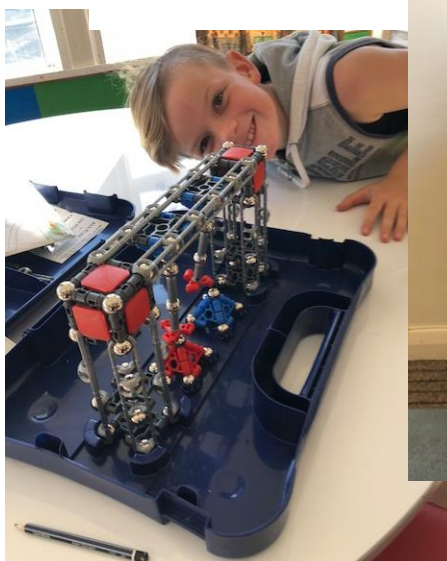
Photos to the left: Lachlan completes a magnetic Challenge, Milly and Charlie catch up
Below: Year 5/6 Manakau Destroyers Hockey Team

Netball – Mel West is the coordinator of the Netball teams. Please contact her if you need any information.

We have already had two rounds of games and both the Saturday morning teams are looking well prepared for the competition this year.

Hockey – The Year 5/6 team are playing in a hitting grade this season. Connor was fully padded up in the goal and ready for the attacking players.

On Monday night the Manakau Destroyers faced the Foxton Beach Kahawai, a very experienced team. We were awesome! The team worked together and although the final result was a 4-2 loss...we were all pretty stoked with our first hit out for the season.





NEWS FROM THE BOARD – May 2018

I hope the new term has started well for everyone.

Last Tuesday we held our first Board meeting for the term. It was good to hear of the continuing success of our students and the learning plans designed for our children this term. It was with a great deal of pride that we were told of our Schools' contribution to the Manakau community ANZAC ceremony. Our children's art work filled the community hall and our students remembered our fallen with pride, respect and a real sense of occasion. I would like to thank Pauline Masters for acknowledging the School's participation both through the Board and on a wider level through our local newspaper.

With the beginning of the new term it is timely just to say a big thank you to a group of people who have gone above and beyond in supporting our School community. While the Board will be contacting these people with an individual expression of thanks I would like to acknowledge Carl Gibson, Dwayne Fox, Carrie & Marty Yaxley and Dale & Doug Logan for the work they have done and support they have given our school community.

A recent audit of our school finances by the Crown concluded that our finances were being very well managed. Checks and balances had been set up to account for spending and regular detailed reports were made to the Board for review. Special acknowledgement was made both to Deb and Annette for their management and reporting of finances. I would also like to thank Paul White who oversees the finance portfolio for the Board for his work in managing this portfolio.

As a Board we set policies and procedures under a government framework called National Administration Guidelines. These guidelines allow Boards to set policy which follows legislative requirement but support the unique character of each school community. We review Policies on a 3-year cycle unless cause comes up to revisit or develop a new Policy, an example of this recently was a change to the Health and Safety laws which required us as a Board to adapt our current Policy. Last week we reviewed Policy on School Facilities and Grounds and Property Maintenance.

Under the School Facilities and Grounds Policy specific policy is set out that considers the Hiring of School Grounds and Buildings and Dogs on School grounds. We do have a school dog (Charlie) that the Board sees as contributing to the special character of the school but equally we also acknowledge that dogs can be foreign and scary to some children. As such the Policy was reviewed and procedures added that prescribe how children will be educated on safety around dogs. This will also cover the access management that children will have to Charlie during school and break times. I would encourage you to read all our Policies as they come out for community consultation and please do contact Deb at the first instance, or myself, with any queries or concerns. Any query or concern is welcome and will be handled with the greatest of sensitivity and respect.

The planning is now underway for our fantastic Manakau School Fair. This Fair not only raises much needed finances for the school but also serves to both build community collaboration, resolve and purpose, and market the school. With the greatest of respect and acknowledgment of the busy lives we all lead, if you can contribute through helping as part of the Organising Committee, please do see Deb.

