



# MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

February 22 , 2023 Term 1, Week 4

## Upcoming Events

Feb 22 BOT meeting in staffroom @ 6.15pm

Feb 24 Assembly in hall @ 9.10am

Feb 28 School closing at 12.30pm

March 8 School photos

March 28 House event

April 4 Kereru Beach Trip

April 6 Last day of term 1.

April 26 Term 2 begins



From Deb's desk

*Ko Tararua te pae maunga  
Ko Manakau me Waiauti ki uta  
Ko Waikawa ka rere ki tai  
Ko Ngāti Wehiwehi te ahi kā  
Ko Manakau te kura  
Tihei mauri ora!*

Kia ora koutou, Greetings to you all.

Kohuretia hei pou tangata mō anamata - Developing future guardians of our changing world, our school vision is resonating strongly with me at the moment. Our country is certainly in a period of big change.

I have, at times, been overwhelmed when listening to the stories or watching the footage shared by those who have felt the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle. I have also felt a sense of helplessness. Willing and able, I can not physically lend a hand to be a part of their recovery.

In a school setting, it's always a bit of a balancing act. To inform, to acknowledge, to discuss and to question the impact of these types of events, without overwhelming minds, young (and not so young:). If you or your children need any support, please reach out. We may not have any answers, but 'he waka eke noa' we are in this together.

We (as a team) are now turning to practical thinking... "How **can** we help?"

A fundraising target of \$1000 to start with, has been set, and the staffroom is a buzz with ideas.

School lunches are a great and relatively easy starting point. We can manage these within the team, however if anyone would like to take a lead, or provide baking for one of the weeks, please let us know.

We will be offering school lunches for the remainder of this term. All of the funds will go to the Cyclone Gabrielle relief effort.

More information on planned fundraising events will be shared with you once we have firmed up the details.

### Communication

At Manakau School our communication tools are varied, Manakau Matters comes to you every fortnight, it can be emailed if you would prefer. We also use the seesaw app for in class and school wide notices. Posts in seesaw cover the 'what's happening in class' and this year we have a focus on learner posts that meet the Ministry of Education's mandate for twice yearly written reports. These are a work in progress for us. Making sure you get a balance of rich, relevant, real-time reporting that gives a picture of your child's progress and identifies how they are tracking in relation to the National Curriculum.

School notices are also available on the Skool loop app. This is a free app for us to use supported by local businesses.

Absences can be noted in the Skool loop app, or by making a call/ emailing the school office. If you need to see your child's classroom teacher we ask that you make an appointment directly with the teacher or leave a message at the school office and the teacher will contact you. Sometimes it is a bit full on first thing in the morning or straight after school and we would rather have the time to talk to you properly if needed. I welcome your contact, even if it is just for a coffee and catch-up. Please make an appointment via the office. (Office Deb helps to coordinate my calendar).

Deb

### PTFA hui in the staffroom Friday 25th February.

There will be no postponement. We need your involvement to get some of our projects underway.

### School Uniform items

These options are available if you are interested:

School hoodies from \$61-\$70

Manakau green tees from \$30-\$38

Manakau black polo \$TBC

Softshell black jackets from \$76-\$81

If you would like to know more, please contact the school office.

### Safe drop off and pick up

You may have noticed we've had Rob, Lorne and I out at the gates every afternoon lately. I have been concerned about the safety of the children as they leave school at the end of the day. After a couple of near misses with children ducking in between cars or around the school bus. Although the legal speed limit in the school zone is 40km, this is too fast outside our school.

Please be mindful of all the children and vehicles at the end of the day. Go slow, and drive defensively looking for hazards. Sometimes the safety fix is as easy as meeting your child on the school side and walking with them back to your car:)

Yellow lines opposite school - NO PARKING

A new safety layout is being implemented by the Horowhenua District Council. This will provide a reconfigured bus zone, kea crossing, footpaths extended and installed on the bowling club side, resealed hall car park and additional parking spaces. So an improvement is coming.

### Chrome Book Offer

They've all gone:) At the end of 2022 we purchased 15 chrome books at a great price and passed the deal onto you. We often get offers like this and if you are disappointed you missed out, please give your name to Office Deb and we will order more. It really is a win win, we are getting 1-1 devices in our classrooms and you get a great deal.

### Teacher Union Meeting

Tuesday February 28. School is closing at 12.30.

The bus will run at this time.

