

# NEWSFLASH

A quick newsflash to keep you up to date with what's happening at the school...

The school will be celebrating....

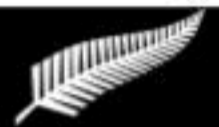
## ALL BLACKS DAY THIS FRIDAY - 27 October



Students are encouraged to wear black and white to show support for the All Blacks who are playing in the Rugby World Cup Final on Saturday

We'll also be having a whānau group rippa rugby tournament and other All Black themed fun activities

## Go the All Blacks



### What else is coming up...



- **Next Friday - 3 November: Gumboot Day / Mufti Day** - We're asking everyone to wear gumboots to school and bring along a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards helping provide free counselling to kids who need it as part of the I Am Hope Campaign. We'll also be having a **gumboot throwing competition**. You can find out more about Gumboot Friday at [www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday](http://www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday)

- **Board of Trustees By-Election:** As previously advised the board is currently seeking three additional parent representatives and is in the process of holding a by-election to fill these vacancies. **Nominations are now open.** Nomination forms were posted out on Friday of last week to all eligible voters, where names and addresses are known. Nomination forms are also be available from the school office. **Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 8 November.** If more than three nominations are received voting papers will be sent to everyone on the Parent Roll so they can vote for their preferred nominees.

If you're considering putting your name forward as a nominee but would like more information about the role of a school board member, the NZ School Trustees Assn (NZSTA) have but out an informative video you can watch - the link is available on our facebook page. You can also contact the school on 06 274 8283 / email [office@manaia.school.nz](mailto:office@manaia.school.nz) and we'll put you in touch with a board member, or you can email the Presiding Member (Board Chair), Peter McNamara on [peterm@manaia.school.nz](mailto:peterm@manaia.school.nz). Please consider who you think would make a great voice for the school community on our board



- **Kids Art Works Orders:** All children have now completed their art works for our annual fundraiser of calendars, cards, diaries, mouse and sketch pads featuring childrens art. These make fabulous christmas presents. Order forms with prices and details will be sent home in the next few days. *Childrens art work is available at the office if you would like to view it before ordering.*

**Please also remember..... Sunhats are compulsory this term.** It is school policy that children wear brimmed hats (not caps) during break times and outdoor activities in Terms 1 & 4. Please ensure that your child has a hat to wear.

### Community Events....

**Manaia Community Church - Light Party:** Tuesday 31 October at Gibson Hall 5.00pm-7.00pm. Dress up as a superhero. Family games, songs and dances. FREE Sausage sizzle. Bring the family. Children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. **NO witches/wizards or scary costumes please.**

Kia ora Koutou

### **Update from the Limited Statutory Manager for the Manaia School Board**

Over the last two weeks I have been made to feel very welcome at Manaia School. I have met individually with all staff, board and community members and looked through all relevant documentation. I now look forward to getting into classrooms and chatting with tamariki.

In two weeks, I will share my investigative findings with the Ministry, then the Board, and a plan will be set in place to address any areas of concern, should these arise.

#### **Board By-Election:**

The top priority is to appoint **additional members to the Board** as we have 3 parent elected vacancies. Nominations **close on November 8th at noon**. Please consider how your voice can add to the whole as we take Manaia School into the future.

Please view the webinar on our school facebook page to see what is involved in being a Board member, we need you.

Once Board appointments are made the Board will become very busy listening to **whanau and wider community voice** as they steer the school into the future. This consultation will ensure that we will meet the Ministry's new School Planning and Reporting Requirements which are due to be submitted by 1st March 2024.

Term 4 is a busy time in the school's calendar - Manaia School is no exception. Alongside student testing, reporting, end of year and sporting events, we will be focusing on next year's direction.

#### **Staffing:**

We are about to place two advertisements in the Education Gazette for teachers for 2024 and beyond.

We also have a recent resignation from Dianne (Di) Ngere (Teacher Aide) who is leaving for personal reasons. This position will be advertised in the South Taranaki Star. We thank Di for her support and work undertaken at the school and wish her the best going forward.

Staffing in schools across New Zealand has been challenging and I thank Manaia School teachers for their total commitment to the students in their care.

Alongside vacancies, staff also succumb to health issues which make it incredibly difficult in juggling positions to ensure students have trained teachers in front of classes.

At Manaia School we have two experienced Learning Assistants who both hold "Limited Authority to Teach" certification, and on occasion can be used if required to fill daily relief positions. Senior management does a fabulous job in ensuring just this.

Tomorrow I meet with members of the community and then I take leave for a week, returning again on November 6th. I look forward to continuing my relationship with the school.

Ngā mihi nui