

Upcoming Events

Aug 18 Proposed date for immunisations for Yr 7/8's

Aug 23 Kapiti sports tournament Yrs 5/6

Sept 15 Kapiti sports tournament Yrs 7/8

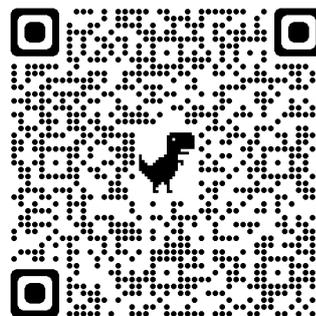
Sept 6 Rippa rugby tournament

Sept 27 Speech finals 11.00-12.00pm

Sept 30 Last day of term 3.

Parent survey: As part of professional development we are undertaking at school and throughout the district, we have been asked to collect whanau voice around reading at school. This is a quick tick box type survey and will only take a few minutes. The information you provide will be collated throughout the district and inform teaching and learning practices. We would really appreciate your feedback via the survey. Thank you.

Scan the QR code and it will take you to the survey or [click on this link](#).



Acting (up) Principal

At our Monday morning gathering, huiata (hui=meeting ata= morning) and at assembly, I spoke to the students about the achievements of athletes who have competed at the commonwealth games. All of these athletes work hard to achieve at the highest level and all of them persevere to overcome obstacles and challenges along the way.

However, they keep the goal of high achievement as their focus. Some of these athletes are not much older than our senior students. We can't all be extraordinary athletes, but we can all work towards being *extraordinary at something, kindness, thoughtfulness, the arts, culture, friendship.....*

I look forward to seeing the *extraordinary in and through our students this term.*

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is just that little "extra"

Rachael Newman

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Ag Day Gardens

If you would like to present a veggie or flower garden for Ag Day, please speak with Mrs Thorpe or the office for the criteria you will need to consider for judging.

BOT election results: We had 5 positions to fill and received the exact number of nominations, which means that we do not need to hold an election. Thank you to those who have made themselves available and congratulations to Tony Dale-Low, Sarah Beech-Pooley, Mel Baxter, Levi Milldove and Rob Pollock (teacher representative).



Assembly by Huia OG

Huia OG presenters did a fantastic job of running last Friday's assembly, independently. We were treated to a performance of The twistable, turnable Man tongue twister. (click [here](#) for a family challenge!) The boys didn't miss a beat. The same group also presented their dance moves. These activities are part of an inclusivity learning challenges in Huia OG.

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 19th August at 9.00am, and Kereru Team Glory (Mr P) will be presenting. Family and friends are most welcome to attend.



Mrs Mac also dropped off the pottery snowmen created in last term's electives. She was really impressed with the creativity shown by students. Thank you Mrs Mac for running this elective.

Illness: We continue to have a lot of students away with illness. *Thank you* for being vigilant about this and keeping unwell children at home to recover. Absences can be sent through on the skoolLoop app or by contacting the office.

Friday Lunch fundraiser: This is a fundraiser for the senior camp to help reduce the cost to families. In order for this fundraiser to happen we require an adult volunteer each week to work with some senior students for cooking and serving the lunches. Please contact Lorne, Katie or the office if you can help out. Thank you.

✧ **Springtime Netball:** Sunday 18th September. We will need parent support for this to happen. If you are interested in helping out please contact Lorne and he can tell you more information.

✧ **School photos:** This year Photolife have emailed you your child/ren's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2022 School Photos. If you have not received this, please contact the school office. Free delivery expires midnight Sunday 14th August 2022.

Preparing for 2023

In preparation for 2023, the Board will be offering places for out of zone students. At the end of this year we will have 20 Year 8 students transitioning to secondary schools in our region. If you know of any families who are in our zone and are intending to send their children to Manakau School, or if know your family situation will be changing for 2023, please get in touch with Office Deb or Rachael Newman. This will help with our planning. *Thank you.*

Poems from some students in Whaea Katie's class. The students used mindful eating and rhyming to create poetry.

An Orange Poem

Juicy, detailed, sparkly & shiny,
with tangy tastes from sweet to sour.
From a fresh squishy feel to a detailed peel,
each bite, with wondrous appeal.
Yum, yum, yum each bite is a delight,
sight, smell, taste are enough to excite.

By Cooper Cohen

The Apple

The skin as red as dirty blood.
My sore tooth screams in pain,
as I bit down on this flavour train.
It takes time to consume this cycle,
I look in shock my face turns purple.
The pink thing wiggles back in its hole,
as I throw up into a bowl.
I throw the apple on the ground,
the pink thing wriggles around.

By Izabella Hazelton

Summer With You

Life seemed peaceful. Not a cloud in the sky,
the sun shone warmly, it pierced my eyes.
I lowered my gaze to admire the flowers,
trees capered over me, as tall as towers.
A bush full of cherries, a road laid with roses,
the clouds began crying, right under our noses.
Until there were puddles and sunlight was gone,
but did not miss the times when sunlight had
shone.

We played in the downfall, 'til soaked right
through,
I wouldn't spend summer with anyone but you.

By Mihirangi Tanga

Otaki College Open Evening

Wednesday August 17th from 6.00pm

Otaki College is holding an information evening for whanau new to the college in Putahi Maturanga, our college library. There will be staff and students available to answer any questions parents may have about what the college can offer and what special features we bring to your child's education.