



MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

July 3, 2019 Week 10

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 3

- Deb Logan away at a Principals Conference (for the rest of the week).

Thursday July 4

- Yr 3/4 netball 3.30 at Manakau

Friday July 5

- Last day of term 2

Monday July 22

- Term 3 starts

Tuesday July 30

- Waiopehu and Horowhenua College orientation day

Tuesday August 6

- PTFA meeting

Other Dates of Note

Nov 10 - School Gala

occasion to acknowledge our connection to Te Ao Maori. It was an opportunity to gather as a community, to join with all of our families, to reflect on our diversity and celebrate this special part of NZ that we are all a part of. Many thanks again to those families who were able to share their time and resources.

Reading the children's reports this term was a delight and I thank the teachers for the time it takes to collate these, and to truly reflect on your children's strengths. The identified academic progress was important to see recognised, as was the overwhelming positive way our teachers reflected on the key competencies of;

- Managing Self
- Thinking
- Participating and contributing
- Relating to others
- Using language, symbols and text

Teachers Contract Settled

It is certainly satisfying to know we go into Term 3 with this behind us and the support from our community is really appreciated. Some of you may have heard the effort for equitable conditions for Primary Principals is still under negotiation. We have chosen to stand together to continue the negotiations. On Tuesday of this week, letters from current principal's (including the Horowhenua and Kapiti Area) were presented to the Government voicing our disappointment at the offer currently on the negotiating table. I share with you an excerpt from Mark Potter, Primary Principal Representative on the National Executive "Other than the actions being voted on, principals continue to carry out all of the components of their roles. The actions are designed to persuade Ministry to address the issues around fairness, equity and principal's health and wellbeing that principals identified as being the basis of their rejection of the previous Ministry offer." At this time I am unsure how these negotiations will play out, but please be assured I have the best interest of your children at the heart of all I do.

From Deb's Desk

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui ki a koutou
As Term 2 draws to a close, I reflect on our busy term together. We have a dedicated team of students, parents, whanau and teachers who have worked to continue to build our learning community. Numerous sporting opportunities, the chess tournament, technology at Otaki College, coding with Tony, an exploration of all things space, harvesting kumara, replanting of the gardens, an Autumn clean up around the outside of school, classes focused on the basics of reading, writing and mathematics within an environment that acknowledges the strength of relationships. So clearly indicated in our community survey - We have much to celebrate!

Our **Matariki Celebration** was a highlight of this term for me. I hope you all realise the significance of this event. Not only was it an

Our teachers are already planning an exciting Term 3. Here are some areas to look forward to;

- Manakau's Got Talent
- House Event...a world record challenge is being explored
- The Music Extravaganza
- Our learning environment focus around the big idea "New Zealand - A unique place to call home"

This will give us an opportunity to immerse the children in the culture of other countries - celebrations, language, traditional stories, food and many other aspects. Our vast similarities and differences will be explored!

And finally, I wish you all a holiday filled with things that make you happy. Enjoy your children...we do!

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou

Deb

Lost Property

We currently have quite a collection of warm clothing, ie jackets and sweatshirts. We have a couple of items in the office also if you are looking for something in particular. All unclaimed lost property will be donated in the holidays.

Front garden Wish List

Does anyone have a supply of punga logs they'd like to share with us??

We are giving the front garden a clean up and need to renew the edging...thinking about 20 metres.

Please contact Deb L

Communication - keep up to date and in touch through our Seesaw App - School Facebook page - Manakau Matters.

Student Learner Conversations

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers for your attendance.



Can you help collect **3 litre** milk cartons, with lids so that the junior school can create an igloo. Please drop off clean cartons on the Room 1 deck. Thank you.

PTFA - Term 3

Have we got a deal for you...To support the collection of items for the Country Fair we have spread the donations over the term. Each class will have a collection crate in their classrooms, and at the end of the allotted week, a member of the PTFA will tally the collection. A prize will be awarded to the winning class.

Week 1 ... Boxed chocolates (roses, favourites etc)

Week 2 ... Snack foods (chippies, crackers etc)

Week 3 ... Nuts :), store bought relish

Week 4 ... Fizzy drink (for the ice-cream spiders) - Cola, raspberry, orange

Week 5 ... Wrapped lollies (for the kids stall prizes)

Week 6 ... Mystery jars (these can be filled with anything you like...often bought by children)

..... Stationery, nail polish, hair ties, socks, just add the wet stuff ingredient jar. GET CREATIVE!!

Week 7 ... Bottles of wine, craft beer or non alcoholic fancy drink (these go into gift baskets and spinning wheel - THIS NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO THE OFFICE BY THE PARENTS :)

Week 8 ... Sugar, flour

Next Meeting: 7pm, Tuesday 6th August, 27th August, 24th September, 22nd October, 5 November

Thank you Mrs West for all you have invested in our school and children over the years at Manakau School. You will be missed. We wish you all the best.

Community Notices

Maths is Fun Holiday programme.

Shapeshifters at Levin Library.

Registrations now open at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hua-po.

Contact Deborah macdonald on 06 3681953 or email:deborahm@horowhenua.govt.nz

The Heart of Manakau Proudly Presents

The Winter in paradise Quiz Night

Date: Friday 19th of July 2019.

Time: 7.30pm start

Location: Manakau Bowling and Sports club

Cost: \$10 per person

Teams: Maximum of 15 teams with 5 per team but if you don't have 5 then we can help you make up a team on the night.

Register your team by contacting:

Kimbal 029 835 1215 or 362 6395

or mchugo@mchugo.co.nz

Creating in Clay. Otaki Pottery Club. School Holiday Clay Workshops for 7-18 years. \$30 per person.

Tuesday July 9, 10am-12noon = Castles or Wizards.

Tuesday July 9, 1pm-3pm = Garden bowl with mini houses. To enrol contact: Margaret Hunt. Ph: 06 3648053. E: mhunt@xtra.co.nz

Kiwi Egg Scavenger Hunt at Nga Manu 6th to 21st July.

Bring the kids to Nga Manu over the school holidays and take part in our Kiwi Egg Scavenger Hunt to celebrate the arrival of our first kiwis egg of the season. Solve 6 clues by finding the golden kiwi eggs and gain your entry into our grand prize draw.. Open from 10am to 5pm daily. Website ngamanu.co.nz/plan-your-visit/hours-pricing/.

Fun and games at Whanganui Regional

Museum. Some bookings required. Children's Guided Tour Tues 9, Maui Stories Thur 11th, Waiata and Poi Fri 12th, Traditional Rakau Monday 15th, Children's Guided Bug Tour Tuesday 16th, Traditional Maori Games and Toys Thur 18th, Taonga Puoro—Traditional Maori Musical Instruments Fri 19th. Phone 06 349110



NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, 105.

We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have already happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like: lost property, theft from a public place or car, intentional property damage, or to get an update or add info to a previous report.

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 for Things that are Happening Now.

The last day of school for the term is this Friday, July 5th. We will be finishing at 3.00pm. The bus will run as usual.