

## Upcoming Events

*Aug 8-10 Smashplay Cricket*  
*Aug 28-1 Life Education Trust*  
*Aug 14-3 St. John visit*  
*Sept 12 Speech finals*  
*BOT meeting @6.15 in staffroom*  
*Sept 22 Last day of term 3*

## From Deb's desk

This week, our Presiding Chair, Sarah Beech-Pooley, is sharing an update from our school Board. As a crucial part of our school's leadership structure, the Board plays a pivotal role in guiding Manakau School's strategic direction, policies, and overall management. I would like to pass on my thanks to the Board team, Sarah, Tony, Mel, Levi and staff representative, Rob.

She shares information around our interim reporting, the health survey and our upcoming board elections. Please take the time to read what she has shared.

We also celebrate some learning and Education Outside the Classroom from the first 3 weeks of this term. It has been busy.

Deb

### Absences

You can send in an absence, at any time, through the SkoolLoop App (free). Or text the school cellphone.

### School is looking for a donation of headphones.

We frequently require headphones for students. Does anyone have any they would be happy to donate to school? These can be left at the school office.

Does anyone have some unwanted newspaper they are happy to give school for paper mache? These can be left at the office. Thank you.

Korimako Class Trip

Exerts from students writing...

...On Thursday we went to the rest home. The people there were happy to see us. We sang to them. We did the Chicken Dance, the Hokey Tokey and Jibidi. We also sang the Three Little Fishes and How much is that Doggie in the Window. Then we gave them snowmen art. They loved it a lot. Then we went to the library. *By Zara and Tamati*

...Last week we sang to the old people. We went to the library on Thursday and we sang 3 little fishes to the old people. *By Leo and MJ*

...We went to the rest home. It was fun. At the rest home there were some old people. They liked our singing. We sang 3 Little Fishes. *By Oscar and Leroy*

...We went to the rest home to sing songs. I like Pa mai, the song. Sadie liked Pa mai, too. There were lots of old people. We also did some dancing, too. We liked the dancing. We gave them snowman art. *By Bjorn and Sadie*

...We went to the rest home. There were lots of old people. We sang, If you're happy and you know it and the fish song. We did some dancing. We did the chicken dance and the hokey tokey. The old people joined in. *By Parker and Dylan*

...We saw residents at the rest home. We sang little fishes at the rest home. We sang 'How much is that Doggie in the Window'. We did the Hokey Tokey and the residents joined in, too. *By Arabella and Max*

...At our trip to the rest home I sat on the mat quietly. I listened to the music. *By Caspian*





The following poems were shared at assembly.  
Our theme for poetry has been "fears".  
Huia OG, Mr Singers class.

### Multi Phobia\* 24.7.23

Trapped in a cage, closing in.  
Nothing to breathe, nothing within.  
Hear nothing but steps, climbing the wall.  
The steps are not monstrous, nothing tall.  
Slithering scales and thrashing tails  
Wrapping around my ponytail.  
There's still no light shining in  
Just crawling insects small and thin  
Maybe this place isn't too bad  
And insects in tophats, bow ties and socks  
Insects with eyebrows and long luscious locks

\*claustrophobia  
entomophobia  
Ophidiophobia

### By Abby (with inspiration from Jess)

### Alternating Tetrapod\*

A spider in your cider  
Gives me the decider  
Scattering through webs  
Daddy long legs  
The beady eyes  
See my despise  
The skittery legs  
Under my bed  
Creeping towards me  
Time to flee

\*This describes how spiders walk

*Arachnophobia: the intense fear of spiders and other arachnids*

### By Manaia

Xylophobia

Deep inside the twisted darkness,  
Fear lurks in every corner. Behind every tree.  
If you are like me you will longing to be free.  
Being trapped here alone.  
Will make you wish you were home.  
Being alone in this place.  
Makes me want to escape.  
This is what it feels to be Xylophobic.

