

Manawaru School Newsletter



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

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kia ora tātou

Welcome to the end of week 7 of term 2!

What an interesting term this has been so far! It has been delightful hearing the school humming with the sound of happy people. Who would have thought 6 months ago that we would all be so pleased to come back together again.

Work continues behind the scenes, to ensure that the Covid levels are carefully managed, and schools continue to be safe places. Meetings with the Ministry of Education have continued, as we continue to develop our new normal. The Ministry has developed a national plan to support attendance and engagement. This week they have begun collecting attendance data from all schools as part of their information gathering. The Ministry of Education is confident that schools are safe from Covid-19, and are preparing to further support remaining families back to school.

As a team we continue to be impressed with the positive manner of the returning students. They are listening and being mindful of our new normal and at the same time they are getting stuck into school life. The families of these children have done a great job of preparing their children for school. It is a challenge for us all to prepare for our next, as yet unknown steps, but we are committed to ensuring student wellbeing in order to maximise progress and achievement.

A survey has gone out to our families, asking them about their experiences while their children were learning from home. As a school we will use this information to help us to develop how we work to maximise student learning. It will be great to hear from everyone, especially those who found a number of challenges along the way.

Thank you to our families who have navigated their way through Hero, the new school management system. It was really unfortunate this migration happened during the lock down. The company did rush a few bits out, thinking they were being helpful. This has proved not to be the case in many homes. But they have been in touch with us, and assured us that the kinks will be ironed out. We are all looking forward to that. This move to Hero will be worthwhile eventually I am sure. It would be helpful if you all downloaded the app. If you are uncertain of how to do this please ring school and a staff member will talk you through the process.

Moving forward we will be maintaining our Level 2 conditions at school. This will mean parents will continue to get to 'kiss and drop' at the gate. Students will be coming in and sanitising, and continuing to sanitise throughout the day. Students will be involved in cleaning surfaces, as part of their team responsibility. This is supported by adult sanitation as well. All of the details are contained in our Safety Plan in the Manawaru Governance folder in Google Drive. We are maintaining these conditions while students are transitioning to school, so everyone becomes part of the new normal. An increased awareness of virus transfer should help us avoid many winter bugs, maximising school time, long after Covid-19 is gone!

On behalf of the school team I wish every happiness to those families moving on. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are in a privileged position, which we take very seriously. Every child and their family has added value to Manawaru School over their time here, thank you.

Rosemary

***'Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you have imagined.'* Thore**

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

MANAWARU SCHOOL T. SHIRTS

Please return all T shirts that were borrowed for the Te Aroha District Swimming Sports.

YEAR 7/8 IMMUNISATIONS

We have now received notification of the new dates for the Year 7 and Year 8 Immunisations.

They are as follows:

Dose 1 HPV Year 8 and Boostrix Year 7 on 10th June 2020

Dose 2 HPV Year 8 - 11th November 2020

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL

Due to the Coronavirus situation, the Junior Tough Guy and Gal competition has been postponed and will now be held on

Friday, 11th September 2020

Volunteers needed - Code Club - Te Aroha Library

If you have computer coding skills, with an hour or so per week to teach others (lesson plans provided), we would love to hear from you.

Get in touch with us on 07 884 7047, email talib@mpdc.govt.nz, message us on Facebook, or drop in and see us at the library.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a lot of lost property at school - sweatshirts, track pants, shoes and gumboots. Rosemary has taken photos of it all, so you may recognise some of them.

Please ask your child/ren to collect any that belongs to them.

FIRST AID COURSE

The staff at school are looking at renewing their First Aid certificates.

If anyone is interested in completing a First Aid course or renewing one, please ring the School Office (884 6691) to express your interest in doing so.

SWIMMING POOL KEYS



Pool keys can be returned to school and you will receive your pool key refund. **Please send them back with your child.**

For members of our **community** who have pool keys, **please return them to school once we are back in Level 1.**

CREDIT UNION SCHOOL BANKING



In Alert Level 2 things will look a bit different in our branches. All our branches will be open from 9:00 a.m. for limited services only. We will continue to serve our members online and via our call centre.

The health and safety of our members and staff remains our priority at this time and as such, we wish to advise you that we will not be restarting our school banking program in Term 2.

We will continue to monitor the situation, and when the time is right and its safe to do so we will be in touch to work out the best way to restart for your school and families.

If parents would like to continue to save into their children's First Credit Union accounts we would be more than happy to help them set up regular automatic payments.



Room 2 are beginning their learning through play and creativity journey. It was amazing to see all the children use their communication and problem solving skills.





Jack, Brody and Irie caught and cooked fish for the class with their fishing rods. Ruby asked for lobster and starfish for her lunch!



“I don’t know how to tie these together, can you help me Mrs L?” Why don’t you try first? “I did it Mrs L, the tape worked!!!” (Jamie)
“My bow and arrow didn’t work, I need to try another way of doing it Mrs L” (Xaiver)



Back to school after Lockdown!

It was so nice to see each other after the lockdown. We started our collage art, had lunch under the tree and had a team challenge in the afternoon.

Welcome back to school all, it is so nice to see you!



RECYCLED ALUMINIUM CANS

We will no longer be recycling aluminium cans at school.

Please do not leave any at the corner of the school property from now on.

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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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, please drop by the Heritage Centre on a Monday, Thursday or Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or contact Vicky on 021 0483 593 or email manawaruheritage@gmail.com

MANAWARU INDOOR BOWLS



Thursday, nights
7:00 p.m.
Manawaru Hall
Come and give bowls a try

For any enquiries please phone
Mark Davey on 027 281 3621



MANAWARU HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC 2581103

AGM
25th June 2020
at the

Manawaru Heritage Centre

Doors open at 12.30 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. There will be chance to look around the centre and see the Manawaru Jubilee Display

ALL WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME!!!!

Rally @412

Rally@412 is a fortnightly children's programme that includes games, craft work, badges, activities and a Bible based talk.

It is run by and at the Manawaru Bible Chapel at 412 Manawaru Road from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on alternate Monday evenings.

All children from 7-12 year years are very welcome to come and transport can be provided for most of the Manawaru area.

Parents are most welcome to stay.

Fees are \$5.00 per child per term.

The next Rally night is
Monday, 8th June

Eeling in the creek. Bring headlights or a torch if you have them. Wear gumboots or old shoes and warm clothes.



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