



# MANAKAU SCHOOL Matters...

February 28, 2024 Term 1, Week 5

## Upcoming Events

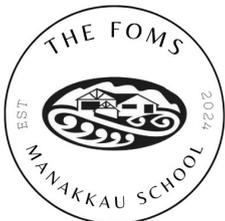
- March 6 School photos
- Mar 11 Junior schools Rocky Shore trip
- Mar 14 School fun run fundraiser

## From Deb's desk

### School Community Consultation

What characteristics, and personal attributes are important to you? Thinking about your family, and child, what sort of person do you want them to be? Who do our children need to be to positively contribute to their future world? What skills do they need? What do they need to be able to do?

These questions are an important part of checking in with you. Currently we have 3 strategic goals and they will lead us for the next 2 years. At the Manakau Mingle we started to collect your voice and you have a lot to say. Thank you to those who were able to contribute to this work.



### The FOMS

We had an excellent sign up at the Manakau Mingle. The Gardening team, and Anything Else team are looking good. Our

first task is a school wander for the gardening team. This will be held at 2.15pm this Monday. Deb L will also contact you directly.

### Raffle

We have had some Easter Treats kindly donated for 3 raffles for fundraising for the school. Tickets are \$2 each. These can be purchased at the office or if you would like to take a book to sell tickets, please speak with office Deb. Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March.



## Morning Tea with Me

Twice a term the teaching team choose 2 students who show our school PRIDE values - Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, Excellence and our motto Personal Best Always

**Zoe** is consistently helpful and often goes beyond the call of duty (noting recent efforts of framing and hanging art even with an arm in a sling). Zoe is caring, responsible, hard-working and a natural born leader.

**Blake** has made a brilliant start to the year showing leadership and initiative on a daily basis and has modelled excellence with his inquiry presentation. Blake is a student who brings a positive energy to Huia.

**Meiana.** Thank you for your calm and positive attitude to learning. I love the way you get stuck into your work and help others when they need help. Tino Pai Meiana

**Elijah.** Thank you for being kind to others and doing your personal best. I love the way you persevere on a task and ask questions when you are stuck. You have a great attitude in and outside the classroom. Tino Pai Elijah!

**Tallulah** is a delight to have in Korimako. She is thoughtful and helpful towards others. She always tries her best and gives everything a go. Tallulah is an artist who works carefully and thoughtfully to create wonderful art works. In reading she is a leader in her group and she has grown in confidence to share her learning with others. What a wonderful start to 2024. Keep up the great work Tallulah.

**Tamati** is a focused and enthusiastic learner. He knows lots of things and enjoys sharing his knowledge with the class. He has been making lots of things for our under the sea display during investigation time, from his own ideas. He is a wonderful friend to many and a great role model and future leader at Manakau School. Korimako is very lucky to have Tamati as part of our learning space.

**Parker (Kereru)** has stood out for all the right reasons. Parker demonstrates the Manakau School PRIDE Values at all times. He manages himself, his time and his gear incredibly well. He is friendly and can work well both independently and with others. He can also smack a ball and get a home run in a game of rounders.

**Harper** is a friendly and kind student who relates well to all other members in the classroom. She attempts all tasks with a 'have a go' attitude and a smile. She encourages others to try their best. Again, Harper demonstrates the PRIDE values at all times and is a role model in Awahi Rito.

**Liliana** you are 'Glorious' You have a love of learning and want to share it with others. Ms. Logan has learnt about Egyptian writing, ukulele and speaking Portuguese and it is only week 4. You are a true example of 'Personal Best' Keep being you, enthusiastic, excited and fizzy!

**Alex** You have made a fantastic start to the year. Team Glory is lucky to have you. You are able to work well with others and have an excitement for being at school. A talented musician with a great sense of humour. Thank you for being your Personal Best.



## Introducing Awahi Rito

Lauren Shuker joined us this year and she has children from Year 5-7 in her class. The children put forward their suggestions, one of them being a cats name. She says, as a class we have selected our name, Awahi Rito, to acknowledge that we care for each other, embrace diversity and show empathy and kindness. We will embrace learning opportunities and embrace all other members of our school community on their learning journey. It also acknowledges that we are tuakana to the younger members of Manakau School and as such we are representing the leaves that embrace the centre shoot of the harakeke (Korimako). We will cherish our teina and support them by being positive role models and developing our personal leadership skills.



### Drop offs and pick ups

Encouraging your children to cross at the designated crossing helps to keep them safe. Crossing at the corner intersection should only happen with parental supervision. We have a small period of time after school where the road is very busy, however, we do need your support to ensure everyone gets home safely.

