

WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER

Principal's News

Kia ora Koutou - welcome back!

I hope that you had a wonderful break. I would like to reach out and acknowledge the few people in our school whānau that have faced tough challenges over the holidays. While today may feel difficult, I know there is a near tomorrow waiting to guide you back to a good place. Please reach out if you need any support in the meantime.

We have loved catching up with all of our school children. It's amazing how fast they grow up over the long holidays! There has definitely been a lot of hugs, smiles and overall excitement flowing through our school over the last couple of days. Our staff are all looking forward to reconnecting and settling back in for another school year.

Staffing Changes: Due to a change in circumstances Eden Ripo will no longer be teaching in Room 1. However, we are delighted to announce the return of Kepa Grindlay 'Mr G' to our school whānau. We all missed him immensely so it's very warming to have him back with us all!

Government's 100-day and Priority Education Initiatives: As some of you would have seen, the government has set out a list of priorities that they want to achieve as part of their 100-day plan. The key changes in education so far are:

- **'Phones Away for the Day'** - Schools are required to put rules in place to ensure that this takes place. We already have an effective system in place for this with children being required to hand their phones into their teacher in the morning, and collecting them at the end of the school day. However, we are still required to work through the following timeline for this priority:
 - Term 1 2024 – schools | kura revise or develop and consult with communities on how the rules will work and implement rules.
 - 29 April 2024 – rules must be in place by this date (first day of Term 2).
 - Term 2 2024 – ERO will begin monitoring compliance.
- **'One Hour a Day' Requirement** -All schools are required to teach an hour of Reading, Writing and Maths each day. Once again, like many other schools in New Zealand we are already doing this.
- **Attendance and Engagement** also continues to be a priority as part of this initiative.

Further information regarding the above mentioned priorities and initiatives will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

I hope you all enjoy your term with us. We all look forward to catching up with you all and continuing to build on our strong community connections. **Waiho i te toipoto, kua i te toiroa** *Let us keep close together, not wide apart*

*Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou
Laila and the team at Manaia School*



Please note that school will be **CLOSED** for a
TEACHER ONLY DAY on **MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY**
 followed by the Waitangi Day public holiday on Tuesday 6 February

Enjoy your super long weekend & we'll see you all back on Wednesday 7th February

SCHOOL SWIMMING TIMES - 1:30-3:00PM

Rooms 1, 2 & 3: Will swim every day (*weather permitting*)

Junior Learning Hub: Swim on Mondays and Fridays

Swimming lessons are an important part of our school curriculum for Term 1. Unfortunately our time to do this is very limited so please try to remind your child(ren) to pack their togs on swimming days.

As well as togs, towel and a bag to put them in, children need footwear and a hat for the walk to the pools





Welcome to 2024

Board Update

Following the Board By-Election that was held in Term 4 we are very pleased to announce that we now have a full board of five elected parent representatives. Our Board is...

Peter McNamara - (Presiding Member), Karl Adamson, Angie Cassidy, Kapa Grindlay, Te Oti Katene

The current priority for the board is seeking community feedback for our Strategic & Annual Plan and we encourage our school whānau to take part in this important community consultation. As part of this...

The Manaia School Board invites our community
to a consultation hui to help shape
EDUCATION and the **LOCALISED CURRICULUM**
at **MANAIA SCHOOL**

Monday 12 February at 6.30pm in the school hall

Come along to let us know your thoughts on how you
would like education to look for your whānau

2024 Staffing

Principal - Lavinia (Laila) Kivell

Deputy Principal - Bronwyn Wesley

Office Manager/Administrator - Sandra Savenye

Senior Hub

Room 1 - Kapa Grindlay - Teacher

Room 2 - Bronwyn Wesley - Teacher

Nadine Meynell - Relief Teacher/Learning Assistant/Librarian

Support Staff

Mahia Cooper - Healthy Lunches Manager

Nadia Pollock - Cleaner

Russell Hockley - Kapa Haka Mentor

Middle (Senior Transition) Hub

Room 3 - Laila Kivell - Teacher

Shelley Craig - Relief Teacher/Learning Assistant

Lizzie Van Rooyen - Reading Recovery/Release Teacher

Junior Learning Hub

Rachael Boulton - Teacher

Teela Crawford - Learning Assistant

The school is also supported by...

Mattie Thomas - Healthy Active Learning Advisor

Jane Shorter - Resource Teacher of Learning & Behaviour

Melisa McEwen-Shepherd - Professional Development Facilitator

Ngaraina Brooks - Resource Teacher of Māori

Contacting Us for Absences

Please contact the school whenever your child is absent. We'd appreciate this being done by 9.15am

You can notify us via the **Skool Loop App** or text-in on **027 555 6546** or phone **06 274 8283**

When notifying us of an absence by text or message please remember to
include your name and the **reason why your child is away**

*Although the JLH messenger page is a great option for casual communication,
important things like absences should always go through the office*



Important Information



Arriving & Leaving the School: Daily Drop offs, Pick Ups & Late Arrivals

- **School opens for the day at 8.30am.** This is the time that the school is unlocked and children are welcomed into their classrooms. **Please don't send your children to school before 8.30am** as staff are busy in the mornings with meetings or preparing their class for daily learning and are not available to supervise children who turn up earlier than 8.30am.

