

Manakau School Values

Our School Pool!!!!



Week 1

Assembly Friday
Hosted by Room 5

Week 2

Assembly Friday
Hosted by Room 4

Year 7/8 Water polo begins Friday
School Cricket in Levin begins Friday

Week 3

Learner Goal Setting with students
and parents
(this replaces the "meet the teacher
interviews")

Week 6 - House Event

Manakau School Triathlon 15th
March - Coordinator Mrs West

Week 7

Weetbix Tryathlon 19th March

Week 8

Whanau Hui – 7pm Thursday
An open invite to all parents.
We will be sharing some of the
learning from the term and
looking ahead to term 2.

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

Principal's PBA Award

Over the holidays a lot of people in our community showed their personal best by contributing to our Working Bee, and to the other projects we have had on the go. My words of thanks really aren't enough. I am so very grateful for your enthusiasm and 'nothing is a problem' way of being – Thank you very much. Over the holidays we were able to water blast the pool changing sheds and surrounds, weed, chop and replant some of the garden beds. Scott managed to sort out the doors on my first flat pack building project. The adult's toilet in the main block corridor has been given a spruce up. Interior walls have been painted in the admin and Principal's office and sun filter blinds installed. The outside of the Admin block has been painted (where the new window was installed).

The staffroom has had the temporary wall removed (YAY!) and is now a great space for the staff to take a break. We are looking forward to another busy year



Staffing List

- Principal - Deb Logan
- Deputy Principal – Mel West
- Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCo), Year 3,4 Classroom teacher
- Year 5,6 Classroom Teacher Rob Pollock
- Year 7,8 Classroom Teacher Lorne Singer
- Year 2 Classroom Teacher Chris Thorpe
- Transition to School New Entrant, New Entrants/Year 1 Classroom Teacher Rachael Newman
- Office Administration Deb Feldon
- Reading Recovery Teacher Patti MacIntyre
- Teacher Aides Aimee Pettigrew and Mikaylah Lucinsky
- Cleaner Rochelle Smith

SPORTING EVENTS FOR THIS TERM

All dates for Otaki Rural Sports Group (the schools in the Otaki area) have been set. They can be accessed through the calendar on the school website.

Our Levin events, Water Polo for the Year 7/8 and cricket, begin this Friday. Separate notices have been sent home for these two events.

Many Thanks...

A great start to the year! Most children have returned to school with their stationery items and the additional photocopy paper and tissues. If you need a little extra time to get these items please let your child's teacher know.

Sun Smart

The glorious summer weather is continuing. School hats and sunscreen are provided for all children. If your child has any specific needs in this area please let Deb Feldon know so we can update our records.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – 9.05AM FRIDAYS

This year each class will take turns to present the weekly assembly. It will contain the usual line up of events, with each class given the opportunity to add their own special touch. You are all welcome to attend.

Room 5 – Week 1
Room 3 – Week 3
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Room 4 – Week 2
Room 4 – Week 4



General Housekeeping Reminders

• Naming Belongings

To help the return of found items...PLEASE name your child's clothing and drink bottles. All children need to bring a reusable drink bottle to school.

• Communication

School newsletters (like this one) will go home in Weeks 1, 5 and 10 of each term.

We will try to keep other notices together in the Wednesday reminders and these will come home each week as required.

The school website has lots of information and photos. The calendar is updated regularly with events entered as we get dates and times confirmed.

Facebook is another way we share some of the happenings at Manakau School. If you're not already following us please feel free to do so.

SEESAW APP

All of the children have a SeeSaw Profile. This app gives us the opportunity to share what is happening in the classes, and tag in individual children. If you have not got a log on yet. Please see your child's class teacher.

HOUSE EVENT TERM 1 – TRIATHLON

Our first house event this year gives the children an opportunity to participate in a duathlon or triathlon. Mel West is coordinating this event and will send out specific details in the next couple of weeks. This early notice gives you a chance to make sure the tyres are pumped and perhaps sneak in some training with your children.

The New Room Two
Harvesting the Maori Potatoes

PTFA Meeting

(Our Parent Teachers and Friends Fundraising Team)

Thinking about our Annual Country Fair and new projects are already on the agenda for the first PTFA Meeting.

Anne-Marie Clarke is once again happy to take on the role of Chairperson and has called a meeting for Thursday 22nd of February at 7pm. All parents at Manakau School are automatically members of the PTFA and we would appreciate your ideas. If you are unable to attend, please send your apologies to Deb Feldon (office admin).

Board of Trustees Elections

Have you ever considered being on the school Board of Trustees? Now is the time to start thinking about it. This site <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/> has detailed information about the role 😊 It is also a great idea to talk to any of the current board members or Deb Logan.

- May 10th – Call for nominations
- June 7th – Election Day (voting closes)
- June 14th – New Board takes office

Our fantastic new drink filling station - Thanks Fox Plumbing 😊



Community Notices

Friday night Basketball begins 15th Feb for Yr 5 and 6 students. It will run in a blitz format with teams getting two or three games during this time depending on how many teams enter. A team representing the school or made up of friends is fine, girls and boys.

As an offer for term one, those who enter the Friday night Blitz will be able to attend Kiwi Hoops on Saturdays fro 9-12 yr olds **FREE** where you can learn more skills and play more games.

Please click on the link below to register

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=80325>

Levin Gymsport Inc – Contact Louise (Head Coach Manager) 3686151 or 0273271606

After School Music Lessons - Otaki Music Centre - Registration Day Tuesday Feb 26th, 3.30-4.30pm
(Otaki College) Any queries contact Carylann 0276504433

Music tuition - Horowhenua Community Music Workshop – Registrations for 2019 at
www.musicworkshop.homedns.org or phone Rona Cooper 06 3682510