### Teacher Only Day

Friday March 3rd

### Corrected ...

School terms for 2023 are :

Term 1. 1 Feb - 6 April

Term 2. 26 April - 30 June

Term 3. 17 July - 22 September

Term 4. 9 October - 14 December

### First Aid Refresher course

Are you needing to re validate your first aid certificate before it expires? If so, please speak with office Deb asap, as we are looking at holding this course at school, after hours.

### Absences

We would appreciate parents letting the school know if your child/ren will be absent. You can do this through the SkoolLoop app (this is free), by ringing the office, or by sending a text to the school cell phone 027 6270 386. Thank you.

### Bulb Fundraiser

Reminder to return all orders to school before March 24th. *Thank you.*

### Korimako Splash Pad and Bush Walk Trip

This has been postponed, again. We will wait for more summery weather.

### Help wanted

**We are needing to prepare a concrete base at school for a new shed. Is there any one interested in helping to do this, be in charge of this? It is not huge, however, this needs to be completed by the school holidays. Please contact the office if interested.**

I wish I could drop my body off at the gym and pick it back up when it's ready.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**LAZINESS, LIES, ARGUMENTS,  
WORRY, ANXIETY, ANGER,  
SELF SABOTAGE, LACK OF  
MOTIVATION**

**Sound like familiar struggles  
that happen in your home with  
your child?**

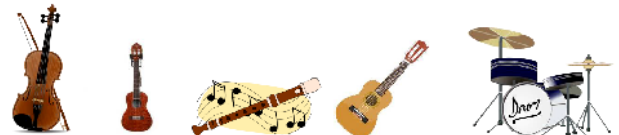
Motov8 and Savage Angel events are about inspiring, informing & instructing teenagers and their parents to make smarter, more informed decisions in life.

Stop wasting time hoping for things to magically change, become the change your family needs - John McMahon aka 'The Rev' is on tour in New Zealand Feb and May Tickets on sale now - visit at [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)  
North Island: Palmerston North 20th Feb, Wellington 21st & 22nd

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ is so proud and excited to be the charity partner of the NZ House & Garden Tours, which are taking place in Manawatū this year.

As part of the event, we need volunteers to help on the tours – they'll be stationed at each of the homes, ensuring that the properties are kept safe and that tour-goers are happy. **Volunteers are a vital part of the tour and it can't go ahead without them but this year.** Do you have any ideas about how we could promote the event in those areas? Do you work at an organisation that has contacts in those locations that might be able to share the details? Please let me know! Ngā mihi, Carol [.carolr@bcf.org.nz](mailto:carolr@bcf.org.nz)

## Horowhenua After School Music



Music tuition for primary and intermediate age children held after school at Levin Intermediate School. Tuition for: keyboard, guitar, bass, violin, ukulele, drums, flute and recorder. The cost of lessons is \$30 for three terms.

Registrations for 2023  
[www.horowhenuamusic.co.nz](http://www.horowhenuamusic.co.nz) or ph:3682510

The Foxton Lions Club is in the process of organising their Annual Foxton Beach Fun Run to take place at Foxton Beach on Sunday, the 12th of March 2023. The proceeds from this event will go to the Foxton Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Foxton Beach Fire Brigade, the Foxton Beach Health Shuttle and the Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter.

Associated with the run is a primary school team event in the 5km run/walk. Each team consists of 4 runners with the first three in each counting for points. There will be monetary prizes for the first 3 teams which we would like to see go towards Outdoor Education / PE within the school.

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Proudly supporting

Community Centre Health Shuttle, Foxton Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade, Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter, SURF LIFE SAVING NEW ZEALAND AUCKLAND FOXTON BEACH

**FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND**  
**12th MARCH 2023** SPOT PRIZES  
**Half Marathon & Fun Run**

Entries: [www.foxtonlions.co.nz](http://www.foxtonlions.co.nz)  
Email: [funrun@foxtonlions.co.nz](mailto:funrun@foxtonlions.co.nz)  
Txt: 021 490 828

| Event                       | Price   | Start Time |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|
| Half Marathon Walk          | \$40.00 | 7.00am     |
| Half Marathon Run           | \$40.00 | 8.00am     |
| 10K Walk or Run             | \$20.00 | 9.00am     |
| 5K Walk or Run              | \$10.00 | 9.30am     |
| 5K Primary School Challenge | \$5.00  | 9.30am     |

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