

Manawaru School

Newsletter



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Touch Base with Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou katoa and welcome to Term 3.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to be the Acting Principal of this school for the term, allowing Rosemary a well earned Sabbatical, giving her time to reflect and refresh, and to learn more about what she is passionate about—Trauma-informed Practice.

We have started the new term with a few changes, the first being me!

A little about me.....My name is Joanne Synge (said Sing). I live just south of Karāpiro. I was Principal at Hora Hora School, south of Cambridge until the end of Term 3, 2024, when I retired. I had been at Hora Hora for over 30 years, first as a parent, then a teacher and for the last 10 years, Principal.

I am married with 3 grown children, 2 of whom are also teachers; one in ECE and the other in secondary school. I have 6 grandchildren, 4 boys and 2 girls aged between 16 and 2. I love spending time with family and I love to sew... predominantly quilting or sewing for my grandies. I have worked with Rosemary before, when she was Principal of Maungatautari School, while I was training as Hora Hora's Reading Recovery Teacher, working with some of her students.

I am loving being back in a school, and I'm getting to know the systems, staff, students and routines of Manawaru School. It has been a joy to be back in a school and to be part of this wonderful school,

Other changes this term, are the covering of the 2 teachers on extended leave. We are very lucky to have Georgia in Kereru class for the majority of this term, and Stacey looking after Kiwi class, giving stability and consistency for the students in these classes. I have spent time in both classes and you can be assured that your children are happy, working hard and doing lots of learning.

Of course, the other 2 classes are also ticking along nicely under the superb tutelage of Mel and Carolyn. I look forward to spending time in each class, getting to know the students and learning their names!... At Hora Hora School there were between 40 and 50 students and I knew them all well, of course, so it is quite a challenge to learn 85 names! It is my goal to achieve this within the first two or three weeks!

Events coming up this term include 3 cross countries.... School, District , and Thames Valley events and our combined Wairere—Manawaru Ag Day on the last day of term. See the coming events box on the next page for more details. We are training each day for the cross countries, weather permitting, so please ensure your children have clothing and shoes suitable for running.

Thank you for your support.....Ngā mihi nui

Joanne

He aha te mea nui ki tēnei ao? Māku e ki atu. He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, the people, the people.

SMART SWAP #5

DRESSINGS & MAYONNAISE

Mayonnaise is very high in fat with 1 tbsp of some brands containing 2 tsp of fat. This is the same as eating 2 slices of bread. Creamy dressings such as Ranch and Caesar can be high in fat too.

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COMING EVENTS

July

- 30 Professional Development Half Day
pick up 1pm

August

- 1 Year 7 and 8 Disco @ TA College
1 Scholastic Issue #5 closes
6 TAC Visit @ Manawaru with Year 8's
8 School Cross Country / Fun Run
13 District Cross Country
26 Thames Valley Cross Country
29 Book Battle

September

- 1 TAC Enrolment Day @ Manawaru
12 Bowls Tournament @ TAPS
19 AG Day @ Manawaru
19 Last Day of Term 3

October

- 6 First Day of Term 4
27 Public Holiday (School Closed)
28 School Athletics Day

November

- 10 School Photos
19 Croquet
21 Thames Valley Athletic

December

- 5 Beach Education Day (Papamoa)

REMINDERS

Manawaru School B.O.T account for
stationery, sports, events etc.

03 1573 0013006 00

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

02 0436 0071213 00

MANAWARU HALL BOOKINGS

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

Manawaru Table Tennis Club

Wednesday Nights 7:30pm
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