To ensure we're following best safety practices please note that...


- We need to change attendance if a student arrives late. **If your child arrives at school after 9.00am please get them to come to the office** so their attendance can be updated.
- **School finishes for the day at 3.00pm.** **If you're collecting your children before 3.00pm** or taking them out of school for an appointment during the school day, **you need to sign them out** at the office.
- If your child is going to be picked up by someone other than their usual parent, sibling or regular caregiver please phone ahead to the office to authorise this.

Note for Junior Learning Hub Parents & Caregivers

- To ensure our youngest students are kept safe **children in the JLH must be picked up from the classroom** by their parent or caregiver, or an older sibling. This ensures our littlies will be safe when negotiating the carpark or making their way home
- Parents are asked to arrive close to 3pm and wait on the JLH deck until class is finished for the day **For best safety practice we strongly recommend all 5 year old's are collected from the classroom.**
If your child is older (6 years+) and you want them to leave the JLH by themselves to walk home or go out to the carpark to meet you please bring in a signed note so we have your request in writing.

Other information you need to know...

Skool Loop App: Please download this app as it is one of our main communication tools.

 You can use it to advise us of absences, complete online permission slips or book your Hopes & Dreams (Parent-Student-Teacher) Interview times. Our newsletters are also available to view on this app and you'll receive a push notification for any important notices we're putting out.

Uniform: As always, it's expected that all children are in the correct school uniform each day. This is a school uniform top with plain black shorts, pants (not jeans), leggings or skirt.

Sunhats: It is school policy that children wear brimmed hats (not caps) in Terms 1 and 4 during break times and outdoor activities. Please ensure that your child has a hat to wear and brings it to school daily.

What's happening in Term 1

There are already some important dates locked in for Term 1 and our calendar will keep filling up as the term progresses...

- **Mon 5 & Tues 6 February: School Closed** for Teacher Only Day on Monday and Waitangi Day on Tuesday.
- **Wed 7 February: Whole School Swimming Starts** - 1.30-2.30pm. *See notice on first page for details*
- **Fri 9 February: Whānau Fun Day Pool Party** - 1.30-3pm at Manaia Pools. *Yes - you're all invited*
- **Mon 12 February: Community Consultation Hui** - 6.30pm in the school hall. *See page 2 for more detail*
- **Tues 20 February: Vision and Hearing Checks** for new entrants and Year 7's
- **Thurs 7 March: Kaponga Athletics Day:** This annual athletics day is a whole school event

Have you downloaded our school app yet?
Never miss important school information again!



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission slips



Simple free download:
In Google Play and App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.



2023 Prizegiving & Awards

The following awards were presented at our 2023 prizegiving & final assembly...

Mainfreight Award for Excellence in Attitude: Mishya Nicholls

Reardon Cup for Academic Achievement: Valerie Graham Pahi

Van Zyl Cup for Endeavour & Diligence: Annalyce Harvey

Swift Cup for Application & Improvement: Manawa Grindlay

Snowden Trophy for Diligence & Development in Literacy: Jaxon Robinson

Edwards Cup for Sporting Achievement: Kooper Robinson

Honey Grindlay Memorial Trophy for General Excellence in Sport: Shelby Kahui

Student Choice Award for being an outstanding role model: Reiden Waitere

Values Awards

Teachers chose children who they felt had consistently shown our school values throughout the year

- Brave:** *Believing in yourself and having the courage to step up to challenges*
Mikeree, Ezra, Lucian, Makaira, Jaxon
- Resilient:** *Getting up and trying again. Overcoming obstacles, persevering when problems arise, and bouncing back*
Caleb, MacKenzie, Freeman, Koby, Connor, Kruze
- Empathetic:** *Seeing things from another point of view. Demonstrating kindness and understanding and accepting differences*
Saraya, Roera, Patience, Jahquila
- Achieving:** *Striving towards excellence, setting goals and successfully achieving them*
Emily, Morses, Daniel, Kaydence, Casius
- Dreamers:** *Having ambition, resilience and the right mindset to work towards big ideas*
Ariyah, Ryder, Margaret, Shelby, Mathew
- Respect:** *Having integrity, acting in a way that shows you value yourself, other people and your environment*
Kylie, Kendrick, Resina, Jaxon SS, Alamine

Other Awards

Attendance Awards: *Celebrating students with outstanding attendance of 90% or more in 2024*
Aza, Boston, Maverick, Kaydence, Caleb, Daniel, Makaira, MacKenzie, Mikeree, Freeman, Arohalee, Connor, Resina, Casius, Morses, Saraya, Leo... and Magrett with 100% attendance

Science Badges: *The independent study of specialised areas of science*
Zoology - Casius & Jahquila, Large Animals - Connor, Wool Science - Alamaine,
Geology - Jaxon R, Marine Biology - Mishya, Human Biology - Reiden
Science Explorer - Valerie, Manawa, Mathew & Annalyce

Whanau Rōpu Trophy: The winner of this year's Whānau Rōpu Trophy was **Awhina**

Congratulations to all of our winners

