



# MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

March 20, 2019 Week 7

## Lock down Information

It is with great sadness that I acknowledge the terrible events that occurred in Christchurch on Friday. We, as a staff joined with the children on Monday at our 'Hui ata' gathering to share in our karakia, to stand in silence to acknowledge it's impact, and to send our thoughts to those who have been affected.

All schools in NZ have policies and procedures relating to the health and safety of our communities. We are currently reviewing our procedures for lock down at Manakau School and will communicate these clearly with you in the coming weeks. Listening and responding to the knowledge of those who have had experience in these situations and ensuring we are prepared is at the forefront of our thinking.

If you have any immediate questions or would like to contribute to this review with suggestions. Please don't hesitate to contact Deb Logan  
[principal@manakau.school.nz](mailto:principal@manakau.school.nz) or send to [office@manakau.school.nz](mailto:office@manakau.school.nz)

## School Photos are taking place Monday, March 25th.



Have you remembered to hand in your order envelope and the correct money?.

## MANAKAU SCHOOL INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

All year 3-8 children will be participating in this event and your attendance is welcome and encouraged. Children will be vying for selection in the Manakau representative squad who will travel to Otaki Domain on the 2nd of April for the Interschool competition.

Any event that encourages students to be more active and helps with their physical development and general health is a winner and this is certainly the most important contribution sport has for children. However, it is also a very powerful tool that not only breaks down barriers, improves self-esteem but also many studies have shown that it improves both mental health and academic achievement .

*Organiser - Lorne Singer*

## Early Arrivals at School

I have noticed a lot of children arriving at school before 8.15, some before 7.45. The teachers and I are not available to supervise children at this time unless prior arrangements are made with me. I have concerns around the health and safety of the children who are usually unattended until 8.15. Teachers will be in their classes ready to meet the children at 8.30.

I realise before and after school care can be difficult with many of you travelling for work. The Board and I are investigating appropriate programmes that can be based at our school to cater for this need.

Please contact me if you would like any further assistance.

Deb Logan



## House Triathlon

Thank you to all the family members who came and supported this event. To all the children that participated, well done. What a great team effort, especially if it's something you are not so keen on, but you came anyway and supported your 'House'. To Mrs West, a huge thank you for all your organising.

## Weetbix Tryathlon - 19th March

Well done to all the children who decided to take part in this event. Also a **big thank you** to Carrie Yaxley for co-ordinating the area for our school children to gather and all the work that goes into that, plus the transporting of many bikes...

**Our Gala date has been set.  
Please mark your diaries.  
November 10th.**

It would be fantastic to have people involved in the Gala. There are many different areas that we need your help. Please consider being a part of our gala this year. From organising right through to helping to run events on the day. Please let the office know if you are interested.

*Strive for progress,  
not perfection.*

## W A N T E D

Hen house, rabbit hutch, or dog run needed.  
Do you have one you would like to sell or loan?  
If so, please ring Jill on 3626125.

Waitohu School Gala 2019  
Sunday 7 April  
11am-2pm

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Curtain Bank Otaki 2019 - Keep warm with free curtains** - for Community Services Card Holders

If you are living in a cold home and have a Community Services Card, then you can apply for free lined curtains from the Wellington Curtain Bank - for your living area and the main bedroom for you and your children.

**Lined curtains**, i.e. 2 layers of material, make them thermally efficient and are a good step towards a healthy home, reducing power and possible medical bills. You can pick up the order forms now at the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in Otaki, 65A Main St. The following link shows you how to measure correctly to get the best fit for your windows <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pztaHvxNVs>

### **The Autumn in Paradise Quiz Night**

Friday March 22 at 7.30pm. Held at Manakau Bowling and Sport Club. Cost is \$10 per person.

Maximum of 12 teams with 5 per team.

Register your team, or for more information, contact Kimbal on 029 835 1215.

### **Otaki's Autumn Pool Party**

Friday 5 April 2019. 4pm-7.30pm. \$3 entry. Inflatables - Dunk tank - games. Free sausage with entry. Supervised afterschool fun for 8-13 year olds.

### **Future Ferns Netball**

Registrations are open for Future Ferns Netball in Levin. Registration is now live on their website. [www.sporty.co.nz/netballhorowhenua](http://www.sporty.co.nz/netballhorowhenua).

The programme will run for ten weeks with Years 5-8 starting on the 3rd May and Years 1-4 on Saturdays time and date permitting.

**Personal Best Always**

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