


# Manawaru School

## Newsletter



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Our focus this term  
is being a  
recogniser of  
structure and norms

**21 May 2021**

**Empowering learners  
for their future**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Whilst I start to write this newsletter I'm looking out the office window to see the hustle and bustle of Outdoor Classroom Day.

Our children are warming themselves around a campfire, navigating around the school grounds using compasses, building huts and going on a fungi safari. Generally, just enjoying being with one another and being outside the classroom.

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning. It originally started as Empty Classroom Day in London in 2012. It's quite an interesting story how this day came about. In a nutshell, data in a report stated that children (in London) were spending less time outdoors than ever before and this was affecting their health, wellbeing and development. Educators were quite disheartened, and began sharing memories of being outside as children.

One of them shared that their happiest childhood memory was getting an extended lunch break when she was about eight and that her teachers let them carry on making dens with the recently cut grass on the school field. What struck these educators was how simple this, and all the other memories, were. Just being outside. Being with other children. Getting out in all kinds of weather. They agreed they were sick of the bad news stories about children not going outside enough. It was time to create a good news story. After coming up with over hundreds of ideas, one shone out above all the others: Empty Classroom Day. 108 schools signed up to the first Empty Classroom Day and despite the frequent downpours on the day teachers were committed to making learning and playing outside fun – even in torrential rain. Word soon spread and by 2014 it became an international event and with a name change - Outdoor Classroom Day was born; a worldwide celebration of nurturing children and young people through nature. Today, over 9.6 million children and more than 105,000 teachers, parents and supporters have been involved around the world. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the day and they can't wait until we do it again!

Whilst we are on the subject of enjoying the outdoors Room 1 have a couple of eager students interested in trapping possums that are inhabiting the Gully. Possum traps have been purchased and the group are in great discussions on how and where they will be laid. Watch this space as we will keep you posted on how successful we are – apparently possum fur is a high commodity and sells for a good price! “We can get rich Miss Sargent” – direct quote from Matty.

Mel Sargent

**Connect to nature, let ourselves be still, let ourselves feel alive'**  
'Tūhono ki te taiao, e tau ai te mauri, e ora ai te mauri'



## COMING EVENTS

### May

26 Teacher Only Day - no school.

### June

7 Queen's Birthday - holiday.

9 Rippa Rugby.

11 Cultural Day.

16 NYLD - Room One.

### July

9 Last day of Term two.

## 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**

## HOUSE NEEDED

A 3 bedroom house is needed in this area. If you are able to help, please phone 021 072 7395

## MANAWARU TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Table Tennis is held on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m.



In the Manawaru Hall

The cost for the season is as follows:

\$20 - adults. \$15 - school / College children

\$2 - casual

New members are welcome

Phone Ragvir on 8846 758 for further information

## MANAWARU INDOOR BOWLS



Opening Night  
Thursday, 4th March  
7:00 p.m.

Manawaru Hall

Free family fun night

Come along and have a fun family night

For further information please phone:

Mark Davey on 027 281 3621

## CREDIT UNION SCHOOL BANKING

*The First Credit Union provides a school banking service for 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.*

***Banking needs to be placed in the red box in the Office on Thursday mornings.***

## MANAWARU SCHOOL POOL

Please return all pool keys to school and you will receive your pool key refund.

Hi Everyone, I'm Constable Aimee Searle, the new Rural Support officer for Matamata-Piako area.

If you don't know me already, I live locally (Ngarua area) and when I'm not working I am a mum to our 4 young children, and a farmer's wife.

I'm passionate about representing rural people and helping you out wherever I can. I send out a rural newsletter to keep everybody up to date with what's happening rurally in our area, and would love more people to receive it, so if you're interested please contact me on [aimee.searle@police.govt.nz](mailto:aimee.searle@police.govt.nz) and I will send it to you.

Otherwise, if I can help you or anyone you know, be it with crime prevention advice, assistance with neighbourhood disputes or any concerns you may have, please get in touch.

Look forward to working with you all and I'll see you at the school sometime soon. Aimee



Here is a link to Aimee's latest Newsletter, to give you an idea of what you would receive if you sign up.

[April Newsletter](#)



# Start saving for Super Saver rewards.

The First Credit Union School Banking Programme is a great way to learn about saving money! While you are saving, you can also earn Super Saver rewards along the way.

## How you redeem rewards:

1. Make 5 school banking deposits throughout the school term through the First Credit Union School Banking Programme.
2. Once you have made 5 deposits – choose a reward below and fill in the coupon that goes with it. (Use your savings tracker sheet to see how you are going).
3. Place your reward coupon in your school banking passbook and take it to school on your next school banking day.

## Simple rules

Rewards can be redeemed as of the specified school term and are available while stocks last.



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### Term 2 Prizes

#### Seedling Kit



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Term 3 Prizes

#### Colouring Pencil Set



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Term 4 Prizes

#### Notepad Set



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Flower Highlighter



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Jimmy Pad & Pen



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### FCU Drink Bottle



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