

Upcoming Events

Friday's

- Year 5/6 Water Polo begins

Tuesday May 14

- Board Meeting
- Rob, Lorne and Deb - Professional Development Project Base - Awahou School

Wednesday May 15

- PTFA Meeting - 7pm in Staffroom
- Room 1&2 Pineconing trip

Monday May 20

- Planting at Driscoll Park part 2

Tuesday May 21

- Manakau Cross Country event

Tuesday May 28

- Otaki Rural Sports Group interschool cross country, Haruatai Park

Wednesday May 29

- Chess tournament - Levin East School

Thursday May 30

- Otaki Rural Sports Group interschool weekly netball begins

Friday May 31

- Matariki Star Dome in hall

Other Dates of Note

- June 14 - Matariki Celebration 6am-12pm
- June 20 - PCT Challenge
(teams from year 7/8's)
- June 27 - Year 8's to Otaki College -
Orientation for 2020
- Nov 10 - School Gala



UPDATE ON STAFFING

At the end of Term 2, Mel West will resign as a teacher at our school. Mel is choosing to take some time away from full-time classroom teaching to spend time with her family. She has played a significant role in the education of many children in the 12 years she has been at Manakau School and her bright personality has added much to our teaching team. As Deputy Principal and the Special Education Needs Coordinator, Mel leaves a challenge to find the right person to fill these roles. We wish her the very best and I will let you all know when we have appointed her replacement.

Deb Logan



Community Planting Opportunity.

Thank you to all the students and parents who helped with the first of two planting opportunities, on Monday. You will be able to look back in years to come and see the difference you have made in Manakau Village with this planting.

A big 'thank you' to Sarah Hodge for her organising and Horowhenua District Council for supplying gloves.



Board of Trustees Election Nominations

Nomination forms have been sent out to parents of children at our school this week. The Board of Trustees have a governance role and work closely with the Principal for a 3 year term. To discuss further feel free to contact Deb Logan.

Please don't assume that everyone else will nominate people. This is the responsibility of our school community of parents.



All nomination forms need to be into the office by noon Friday 24th May.

Sharing Table - This is for adults,
not children to help themselves please.

PTFA Meeting

The next PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Families Association) is **NEXT WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY @ 7pm**

The following items are on the agenda to be discussed; Country Fair, Fundraising for Senior Camp, and School Disco.

WATER POLO

Reminder for Year 5/6 students. If you would like to be part of a Water polo team for the school, you need to get your form back into us tomorrow (Thursday). At this stage we do not have enough players.

Telephone Tree

All families should have been contacted by now through the telephone tree. This will only be used in case of an emergency or school closure. If you have not been contacted, please let office Deb know. Thank you. A big thank you to our Co-ordinators for helping.

School t- shirts.

We still have some of these for sale at \$5 per shirt if you would like one.

Or if you are wanting a Manakau School hoodie, this is a great time of year to get an order in. You can have your child's name printed on the back of these also. The price from \$47. Please see office Deb if you would like to place an order.

Child's travel arrangements.

Please could parents let the school office know if their child's travel arrangements change or if another child is to travel home with their child on the bus. It only really affects a couple of children, but a timely reminder for all.

Rabbits for Sale.

Ring Jill on 3626125 or 0277799036.

Photos from our community planting



Community Notices

Transport

Survey for new Horowhenua Strategy.

Council are working on a strategy looking at all modes of travel and transport; trains, buses, active transport, parking and roading networks. There is a survey circulating at the moment to capture people's experiences of our transport network. The consultation period for this phase of the Horowhenua Integrated Transport Strategy is open until 10 May 2019. Follow this link to have your say on transportation in Horowhenua. www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Have-Your-Say/Horowhenua-Integrated-Transport-Strategy.