

# Manawaru School Newsletter



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## Empowering learners

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The end of this term has spun around once again. Hopefully it finds everyone looking forward to a bit of time with family and friends.

This is always a challenging term for our school families. Wet weather and the increased work challenges for many, can make life tough. Recently we have been reflecting on the changes in our school community over time, with so many families having many more demands on their time. As a school, we need to continue to evolve to respond to this, being mindful that we can not always put pressure on parents, as work commitments have increased in many homes. We have had a couple of reminders of this in the last few weeks, and we are realizing that we may need to change the way we work.

Probably our most obvious need to change is the way we work in our gully. As many of you know we have spent a lot of time and energy growing plants from seedlings until they are large plants, ready to be planted in our gully. Our goal has been to develop a space that is a place for children to play and have adventures, and to be an outdoor classroom. We have been fortunate to have had lots of support, and we have made some important connections to the history of Manawaru, including planting harakeke seedlings that we believe originate from pre European times. There have been adventures, as stream studies have happened, eels found and rubbish removed from the water. There is a great rope swing down there, and our senior students have made huts and pathways. Possums and rats have been trapped. Games have been invented and enjoyed! We would love to continue to use this area for fun and learning.

This is a big area however and we have largely been relying on kid power and parental support to make an impact on this overgrown space. We have been fortunate to have had all of these sweat hours, they have made a difference. However the power of the weeds has proved mightier! We have had some storm damage down there, with trees falling, making it a challenge for our seniors to access. The challenge is currently overwhelming.

We really want our Manawaru learners to grow their knowledge of the environment, and the potential they have to impact their environment. This learning is so important for the next generations. We want them to enjoy an environment that is natural and supports their imaginations and fitness. We would love for these learners to bring their children in to show them the difference they made.

Does anyone know of a funding mechanism so that we can hire people to be on our side, to fight the big challenges in the gully, removing the massive weeds, and unwanted tress and grasses? We just need a decent hand up so we can maintain this taonga for future generations. Most ideas are welcome! Please let us know.

Thank you once again to our brave community members who fine tune the indoor bowling skills of our children. Thank you Mark and Phillipa, for your dedication to the cause, which led to a great finish. It is great to see schools having interacting positively, with a touch of competition.

Happy Holidays

Rosemary

*'Te toto o te tangata, he kai; te oranga o te tangata, he whenua' – 'While food provides the blood in our veins, our health is drawn from the land'.*

## COMING EVENTS

### September

- 22 Last day for Touch Rugby Forms
- 22 Market Day Starting from 11:15am
- 22 Last Day of Term 3

### October

- 9 First Day of Term 4
- 14 Elections held at Manawaru School
- 16 Ag Day
- 16 HPV immunisation - Year 8 students
- 20 Teacher Only Day
- 23 Labour Day - Public Holiday
- 25 Working Bee
- 25 Scholastic Book Orders Close 12pm

### November

- 3 Athletics Day
- 8 Te Aroha District Athletics
- 9 School Photo Day
- 17 Beach Education Day
- 20 Life Education Bus Day 1
- 21 Life Education Bus Day 2
- 22 Life Education Bus Day
- 24 Scholastic Book Orders Close 12pm
- 29 Croquet Tournament

### December

- 15 Last Day of Term 4

## Manawaru Table Tennis Club

Wednesday's 7:30pm  
Starting on 5th April  
Manawaru Hall  
New Members welcome!  
Ragvir Singh  
(07) 8846758

## MANAWARU HALL BOOKINGS

If you would like to make any hall bookings  
please phone Alys on  
021 0230 3003

## A HUGE THANK YOU

to our lovely rural delivery man, John Lusby for  
delivering our district newsletter for Manawaru  
School!

## REMINDERS

If you would like to pay by internet banking  
for **stationery (e.g. Prime Maths books) or  
T shirts, hoodies, etc.** our school bank  
account number is: **03 1573 0013006 00**

**The Fundraising Club account for any  
sausage sizzles or fundraising items is:**

**02 0436 0071213 00**

## Rental Wanted

**Manawaru School family are looking  
for a local rental for 1 adult and 2  
children. They have no pets. Please  
contact the school on 027 394 6585 if  
you know of something available.**

**School Phone: 0273946585**

**Email: [office@manawaru.school.nz](mailto:office@manawaru.school.nz)**

## Manawaru Community Church Service



You are invited to the Manawaru  
Community Church Service  
(opposite the school)

To be held on Sunday, 24th September  
at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome

This will be a great time to meet or catch up  
with people in our community, so keep this  
evening free and come along and enjoy a  
lovely service together.

# Treasure Island Show

Manawaru School joined with Wairere School to watch the show Treasure Island. There was so much humour and a wonderful storyline for the children to follow. There was lots of raucous laughter from both the children and adults and anticipation for the end of the show!



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# MANAWARU ANNUAL PJ DAY!

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# CHAPEL PANTRY

## Under Pressure?

Could use some free food?

Drop into the Chapel Pantry for some food and a yarn!

If you live in the Manawaru or Wairere areas we'd love to see you.

### Find us at

Manawaru Bible Chapel  
412 Manawaru Road

### Winter Hours

Wednesdays 4:30pm - 6:00pm



## Donations Received at...

- Manawaru School Office
- Cafe 77
- Financial Donations can be sent to:  
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## Contact Us

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