

MANAHAU TEAM NEWS

Term 1, 2020 – Monday 3 February to Thursday 9 April

Welcome back to school! We are excited to have new families joining our team this year – some from Aroha Team and others who are new to school. Our name, Manahau, means **JOY** and we encourage you to help your children **ENJOY** learning this year. They are at an age where their attitude makes a big impact on their ability to learn. Let's help them to be all they can in God!

The teachers in our team are Mrs Claire Thompson and Mrs Christine Little (D2), Mrs Jane Sutherland and Mrs Bridget Fordyce (D3), Mrs Vicki Campbell (D5) and Miss Gemma Stewart (D6). We have a dedicated teacher aide working within our team, Mrs Barbara Hembrow, and other wonderful support staff you will meet during the year.

Our Learning



Our learning this term is:

- Devotions – The Bible (learning all about it!)
- Theme – We have one big idea 'Explore' for the first half of the year but our term 1 thinking will be around 'What makes me unique?'
- Maths – Number knowledge, Statistics
- PE – small ball skills, summer sports, cross country running
- School values – Respect

Team Notes



Some important things for Manahau families to know:

- Your child will have a digital portfolio on Class Dojo this year so that they can share work more regularly with you. Your child's teacher will give you information shortly about how it will work.
- Year 3 children must be collected from the classroom at the end of the day. Please speak to your child's teacher if you need to make another arrangement.
- Sun hats must be worn this term. No hat...no play!
- Children need a named water bottle at school every day.
- Wednesday is 'Wheels Day'. Children can bring scooters, skateboards and roller blades to use at play times. Helmets and safety gear must be worn.
- Our team assemblies will be on Mondays at 1.40pm in the library (F1). There is very limited space unfortunately, but you are welcome to try and squeeze in if you would like to visit! Assemblies will start in week 3.
- All children need to return their signed Internet Agreement form as soon as possible.

School Notes



School events to be aware of:

- We are working hard again to cut down the amount of rubbish we produce! We would like your help to make lunch boxes as 'low waste' as we can.
- We are having our community BBQ in a few weeks. Check the newsletter for details.

As always, please read the school newsletter each Thursday or check the website to get the latest details!

Finally, your child's teacher will provide you with class information about things such as homework. If you have any questions, please contact them in the first instance. If you need further assistance, please contact the Manahau team leader, Jane Sutherland, in D3 or by email: janes@cornerstone.ac.nz

We appreciate your support as we head into an exciting year of learning...and JOY!

The Manahau Team teachers