

# NEWSLETTER

## Principal's News

Kia ora koutou

It was wonderful to see such a good turn out for our Hopes and Dreams meetings last week. This is always a good time to connect with parents and caregivers and learn more about the children we teach. The information we gain helps us to create learning experiences that capture the interests and needs identified during these meetings.

**End of Year Camp Fundraiser:** The school has been given a great opportunity to fundraise for the end of year camp by gathering, bagging and selling pine cones. We have a group of senior students who will be travelling out to Pihama to start this on Thursday. I'd like to say a big thank you to Troy Stevenson for offering us access to his farm and Kama & Zeus for helping to set up this opportunity. Also a big shout out to our school whānau who were able to provide bags for us. We'll let you know when these are ready to go on sale so please keep an eye out on our upcoming newsletters and notices.

On a more serious note, we would like to ask local parents within the Manaia community to be more aware of the choices that some children are making when they say they're going to play 'Spotlight' at the school. We unfortunately had a number of children from our community wandering around our school late at night on the weekend, drinking and causing damage to our school grounds. Staff arrived at school on Monday to find broken glass, empty bottles and cans and vomit around our courts and school buildings. A big thank you to Brendan Sharp and his son Jah (one of our wonderful students) for helping to keep our children safe by coming over to clean up the broken glass on the courts. Our courts are an asset for all of our community to share. It is therefore very disappointing to see them being disrespected in this way. It is also not the job of school staff to be cleaning up after people who show no care or respect for our school. Thanks to the cameras we have around the school we know who this was and will continue to follow this up.

Once again I would recommend that you take a moment to look at upcoming events as there are still a few more important dates to be aware of before we finish up for the term. This is a short week due to Easter Friday but please also note that next Monday and Tuesday are also public holidays for schools. Enjoy your long weekend with your whānau. Here's hoping the weather is kind to us.

Ngā Mihi

*Laila and the team at Manaia School*



Please note that schools in New Zealand are also **CLOSED** on the **TUESDAY** following Easter Weekend

*Often the Easter Break falls in the school holidays so this isn't noticed.*

This means

**Students will start back after Easter  
on Wednesday 3 April**

**Happy Easter Whānau**  
Enjoy your super long weekend

# Important Information

## Whānau Leaders Conference in Palmerston North



On 13 March our Whānau Leaders went to Palmerston North to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Palmerston North. This conference focuses on equipping student leaders with practical ideas and skills which will allow them to make a significant contribution to their school.

Here's what the students had to say about their day...

- We had to get up really early to leave school at 5.30am. It was still dark!
- We arrived at Palmerston North feeling excited about our day.
- We received booklets with activities in them about leadership and telling us how the day would run.
- We watched a video about leadership and how you can be a leader. WE also learnt about sacrifices that leaders sometime have to make.
- We got to talk to kids from other schools and share our experiences.
- We played some fun games in between leadership sessions.
- It was a really long and tiring day but we all enjoyed learning how to be better leaders.

By Kadence, Manawa and Jaxon

*Thank you to the Gallie Family Trust for sponsoring registration costs to this event for our students*

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

- **Wednesday 27 March: Eggstravaganza:** A fun Easter activity for our school whānau
- **Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April: Easter Holidays- NO SCHOOL** School will start back after Easter on Wednesday 3 April
- **Wednesday 10 April - Mufti Day:** 'Hoods up for Autism' Wear a hoodie to show your support
- **Friday 12 April: Last day of Term 1**
- **Monday 29 April: First day of Term 2**

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