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**NEWSLETTER** 

7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 TERM 1 WEEK 2

# **Up-Coming Event**

# Week 2 Friday – Year 7/8 Water Polo starts – Levin Pool

# **UP-COMING EVENTS**

Week 3

### Monday

Year ¾ and 5/6 Cricket Competition in Levin begins

### **Tuesday**

Weetbix Tryathlon training 3.15 at school

# **Friday**

Year 7/8 Water Polo

School – Community Picnic Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm

Manakau School Values

Personal Best Always with PRIDE

(perseverance, respect, integrity,

# Principal's Message - from Deb's Desk

Nga mihi ki a koutou - Greetings to you all,

Greetings and welcome back to the 2018 school year. I hope you've been able to take some time to enjoy the amazing Summer weather we have been experiencing. To say I'm a bit excited about the year ahead is probably an understatement. We start this year with 5 learning spaces, 3 new members of the teaching staff and 10 new students. Over the next few weeks the new adventure park will be installed and security fencing will replace the current fencing around the front of our school. The renovation of the Historic Block is also in the plans although this will be a longer process. I will keep you updated with a timeline once we have an idea of what this will look like.

It is at this point I would like to acknowledge the team of parents and whanau that were able to give their time and expertise to make sure we were ready to start the school year. A list of the names is included in this weeks Principal's Awards. It certainly is an indicator that Together Each Achieves More (TEAM).

This term is really busy, with lots of opportunities for you all to be involved in our school. The Annual School- Community Picnic is a great way to meet our new families, catch up with some of the 'oldies' and participate in the House Cricket Match. This is also an opportunity for you to meet our new teachers. I look forward to seeing you all.

Warm Regards and Welcome Back

Deb Logan

# **KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP**

# **Principal's PBA Award**

Over the holidays a lot of people in our community showed their personal best by contributing to our Working Bee, and to the other projects that I had on the go. My words of thanks really aren't enough. I am so very grateful for your enthusiasm and 'nothing is a problem' way of being — Thank you very much.

Dwayne Fox – Created the doorway in between Rooms 3 and 4

Carl Gibson – Cleared the old playground site ready for the new playground installation.

Ashley Perfect and John McElwee built the fence out from the historic block

Willy Masters –Clearing the grass around the bike track

Chris Hughes – Fixed the pool fence

Greg Butters – Mowed the lawns around the school Kimbal McHugo – Water blasted around building and the historic deck

Heather Ryersson – Touch up painting in the historic block

Ashley Perfect – Pruned trees in the pool area Michelle Gibson – Weeded all of the gardens

Angus Housiaux – Plastered my office wall ready for painting

Doug and Dale Logan – Cleared the fenceline and trees in Ned's path

David and Rachael Newman – Preparing Room 1 and the historic block for 2018

Chris Thorpe and Ton Kuypers – Preparing Room 2 and the historic block for 2018

The West Family – Moved the furniture and resources between Rooms 1 and 4

Julie McHugo, Patti MacIntyre, Lorne and Jo Singer – Preparing the learning spaces ready for 2018 I hope I haven't missed any names as your contribution is really valued.

# Please remember to:

Update your contact details with Annette in the office

- cellphone numbers, email and residential addresses

It's been very hot. The children need to bring a drink bottle for water to school every day.

Thanks to those of you who have already dropped in boxes of tissues and paper. It really helps us.

# **STAFFING FOR 2018**

Principal	Deb Logan
Year 7/8 Classroom	Mel West
teacher	
Deputy Principal	
Special Education	
Needs Coordinator	
(SENCo)	
Year 4,5,6	Lorne Singer
Classroom Teacher	
Year 4,5,6	Rob Pollock
Classroom Teacher	
Year 2,3 Classroom	Chris Thorpe
Teacher	
Transition to	Rachael Newman
School	
New Entrant, Year	
1 Classroom	
Teacher	
Office	Annette Lucinsky
Administration	
Reading Recovery	Patti MacIntyre
Teacher	
Trainee Teacher	Julie McHugo
Teacher Aide	Aimee Pettigrew
Cleaner	Rochelle Smith
Garden Handy Man	<b>Graham Connor</b>



# Together Each Achieves More



# School Dates for 2018

Term 1 Monday 29 January	Friday 13 April	Waitangi: Tuesday 6 February Good Friday: 30 March Easter Monday: 2 April Easter Tuesday: 3 April	
Term 2	Monday 30 April	Friday 6 July	Queen's Birthday: Monday 4 June Teacher Only Day: Tuesday 5 June
Term 3	Monday 23 July	Friday 28 September	-
Term 4	Monday 15 October	Friday 14 December	Labour Day: Monday 22 October Teacher Only Day: Tuesday 23 October

**Welcome to our new students and their families -**Gwynie and Alie, Sheridan, Ngehupo, Bella and Mackenzie, Luke, May and Leia and Isla.

