

Manawaru School

Newsletter



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Our focus this term
is our school vision
'Empowering learners
for their future'

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for their future**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The past few weeks has been a reminder of how fortunate Manawaru School is to be part of this community. Our school community has done an amazing job supporting our Senior Camp, Swimming Sports and Junior Camp, all in the last several weeks! We had several dads who scrubbed our water tank, and sorted the top-up we needed. There was a finishing off of our sandpit extension, with many parents helping on a warm day as well. And there was a B.O.T. meeting as well. Some people must feel like they are living at school! Thank you very much to all of you who have been able to help us.

I am sure that at the upcoming 120th celebration of Manawaru there will be stories of families who have shared the same commitment to the community and school. I hope people have remembered to sign up, to help all of those who are putting a huge effort into making the weekend a success. It sounds like there will be something for everyone over the weekend.

The gorgeous Tulip tree at the front gate is a constant reminder of the time the school has been in existence. So many small children must have clambered over the roots and played in the shade it provides. I wonder if those planting the tree would have thought about how long it would provide shelter. Apparently this gorgeous specimen could do the same for a few hundred more years, an interesting thought in our current time which seems to value speed. I am glad that education has changed a great deal to reflect the needs of the learners as they move on their learning journey.

This year we will begin really looking in depth at what the most important parts of the New Zealand Curriculum are, to ensure that we are most effectively meeting the needs of our learners. This process will be lengthy, but worthwhile, taking a number of years. Then I am sure the process will begin again, as education becomes more nimble to meet the challenges of an ever-changing society. I am sure many things will remain the same, the focus on the people skills for example. When I was gathering information on what the community felt was important for schools to deliver, the response was to contribute to growing good people.

All of the efforts parents have demonstrated over the last few weeks, as they supported the school, have shown our learners the importance of contributing to society. They know that because of all of the support parents have shown this term their opportunities for learning have been increased, and enriched.

Thank you, please remember to sign up for the 120 Jubilee!

Rosemary Hendrikse

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." - Nelson Henderson.

CALENDAR

MARCH

- 2-3 Muka Magic. More information will follow.
11 Te Aroha District Swimming Sports.
17 Free mobile ear clinic - Future Te Aroha,
13 Boundary St, Te Aroha - 12:45 - 2:45 p.m.
25 Thames Valley Swimming Sports.

APRIL

- 3-4 Manawaru School and District Jubilee.
9 Last day of Term 1.

MAY

- 8 Trivial Pursuits evening

REMINDERS

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

03 1573 0013006 00

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

02 0436 0071213 00

TE AROHA NETBALL FUN DAY

Saturday, 7 March
10:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Registration 9:45 a.m.
Te Aroha netball courts
Sausage sizzle and spot prizes

Requirements for using child restraints in New Zealand

Under New Zealand law, all children under seven years of age must use an approved child restraint appropriate for their age and size. Children aged seven must be secured in a restraint if one is available in the vehicle.

Requirements for child restraints

Age of child	The law says you must:
Until their 7th birthday	Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint
From their 7th to their 8th birthday	Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle (and if not, in any child restraint or safety belt that is available)
From 8th birthday to 14 years old	Must use safety belts if available. If not available, they must travel in the back seat.
Over 14 years old	Must use safety belts where they are available.

International best practice recommends the use of an appropriate child restraint (or booster seat) until your child reaches 148 cm tall or is 11 years old. Child restraint and medical professionals recommend that you keep your baby in a rear-facing restraint until as old as practicable, at least until they are 2 years of age.

For more information:

- download the Child restraints save lives information brochure

CREDIT UNION SCHOOL BANKING

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First Credit Union provides a great school banking service to all pupils at Manawaru School. Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the school office, fill in the application form and return it to the school office (the red banking box). They pick up the banking each week and send the books back to school again.

If your children already do school banking – great! Remember, the school banking is collected on a Wednesday each week!

KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES STARTING SATURDAY, 15TH FEB – 4TH APR 2020

WHERE: Te Miro MTB Park, Waterworks Road, Te Miro
Approx 15 mins from both Morrinsville and Cambridge. Parking available on the Reserve.

9:45am - Meet at Main Car Park (rider briefing, group sorting and tip of the week)
10am - Group Rides leave main car park
12pm - Groups return to BBQ Area (depending on skill level you may return earlier)

- Recommended Age 8 to 15 (Adults welcome to join the ride)
- Under 8's must be accompanied by riding, walking or running adult
- Bring a drink bottle/camelbak & any medication you may need
- Bikes must be suitable for off road use & in good working order
- Helmets and shoes compulsory (No exceptions)
- No cost for the rides but donations & new members are welcome
- Stay after the ride for a sausage sizzle and drink – Cash Only
- Rides are on rain, hail or shine



Ph or Text Linley A/H for more information – 0272 363 778
Please advise if your child has any special needs so that they can be grouped with extra adult support if required

www.temiromtbclub.co.nz

Fun Times @ Senior Camp



Tui Ridge 2020



Getting to know us

Mel Sargent:
Staff Representative
Manawaru School Board of Trustees



Tell us something about yourself.

