

Manawaru School

Newsletter



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

5 February 2021

**Empowering learners
for their future**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kia ora whanau

It is lovely to have all our tamariki back with us looking healthy and reenergised and ready for a new year of learning. I hope you have all had a very happy and relaxing holiday break with your children and that you have been able to enjoy the great New Zealand outdoors over a sun-filled summer. What a wonderful country New Zealand is. I was able to play travel guide to a visiting friend and discovered myself, some new favourite 'hang outs' including Lake Hakanoa which is in Huntly. It's worth a check out if you're over that way.

No doubt you would have seen recently in the news that the national monitoring of student achievement showed a low level of achievement for Year 8's in mathematics - only 45% were achieving at or above curriculum expectations. And perhaps you may be concerned about your child's achievement. Here at Manawaru we use PR1ME Mathematics. A programme that has been developed for NZ schools that combine the standards and best practices of South Korea, Singapore and Hong Kong, (the three top-performing education systems against international benchmarks on mathematics achievement).

This year marks the third year we will be running PR1ME in school and we are starting to see the changes we want in achievement. This year 89% of our leaving Year 8's were achieving at or above our curriculum expectations. The reason why we chose PR1ME was for its potential to enhance our students' mathematical success, and the impact it will have on them as life-long motivated mathematical learners. It is a well-structured programme that builds a solid foundation in maths by developing deep conceptual understanding with a strong focus on problem-solving.

It is clearly sequenced so that new concepts are regularly revisited, reinforced and built upon to enable children to confidently move to the next step of complexity in the concept or skill being learned. Of course just like reading, maths can be practised at home too. Times tables are a good place to start particularly those children who are working at Level 2B and beyond.

If you have any questions about your child's learning please contact their classroom teacher.

Thanks for sorting out the gear they need for school. Remember we need to swim your children every day to ensure they can swim to survive by the time they leave us. So it goes without saying that they need to bring their togs to school every day. Swimming Sports is in Week 5 – a google form will be sent to you via HERO next week to fill in for permission and transport. Please submit this asap.

Please remember to contact the office if your children will not be taking the school bus home in the afternoon. It helps us when we are calling the bus roll.

We are all looking forward to 2021 - a year full of learning!

Mel Sargent

"You must do the things you think you cannot do." - Eleanor Roosevelt

COMING EVENTS

February

- 8 Waitangi Day observed - holiday.
24-26 Senior Camp (Year 5-8).

March

- 1 **Teacher Only Day - no school.** Staff will be having Professional Development.
5 Manawaru School Swimming Sports at Matamata Swim Zone. Further Information will follow.
10 Te Aroha District Swimming Sports.
11 Postponement Day for Te Aroha District Swimming Sports.
16 Cricket Festival - Year 4-8. More information will follow.
24 Thames Valley Swimming Sports.

April

- 2 Good Friday - holiday.
5 Easter Monday - holiday.
6 Easter Tuesday - holiday.
16 Last day of term one.

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

DISHES/PLATES, ETC. LEFT AT SCHOOL

If you have left dishes or plates, etc. at school, please pick them up from the staff room.

WAIKATO WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER OPEN DAY

When: Sunday 14 February 2021
Where: Waikato Westpac Rescue
Helicopter hangar,
(Waikato Hospital), Pembroke Street
Time: 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

See emergency service displays,
Pick up some giveaways and enjoy the crew

THANKS FOR THE NEW ROAD SIGNAGE!

It is great to see our new flashing school signs in operation.

For the time these signs are flashing the speed limit is 40 km past the school. These flash at the time when our children are most likely coming to and from school.

We also have children now using the cycleway to get to school, and they need to cross the road, so the 40 kms is extremely relevant.

We all need to make the effort, if we aren't looking after our children we can't really ask others to.

Thank you to all involved with all of the new signage, at all levels.

Together great things are possible!



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CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - NAME ALL OF YOUR CHILD/REN'S SHOES, CLOTHING, BAGS, LUNCH BOXES, SWIMMING GEAR, ETC.

We already have had a lot of lost property sitting outside the staff room.

Please check to see if your child/ren have left anything at school.

SWIMMING POOL GATE

We would like to apologise for the swimming pool gate at the moment.

It has been damaged by people jumping the gate to get into the pool.

We have someone coming to repair it as soon as they are able to get here.

For those with keys you may or may not be able to open the gate to get in.

Rally @412



Rally is an exciting children's programme for 7-12 year olds and is held every second Monday, usually at the Manawaru Bible Chapel at 412 Manawaru Road from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Children will be challenged with games, sport and craft work, they will learn life skills, earn badges, and participate in a Bible based time focussed on Christian teaching and values.

Transport is available in some areas.

Parents are most welcome to attend any Rally night.

Fees are \$5.00 per term with an occasional extra charge for special activities.

For more information contact:

Joy Wallace 0274518920

Denis Wallace 0276003080

Rally Programme for February and March 2021

Monday, 22 February - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Family night at Community View (old dairy factory by Manawaru School)
Rock Climbing, Games, Swim, Sausage sizzle, Intro to Rally.
No charge - so come and see what Rally is all about.

Also coming up:

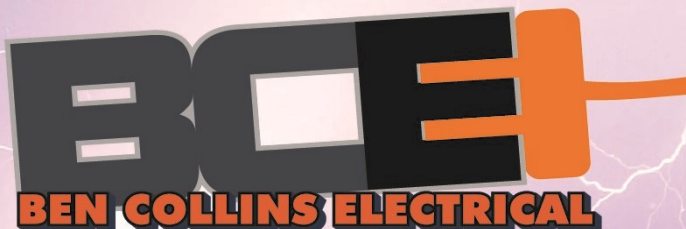
Monday, 8 March	Outdoor cooking
Monday, 22 March	Hike

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