# WEETBIX TRYATHLON Afterschool training

Weetbix tryathlon time of year again. Get your kids ready for an amazing day running, biking and swimming in Palmy on 20th March. We have had an amazing uptake on this in past years and it would be great to get as many kids there as possible. We have set up a school profile linking all the kids together, just head to the Weetbix

website <a href="https://tryathlon.co.nz/">https://tryathlon.co.nz/</a> register your child and ensure you select Manakau School. The more kids we get there the better the chances of us winning some amazing prizes for school. All event info is on their website.

Please note, we will not be supplying transport to the event for children, you are responsible for getting your child there and back. However, we will meet on site and stay together for the day.In the lead up to this, CarrieYaxley will be taking the kids for some training sessions on a Tuesday from 3.10pm (quick bite to eat after school) until 4pm starting Tuesday 13th Feb. Please ensure your child comes with afternoon tea, water bottles, bike, safety approved helmet, running shoes (NO jandals), and togs to EACH session. Please ensure you child is collected promptly at 4pm. Parent help is required to allow these sessions to go ahead, so please stay and help. Even bring your bike. If the ratios are right we can leave the school and take them out for a cycle.

Any questions on the event itself please head to the website, any questions on the training please contact Carrie on 021775432 or yaxleyclan@gmail.com



# Levin Performing Arts Presents - Star Blaze

Auditions Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 11.30 am at the Levin Performing Arts Centre. Contact Lorraine Lepper for more information – 06 3684555. 027 686 8106

# **Horowhenua Community Music Workshop**

Music tuition for primary and intermediate age children \$30 for three terms, instruments may be hired.

Contact: www.musicworkshop.homedns.org

Or phone Rona Cooper 063682510

# **NZ Future Ferns Programme**

This year Netball Horowhenua have decided to run the Future Ferns programme at the beginning of the year in order to up skill and educate our children before our 2018 Saturday netball starts.

Before we start this year's Future Ferns programme Irene Van Dyk will be at the Netball Horowhenua Pavilion giving workshops for the following age groups. These workshops are for parents, helpers and anyone interested in becoming a Future Ferns Coach. In order to run the programme we do need helpers/coaches to support the running of the programme.

If you are interested in attending some or all of the workshops please email us at <a href="mailto:admin@netballhorowhenua.org.nz">admin@netballhorowhenua.org.nz</a> as we need to get an idea on numbers before this Friday.

Workshop Year 1-4 - Monday 5 February

- Yr 1-2 5:15pm 6:30pm
- Yr 3 & 4: 5:15pm 6:30pm

Workshop Year 5-8 - Tuesday 13 February

- Yr 5 & 6: 4:00pm 5:30pm
- Yr 7 & 8: 5:30pm 7:45pm

Registrations for the Future Ferns programme will be up on our website later this week. Please see dates for the programme below or on our Netball Horowhenua website under the Junior Netball tab <a href="http://www.sporty.co.nz/netballhorowhenua">http://www.sporty.co.nz/netballhorowhenua</a>

More about the Future Ferns programme can be found in this link https://www.mynetball.co.nz/futureferns/home







# Let's Move Together Triathlon

# What is the Let's Move Together Family Fun Day all about?

The Lets Move Together triathlon gives children a chance to unleash their potential in the sports environment and build their confidence. It's a great way for children to have fun, keep fit, and make new friends.

The fun day is bigger than just the triathlon however, and is all about encouraging young families to get active together, engage in fun activities, and meet new people as you have fun outside.

# Who can enter the Triathlons?

The event is open to everyone aged between 5 and 13, and consists of a Run, followed by a cycle and a Swim.

# Where and when are the events?

Shannon	Friday the	4:30pm	Shannon
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Registrations	Primary
	February	Open	School
Foxton	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Foxton Pool
	February	Registrations	
		Open	
Levin	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Levin
	February	Registrations	Aquatic
		Open	Centre

# How much does it cost?

All events and activities (including participation in the Triathlon) is FREE

# How do I enter my child?

# Online

Registering online is easy. Simply visit aquatics.horowhenua.govt.nz; complete the information required and select the right options for you on each page as you click through.

# **Registration Forms**

Alternatively you can download a registration form from aquatics.horowhenua.govt.nz, or pick up from the Levin Aquatic Centre.



Teresa, Paddy and the Sannazzaro Family invite you to their House and Garden Tour Sunday 25 February 2018 10am -4pm — Cancer Fundraiser

Craft and plant stalls, live music, light lunches, raffles, gourmet sausages and teas — Ticket \$10 Available from Roadkai café, Super Minx and Flowers by Brenda — Levin, Watson's Gardens — Otaki, Gus Evans Nuseries — Waikanae, Oderings Nurseries — Palmerston North