I am a Waikato girl through and through having only lived in Cambridge and Morrinsville my entire life. I earned my Bachelor of Education through Waikato University and received my first teaching job at Manawaru before moving away two years later. I'm very passionate about literacy and am a current member of the Waikato Literacy Association.

Family and friends are very important. I'm often cheering at soccer games and marching competitions or enjoying a glass of wine and a catch up with mates on the weekend. Being a brownie leader and a guide leader for the last 20 years often means I also spend time away on Guiding events - which I love!

How was school for you?

I loved school. In fact when I was younger I used to play 'schools' with my sister - maybe I was destined to be a teacher. 😊 Education was important in my family. There was no pressure to be a Rhode Scholar but Mum and Dad insisted that whatever we did we did to the best of our ability. School enabled me to explore. I was free to make mistakes and try new things

What is something you have learnt since coming on the Board of Trustees?

It's been an education being on the board. I've learnt that there is a difference between governance (which is the board's job) and management. I've also learnt that it's our responsibility as a board to show our parents that students here at Manawaru are being well prepared for life beyond school.

MANAWARU 120TH JUBILEE

FRIDAY 3RD TO SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2020

A big thank you to everyone who has sent in their registration forms!! It makes it so much easier, and essential, when the committee is doing their planning for the weekend.

We originally had a cut off date of 1st February – but please ignore this as we will accept registrations up to the weekend – but sooner the better because this is an only by registration event – General registration is \$5 per adult and Manawaru School Kids are free for the whole weekend.

So, what is happening during the weekend – here's a little about what's going on:

Friday 3rd April from 6.00 p.m. – Manawaru Hall - \$10.00

Meet, mingle and school movie – Please bring potluck dish and drink – please provide your own plate, cutlery and glasses.

Saturday 4th April 10:00 a.m. – Manawaru School - \$15.00

School ceremony – lunch will be provided.

Saturday 4th April 7.30 p.m. – Manawaru Hall

Casual get together and band – Please bring own snacks and drinks.

Sunday 5th April 10:00 a.m. – Manawaru Church and 'Community View' - Dairy Factory

Church service with morning tea at 'Community View' - Manawaru Dairy Factory afterwards – Please bring a cake/baking to share.

11.30 a.m. - The official opening of the 'Community View' - Manawaru Dairy Factory Building and the Te Aroha to Matamata leg of the Hauraki Rail Cycle Trail. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch.

Registration Forms are available on the Jubilee Website: –

www.manawaru120thjubil.wixsite.com/120th

or contact Vicky on

manawaru120thjubilee@gmail.com

or

021 048 3593

Please also forward any photos!!

MANAWARU Playcentre

405B Manawaru Rd in the village

Come and play with your children (ages 0 - 5) and explore our fabulous centre featuring many different areas of play.

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or 027 551 9118
or email manawaru@playcentre.org.nz



Whānau tupu ngātahi - families growing together

MANAWARU HERITAGE CENTRE

The Manawaru Heritage Centre is now ready to accept any donations from the community of hand-held items or photos, with a Manawaru story attached, to be used as part of the displays at the centre.

If you have anything, drop by the Heritage Centre on Monday, Thursday or Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or contact Vicky on 021 0483593 or manawaruheritage@gmail.com

MANAWARU INDOOR BOWLS



Opening Night
Thursday, 5th March
7:00 p.m.
Manawaru Hall
Free family fun night
Come and give bowls a try

WELLNESS EXPO

Saturday, 14th March
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Silver Ferns Event Centre
Gold coin donation
Doctors, Red Cross, St. John, Physio
and numerous others will be there

MANAWARU YOUTH GROUP

Welcome to all college-aged youth.
We meet fortnightly on a Saturday.

The next event is:

RAFT BUILDING AND KAYAKING

This Saturday, 29th February

For more details, please contact Emma
Thompson (0274851905).

Manawaru Joint Committee's News

It's a busy time of year as many of the local groups start up again.

The Jubilee is our main focus at the moment with an exciting weekend planned.

Please get your registration forms from Vicky Kelly - 021 0483 593 or manawaru120thjubilee@gmail.com - **and get them filled in and sent!!!**

The Women's Institute has started up again and meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Hall.

Table tennis will also be starting again on the 1st April at the Hall.

Upcoming Dates:

- 11th March - Jubilee Meeting
- 17th March - Joint Committee Meeting
- 25th March - Jubilee Meeting
- 1st April - Jubilee Meeting
- 1st April - Table Tennis Starts
- 3-5th April - Manawaru 120th Jubilee
- 12th April - Manawaru Bible Chapel
Easter Service

Te Aroha Cobras Junior

Saturday
29
Feb

Football Muster 2020

Boyd Park Te Aroha 9.30-12.00pm

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