Danielle

### Systematic Desensitisation Fear Poem

Person over here.  
Who are they?  
More over there.  
I fear to find out.  
People I don't know.  
My fear has begun to sprout.

How do I fix it?  
How do I resolve this?  
There is no clear way to fix this fear.  
I must do it slowly here and there.

### Maxi

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#### Agricultural (Ag) Day.

Ag Day will be held near the end of November. We encourage as many students as possible to participate in Ag Day. This includes growing and maintaining either a flower garden or a vegetable garden. The rearing and caring for a lamb or kid (birth dates are 15th July onwards). Or rearing a calf (birth dates are 1st July to 31st August inclusive). **If you would like to enter any of these categories, please could you let the office know.** Thank you.

#### Lost



A bunch of keys has been lost whilst the owner was at school. If anyone finds them, please could you hand them into the school office. A reward has been offered for these.

#### Yummy 'fruit' stickers.

If you collect these stickers or the coupons on the fruit bags, these can be handed in to the school office to go towards sports equipment for school.

Electives will start next Friday for years 4-8. Thank you to all the amazing parents/family who have volunteered to help.



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Mobile Phone Collection Box at school

If you have any old phones (broken) you no longer want, please feel free to drop them into the box in the school office. These will be broken down and pieces of the phones recycled.

## The Addams Family young@part. A new musical.

Trybooking.co.nz/OGT. Phone bookings after 6pm 021 0803 8226. Waiopēhu College Hall. Wed 23 Aug 7pm, Thur 24 Aug 7pm, Fri 25 Aug 7pm, Sat 26 Aug 2pm & 7pm, Sun 27 Aug 2pm & 7pm. Students \$15, Adults \$25.

Last seen in Manakau, but may be trying to find her way back to Otaki. She is incredibly affectionate and a true family cat, so we are missing her greatly! Please check your gardens and garages, any details are much appreciated. Contact 0212128932 if you have any information!

Calling all parents and guardians this one's for you! Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street Tickets are on sale now. A centuries old penny dreadful tale, gripping and grisly, will give audiences a thrill at every turn. When the lights go down and the curtain goes up, you won't dare look away. Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street is onstage at the historically iconic Civic Theatre in Ōtaki. 24 August - 9 September. Civic Theatre, Ōtaki [www.otakiplayers.nz](http://www.otakiplayers.nz)  
The Civic Theatre - 16 Main Street, Otaki, New Zealand

## Ibike4 kids

Our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/iBike4Kidss>

Our Website: <https://www.ibike4kids.co.nz/>

Tickets: <https://event-12524-bb0e.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new>

Mōrena koutou,

Council are inviting rangatahi from Horowhenua to participate in our creative placemaking project. Applicants will be selected to be representatives of Horowhenua and have your portrait taken to be used as posters of art in the Levin Town Centre. Black and white photographs will be used and displayed with a description in the storefront windows to align our town centre and the mana of Horowhenua rangatahi. The intention is to spark conversation, allowing people to slow down and connect with Horowhenua locals when visiting. This is a hands-on opportunity for our rangatahi to get involved and put their stamp on the town centre. Website link with digital application form: <https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/CommunityPlaces/Vibrant-Communities/We-Are-Horowhenua>

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**Daffodil Day - Friday 25 August 2023**

**We Need Your Help!**

- We need collectors to help raise much needed funds!
- Great experience to add to your CV and for leadership positions
- Genuinely help those in our community with cancer

To register as a Manawatu Centre volunteer email Hayley Puketapu on [Hayley.Puketapu@cancercd.org.nz](mailto:Hayley.Puketapu@cancercd.org.nz) or call 027 212 0169

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# ARO

5 PM SAT AUG 12

MĀORILAND

ALL AGES WHANAU SHOW

COASTERS MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF

Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN LYRICS BY HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER BOOK BY DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman and John Musker and written and directed by John Musker and Ron Clements

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