Manawaru School Newsletter



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

14 August 2020

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As I am writing this newsletter I am keeping an eye on the weather, as we are hosting the Te Aroha District Cross Country this week. Term three is always interesting, as we work around the weather, and the challenges of many of our families at this stressful time on farms. We do notice the impact of both the weather and the stress on children. Please let us know if the work from school is causing extra pressure at home. We try to be mindful of the pressures this term, and we would rather you all remain as sane as possible! If you notice your children are a little more fragile than usual please let us know, so we can keep an extra good eye on them.

Our '5 Fs' skills are being fine tuned, to ensure at this extra sensitive time we are working as a positive school team. They may help at home, as your children should have a good understanding of how they work. Just to help you I have popped in a short reminder of how they work in this newsletter. Thanks to Miss Norris for the great wordsmithing!

Later this term we are planning to run Student Led Conferences. There was overwhelming support for the format we used last year. So once again families will have 30 minute slots to be in the classroom, and have a good look at what is happening, with a running commentary from your children. Teachers will be there to fill any gaps, and answer any extra questions.

It was great to have so many B.O.T. members attend a meeting with Lester Flockton. Lester has worked in just about every part of the Education system. He is regarded as one of New Zealand's finest minds in this space. He worked with four schools in the Te Aroha Kaahui Ako last week, and spoke to B.O.T.'s one evening. It was a very full meeting, with a lot of information to take in. Lester gave his frank opinion regarding the origins of the system we now work with.

The work he did in our schools was individually tailored to each school. We were all exhausted by the end of our day, but we were also looking forward to moving forward as we fine tune our curriculum. He has offered lots of support for us via email; I know we will be taking him up on his generous offer. It isn't often that we are supported by someone with such wisdom.

We are keen to spruce up the school for our upcoming Jubilee-Lite. If there is anyone out there happy to do a few jobs around the school we would love to hear from you. We know this is a crazy time, and know we may have to employ someone, so if you know someone reliable and keen for a bit of work, please let me know.

Rosemary Hendrikse

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it. – Marianne Williamson

COMING EVENTS

<u>August</u>

- 26 Thames Valley Cross Country.
- 28 Year 7/8 Gymnastics competition.

September

- 8 Tentative Manawaru School Speech competition finals.
- 11 Tough Guy and Gal for those entered.
- 15 Tentative Student Lead Conferences.
- 17 Rural Schools' Speech competition.
- 25 Last day of Term three.
- Free 'drop in' ear clinic at Future Te Aroha Centre, 13 Boundary Street from 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you need to make an appointment please phone the ear nurse on 07 838 3565, ext 22094.

October

12 First day of Term four.

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

DENTAL CLINIC

The Waikato DHB Community Oral Health service is pleased to advise you that we will resume routine dental checks from our Matamata clinic, 45 Station Road.

Due to COVID-19, the way we operate has changed. At the time of booking, all patients will have health screening questions asked prior to an appointment. This will also provide an opportunity for you to update our records of contact details, medical history and consent. If your child is unwell on the day of the appointment, it will be rescheduled. One parent/support person is welcome to attend the appointment.

Please <u>do not</u> visit our clinic without an appointment.

Parents should contact us on **0800TalkTeeth** to arrange an appointment.

MAIN SCHOOL GATE

For health and safety reasons, please close the gate behind you when you come into the school and when you leave again.

MANAWARU SCHOOL SWEATSHIRTS / T. SHIRTS FOR SALE

We have a number of Manawaru School Sweatshirts and T. Shirts for sale. These have been subsidised by the Fundraising Club. The costs are:

Sweatshirts \$40.00 each T. shirts \$20.00 each

Please see Adele in the Office if you would like to purchase any.

SCHOOL POOL KEYS



We still have some pool keys that need to be returned to school.

Please return them as soon as possible and when you do you will receive a pool key refund.

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, 17th August Normal time at the Chapel

Movie Night so bring a pillow and blanket and wear your P.J.'s if you want to



For more information contact:

Joy Wallace - 027 451 8920

Denis Wallace - 027 600 3080





5F's at Manawaru School

As part of the Kahui Ako in the Te Aroha area, we have had a fairly intense focus over the last two years on positive behaviours for learning through restorative practice.

In a nutshell, 'Restorative Practice is based on a relational approach, which recognises that human beings exist in a world of relationships and that a person's character is developed through their relationships with others. The underlying principle of the relational approach is that all people are entitled to enjoy respect, care and dignity.'

PB4L Restorative Practice, kete Book Two – Restorative Essentials p.4.

We can't expect behaviours from young people we haven't explicitly taught them.

The 5 F's!

Foul Up - everybody makes mistakes, or can simply be having a bad day and overreact to things. We are humans, not perfect beings - stuff goes sideways sometimes and we can say or do the wrong thing.

But when we do...

'Fess Up - we own our mistakes. We say what happened and admit that we said or did the wrong thing without trying to blame anybody else for what happened. Ultimately, we are all responsible for our own decisions or actions.

Front Up - we try to imagine how the person (or people) who was harmed might be feeling. Their feelings or body may have been hurt, or their possessions may have been damaged - we say sorry for the harm we have caused.

Fix Up - we think about how we can repair the damage we have done. This is <u>not</u> the responsibility of the person who has been harmed, although s/he/they might suggest a way to make things better if this step in the process gets a bit stuck. The parties should reach an agreement about how to restore their relationship at this point.

We also think about how we could react differently if the problem ever comes up again...

Follow Up - we make a time later that day/week when the person who caused the harm will check in with the person/people harmed. "Are you ok now?" / "Are we still friends?" / "Do you feel better?" etc. - nothing laboured, but *showing* that we are sorry and taking responsibility for keeping relationships positive.

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

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3 free visits

Phone Dianne on 07 888 0778 or 027 551 9118 or email manawaru@playcentre.org.nz



MANAWARU HALL BOOKINGS

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

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 TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Wednesday nights 7:30 p.m.



Manawaru Hall

New members are welcome

Phone Ragvir on 8846 758

for any further information

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



School Holiday programme

Riding lessons At Te Aroha RDA open to all in school holiday

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

9.15am Handling and grooming lesson half hour \$15 each

10am group half hour starter lesson \$25 each

11.15 am group lesson hour starter lesson \$40 each

12.30noon group ride in and outside hour lesson \$45 each

Booking required places limited Groups of four riders on each session

Riding hat supplied for riding

Closed in shoes and long pants required for your projection

Coffee and cake available to purchase, You are welcome to stay and watch, Our lessons held in inside our arena. So able to run rain or sun

Contact Carolyn Head coach Te Aroha RDA 0225873468 Email tearohacoach@gmail.co.nz

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