Finally, I would like to profile our wonderful Board secretary, Annette Lucinsky. While Annette is not an elected Board member she is integral in the smooth running of the Board. Annette is responsible for the accurate recording of all Board matters and documentation. Away from the Board Annette is the face of Manakau School as the school's office administrator. Annette and her husband Barry are the proud parents of four beautiful children and have recently become Grandparents for the first time. Annette's professionalism and passion for Manakau School is very evident with both the Education Review Office and Crown appointed auditors making special mention of Annette's high-quality organisation and work. On behalf of the Board we send our sincere thanks for all you do and your part in making Manakau School the special place it is.

Please do stay safe, warm and dry as the Winter Season approaches, and we wish you all the best for Term 2.

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Chair Manakau School Board of Trustees

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Shout Out from the Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

The PTFA held its Annual General Meeting on Monday 5th of March. We were sad to see Carrie step down as President, and incredibly grateful for the amazing energy, fun and organisational skills that she has shared with our PTFA. It is great that Carrie is going to continue to support the PTFA's fundraising efforts and events. Thank you very much also to Anita who facilitated and worked hard to ensure we had school lunches last year. Lunches raised over \$1k for the PTFA last year.

The PTFA showed our appreciation to the school staff by providing for them a yummy lunch as recognition of the flexibility, patience and generosity they have shown with regards to working in the limited spaces available at Manakau School at the moment. And to Deb for tirelessly persevering with lobbying the Ministry of Education to provide more learning spaces in our school.

Along with the Board of Trustees, we have also contributed money towards gifting vouchers from the Quarter Acre Café Dale Logan, Dwayne Fox, Carrie Yaxley and Karl Gibson, as a token of appreciation for the extra support they have given our school, especially with regards to the amazing new playground. You are wonderful members of our school community whom we are grateful to.

The PTFA is the Parent, Teacher and Friends Association. As a member of our school's community you are automatically a member of the PTFA. No need to fill in a form! The school is a place of community and we are all a part of our school's community. We create our own sense of community and belonging for our families at our school- the onus on us as much as it is on the staff members of our school. However, family time is down time is so important and precious. So let's try to endeavor to ensure that our fundraising efforts are simple, time efficient and effective.

The PTFA's main function is to support our school by raising money. In recent years we have funded swimming tuition, books and readers, iPads, \$5k toward the school van, subscriptions for education software such as Mathletics, equipment for motor skill development, travel to and attendance at the Science Day in Levin, and, the jewel in the crown of all of our efforts, contributing \$20k towards the amazing new school playground!

I personally find it rewarding to see our children benefit from our efforts, dressed up and dancing wildly at the school disco, travelling here and there in the school van, and now - the excitement of a new playground! The Movie Night fundraisers are a pleasant and fun break too 😊

This year we are planning to have one PTFA meeting a term, which will be focused on the upcoming fundraising event. The PTFA calendar dates for the rest of 2018 are:

- Term 3, 31 July 7.30pm: Meeting, Gala focus.
- Term 3, Thursday 23rd August 6-7.30pm: Disco.
- Term 4, Sunday 28th of October: School Gala.

So do join us, as *'Many Hands Make Light Work'*.

It will be great to see you at the next meeting 😊

Anne-Marie Clarke

Treasurer and Chair of Manakau School's PTFA

Photo to the left: Connor ready for his first hockey game in the goalie gear. He was AWESOME!!



Community Notices

Waikawa Beach Ratepayers Association

PUBLIC MEETING – BEACH ACCESS

This Saturday 19th May @ 2pm

Manakau Community Hall

12 Mokena Kohere Street

<http://waikawabeach.nz>

All points of view needed-All Welcome

TE HORO SCHOOL PRODUCTION

MADAGASCAR – A musical adventure

Ticket \$10 adults \$5 children available from the school or online

Thursday 24th May @ 7pm

Friday 25th May @ 7pm

Saturday 26th May @ 7pm

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LEVIN GYMNASTICS CLUB -TIMETABLE 2018

We welcome new members to our club, we are focused on helping every child reach their full potential

Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm Recreational - Intermediate/Senior (approx. 9+ years)

Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm Recreational - Novice (approx. 5 & 6 years)

Tuesday 4.30pm – 5.30pm Recreational - Elementary (approx. 7 & 8 years)

10.00am – 10.45am - Munchkins (for under 5 year olds)

Recreational \$75.00 per child per term Munchkins \$45.00 per child per term

Any enquires phone Louise on 3686151 or 027 3271606