

Manawaru School

Newsletter



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

15 November 2019

**Empowering learners
for their future**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I have snaffled the newsletter away from Mel this week! I am writing as she is away at District Athletics. In a Facebook page for principals someone shared what they put in their newsletter, and it is relevant everywhere! So I am sharing the wisdom!

"Have you noticed that your child is more emotional, temperamental and difficult to deal with lately? You are not alone! In education circles, this month is sometimes referred to as 'Madvember'.

The combination of lighter nights (which makes it difficult to get to sleep), the unpredictable weather, the low-level anxiety about leaving their teacher and class, and the excitement of Christmas on the horizon means that children can be particularly tired and temperamental at this time of year.

Another thing you might notice with younger children is the urge to build forts and huts or to get under furniture. This is all part of the changing of the seasons.

Sometimes November can be hard for adults too as we gear up for a huge two months ahead. The best remedy for all of this is slowing down and ensuring there is ample down-time for everyone, and meeting all temper tantrums and tears with compassion and understanding."

There you go – it is everywhere!

A few additional pieces of advice I would give are:

- If your child has an issue at school, it is real to them, and they need you to hear them. However they may not be in a place where they can see things the way they really are. Please keep us in the loop if you think this may become a big deal for your child. Perhaps when you are cuddling up to them you could consider other perspectives with them.
- They may revert to behaviour that they haven't shown for a while. They may just need gentle support to remind them of their options for dealing with their emotions, the '5f's are always good.
- Remind your children that their classmates are tired as well!
- If your children are tired they may need sleep. If they are unable to cope with learning they may need a rest day.
- School life becomes less structured from now on, as we respond to the demands of assessment and reporting, and the needs of a tiring school community! This can be a challenge for children. Reassurance and positivity will help them get through the day.
- Keeping your children well fed and rested will help us all get to the end of the term positively.
- We will be talking a lot about thinking before we speak, about kindness, and about looking after each other. If you could reinforce that message at home that would be great.
- Send back the many permission slips and forms ASAP!
- Working together we will stay sane!

Rosemary Hendrikse

Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.

Margaret Mead

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 20 Thames Valley Athletics Sports.
- 27 Beach Education at Waihi - Juniors.
- 29 Beach Education at Waihi - Seniors.

DECEMBER

- 2 B.O.T. Meeting in staff room at 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Free Mobile Ear clinic. Future Te Aroha. Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 16 Final Assembly / Prize giving.

JANUARY 2020

- 29 First day of Term 1 2020.

FEBRUARY 2020

- 12-14 Senior Camp dates.

REMINDERS

BOOK CLUB When making a **LOOP** order, the class to choose is 'OFFICE'. As we are a smaller school we have one 'class' for all orders - the Office.

STATIONERY AND ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS We would appreciate these being paid as soon as possible please. If you would like to pay by internet banking our school bank account number is: **03 1573 0013006 00**

The Fundraising Club account for any **sausage sizzles**, etc. is: **02 0436 0071213 00**.

BEACH EDUCATION PERMISSION FORMS

Please fill these out and send back by Monday.

SCHOOL MOVIE

All classes are preparing for the upcoming movie for the Manawaru Jubilee. You may start to get requests home from your child/ren to bring items in for their costumes. As we will be revisiting the last 120 years of history in the area we will also be having a few interesting props throughout these years in our scenes.

If your children come home talking about guns, please keep in mind that these are not able to be fired and are used just as a prop. If you have any questions about this, please let us know.

COMMUNITY TRASH AND TREASURE MARKET

Saturday, 16 November from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
49 Rewi Street, Te Aroha
Hosted by Te Aroha Arts Centre
Rent a table for \$15 and sell your own items
For more information:
Phone 884 7796 or text 027 489 7317

TEACHER (UNTRAINED) AND CASUAL RELIEVERS

Tendershoots Kindergarten Waitoa is seeking an untrained teacher to work Mon – Thurs part time hours (during school hours). A total of 14.5 hours per week. This is also the opportunity for casual relieving.

If you would love to be part of a fun and caring workplace, please email your CV and cover letter to di@taka.org.nz. Applications close Friday 30th November. The position commences in January 2020.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, 2nd December 2019
5:30 p.m.
In the school staff room
Everyone is welcome to attend

CREDIT UNION SCHOOL BANKING



First Credit Union provides a great school banking service to all pupils at Manawaru School. Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the school office, fill in the application form and return it to the school office (the red banking box). They pick up the banking each week and send the books back to school again.

If your children already do school banking – great! Remember, the school banking is collected on a Wednesday each week!

TE AROHA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
FAMILY FUN DAY AND DUCK RACE
SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER
11AM - 2PM
HERRIES PARK, TE AROHA
SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS AVAILABLE.
BYO PICNIC.
GAMES AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
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The poster features a blue background with a yellow border. At the top, there are checkered bunting flags. In the center, the school's logo is visible. At the bottom, there are several yellow rubber ducks of various sizes, some with checkered flags behind them.

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