

## NEWSLETTER



## **Swimming Season!**

Our children have loved going to the local pool for swimming lessons. We couldn't resist sharing a few snapshots!

Please save the following date so you can come and celebrate our awesome swimming season:

### Tuesday 5 March















...and on Friday when we couldn't swim we walked down to the corner to watch the Americarna Parade as the cars came into Manaia









## **Updates**

### **Board Update**

Our board had their first official meeting for the year with our newly elected board members and Neryda Sullivan (Limited Statutory Manager) on the 22 February. We also invited Clyde Piercy (Ministry Advisor) and Paula Helms (NZSTA) to join us.

The first point of address for this meeting was the election of a Presiding Member (formally known as a Chair/Chairperson). We can now announce that Peter McNamara will continue on as our Presiding Member until our next election. The board managed to work through the very full agenda which included the delegation of certain areas of governance (portfolios) to board members:

Finance - Peter McNamara,

Property - Karl Adamson

Student Disciplinary - Te Oti Katene.

The board's Limited Statutory Manager, Neryda Sullivan continues to support the board to effectively govern the school. She has created an 'Outcomes Plan' that she will report to at each meeting to ensure we are on track with our progress.

> Ngā Mihi Manaia School Board





empowering oil learners to reach their highest potential by providing high-quality teaching and leadership

#### STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2024:

Integrate Te Mătaiaho (Curriculum Refresh) through the Local Curriculum.

All students will actively progress and achieve to their full potential in reading, writing and mathematics

Increase Attendance rates at Manaia School

# Strategic & **Annual Plan**

### Manākitanga

Student Engagement

creating a welcoming, caring and creative learning environment that treats everyone with respect and dignity

### STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2024:

Develop the 'Manaia Way' our Local Curriculum

All children will be aware of the values and learning dispositions that form our graduate profile

Our learning opportunities utilise the people, places and things in our local community.

# 2024











Empathetic

## Whānaungatanga School Organisation

and Structures



relationships with our learners, their families and whanau and the wider community

#### STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2024:

Continue to strengthen relationships between all stakeholders

Hold community events to help strengthen the sense of whânaungatanga at our school.



# Ka Whangaia Ka Tupu Ka Puawai Nurturing learners to grow and thrive in a changing world



## **Community Consultation Update**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts and ideas with us as part of our community consultation. The majority of our feedback was very positive, well thought out and specific. This allowed us to gain a lot of insight into what we are doing well, and what we could do better. We have used this information to form a Strategic Plan that reflects the voice and vision of our local community.

We welcome you to read through some of the highlights from this year's consultation.

### Student Voice:

What does
Manaia School
do well?

"I think there are good teachers here who teach us well. The school is full of good people. The teachers put fun in learning. I feel safe here."

"listening, learning, being responsible, kind to others even when they're not friends"

"Teaching maths, reading, spelling and writing, teach us how to be good people, how to manage ourselves and how to get our brain going right and trying to get more sporty" "I like that all the students are good and we can all play together especially during break times." "Our teachers are good at teaching us and keeping us safe. They spend lots of hard working money on us students to bring us joy and have the best math sessions out of every school I've been to"

Check out our Word Art display of our community feedback. The size of the word is determined by the amount of times it is mentioned.

## What do you like about Manaia School? Lunches Smaller Staff Caring Well Whanau Fence Feel Parents Feel School Family Help School Fund Breidey C Help Help Fun

### **Community Voice:**

What does Manaia School do well?

We gained some beautiful feedback from our community. The trends that we noticed were in the areas of:

- Relationships and communication
- Learning Interventions/strategies
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Health and Sport

"I feel that we are respected and treated with dignity and things that need to be kept confidential are"

"I cannot fault my experience with Manaia Primary and any concerns were met and explained well"

"Encouragement, communication, guidance"

"Student voice - individual learning plans - whanau consultation"

"Having a range of ways you teach the kids"

"Providing extra support to students where needed"

"My moko did reading recovery and certainly gained extra learning"

"You did well teachers, teaching our kids the best you can, looked after them as if you are their parents too GOOD Job"

## Important Information





# **Buddy Reading Sessions** *Tuakana/Teina*







### **Uniform Reminders**

Hats: Please remember a brimmed or bucket hat is compulsory during Terms 1 & 4 for all outdoor activities and is needed for walking to the pools. Please ensure your child brings a hat to school every day.

Uniform: It's expected that all children are in the correct school uniform each day. Our school uniform is made up of a school top with plain black shorts, skirt (length should be on or just above the knee), pants (not jeans) or leggings.

### **IMPORTANT DATES** What's Happening in Term 1

- Tuesday 5 March: End of Swimming Celebration: The whole school will be taking part in an end of year
   Swimming Celebration. Children will be taking part in activities and games that show the skills they have learnt during their school swimming lessons.
- Thursday 7 March: Kaponga Athletics Day: The whole school will be travelling to Kaponga by bus to take part in
  this annual athletics event. Parents/caregivers and supporters are welcome to come along to support us. Further
  information about the day and what they'll need to bring will be sent home in the next few days.
- Monday 11 March: TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday 20 March: Compulsory Staff Union Meeting @ 1pm The school will remain open but we are asking
  our school whānau to support our teachers by picking their children up at 1pm if possible as staffing will be limited.
- Tue 19 & Thu 21 March: Hopes and Dreams Meeting: A separate notice will be sent out with more information.
- Thursday 21 March: Board Meeting @ 5.30pm
- Wednesday 27 March: Eggstravaganza: Invites and more information will go out closer to the date.
- Fri 29 March Tues 2 April: EASTER HOLIDAYS NO SCHOOL School will start back after Easter on Wed 3 April

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Absentee

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