### Yummy Sticker Promo

School collects stickers and bag cut-outs from Yummy apples. Through this we can receive certain sports gear items free. This promotion runs through to October. Yummy stickers and cut-outs (from their bags), can be dropped into the office at any time.

## HELP WANTED

We have a couple of families in need of a helping hand this year...

- Need someone to drop our son off after school at Waerenga Road in Otaki on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are happy to help with petrol costs. Please contact us on 027 2047 468 to discuss further.
- Are you going past Mountain View Drive after school? We would appreciate some help to return our son home at the end of the school day. If you can help with any day during the week, we would love to hear from you. Please ring 021 1828 214. *Thank you.*

Thank you to Rotary Youth Leadership who have gifted 15 brand new books to our school. We really appreciate your generosity. Again, thank you.

### School Wide Focus

Kaitiakitanga is the overarching theme for all classes this year. We will weave this through our classroom programmes and look for opportunities to get out into our community to support.

This link will take you to more information about this concept: <https://teara.govt.nz/en/kaitiakitanga-guardianship-and-conservation>

### Mathletics and Lexia programmes

On the stationery list for Mrs Shuker, Mr P and Mr Singer you may have seen the request for a donation towards these programmes. They are available and recommended for use at home and school, and your contribution is really appreciated. I would like to reiterate this is not compulsory but your contribution definitely helps to offset the costs of these learning programmes.

### Wanted Please

Team Korimako are busy harvesting the Summer crops. They need some small clean glass jars for the jam. These can be left at the office or dropped off at Korimako.

### Weetbix Triathlon

This year Manakau School has been registered as a group event. If you were looking at participating this year, if you sign up under the school it is cheaper and there are other advantages ie having a professional school photo taken on the day, shout out for spot prizes etc. Parents will still be required for transport, supervision and support. This is not run by school, but is supported by parents.

### Manakau Store

Manakau Store offers to supply lunches for students from \$5. These lunches include a combination of the following: 1 sandwich with 2 fillings, 1 cookie or tub of yoghurt, 1 piece of fruit, 1 packet of crisps. *You can order by calling 362 6840.*

### Seesaw App

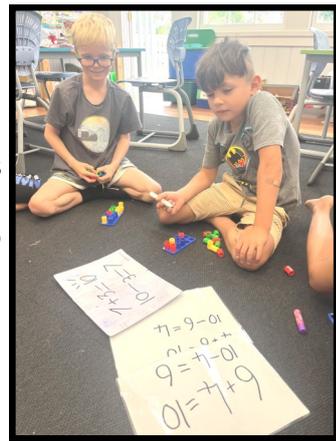
All families are given access to Seesaw for your child/ren so teachers can share what students are learning in class and any up and coming events for that class. If you have not received a login code, please let your child's teacher know.

### Reading Grandies

Every year we have a small group of community members who support the classroom reading programme. This contribution is priceless!! If you are interested in being part of this team, please let Deb Logan know.

### Sibling Photos

If you would like a siblings photo taken on March 6th, please collect a sibling photo request form from the office.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Bridge Lessons.** Looking for some serious fun in 2024? Why not try bridge, the card game that is enjoyed by all ages across the world? It could be the best game you'll ever play. Otaki Bridge Club begins its 2024 lessons on 6 March. Over 12 evenings, tutors Sheridyn Evans and Claudia Duncan will introduce beginners and returning players to the strategy, logic and fun of bridge. The lessons cost \$65, which includes booklet, club membership for the rest of 2024 and table fees for your first three playing sessions at the club.

Up for the challenge? Contact club secretary Claudia Duncan (021 885 514). Or see our website: [OtakibrIDGE@outlook.com](mailto:OtakibrIDGE@outlook.com)

## El Rancho Camp.

We turn 60 this year! Open Day. Our annual open day is on Saturday April 27 and we've got something special planned to coincide with it for 2024. From Thurs 25-Sun 28 April, KIDS STAY FREE when families book a motel unit or campsite! Keep an eye on our website for details. [Www.elrancho.co.nz](http://www.elrancho.co.nz)

## Childrens Day" Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Haruatai park and Otaki Pools.

This day is a national event celebrating our tamariki across Aotearoa, and we are bringing this Kaupapa to Otaki. Otaki pools will be open for free swimming and some activities at Haruatai Park.

**Otaki Music Centre.** We have We have professional musicians teaching these classes and they are a great introduction to an instrument. We aim to build confidence and appreciation for music, as we introduce and teach your child about their instrument and the fun that can be had by playing music together. <https://form.jotform.com/220297619040049> for more information and registration form.



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