

Manahau Team News!

Term 1, 2024 – Tuesday 30 January to Friday 12 April

Welcome back to school! We have many new families joining our team this year – some from our junior team, Aroha, and others who are new to our 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 Kiri Parkinson (new teacher to our team) and Mrs Kathleen Christensen (D3), Mrs Vicki Campbell and Mrs Raeleen Simpson (D5) and Mr Gareth Smith (D6). We have a teacher aide working within our team, Mrs Barbara Hembrow, and other wonderful support staff you will meet during the year.



Our learning this term is:

- Devotions – the Bible (learning all about the Old Testament)
- Theme – our term 1 thinking will be based on a programme called 'My Life Rulz' and in year 4 "Being the best version of Me"
- Maths – Number knowledge, Statistics
- PE – small ball skills, summer sports, cross country running
- School value – Respect
- We also have Wool in Schools coming and a St John's First Aid programme.



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 1.50pm in D6. Due to the small space, we are unable to have visitors. Assemblies will start in week 3.
- All children need to return their signed Internet Agreement form as soon as possible.



School events to be aware of:

- Parent conferences to meet the teacher will be held in week 4 (21-22 Feb). School will finish at 12.50pm on Thursday 22 February for these.
- Easter is not in the school holidays this year. Good Friday is on **Friday** 29 March and school will resume **Wednesday** 3 April.
- There will be a Teacher's Only Day on **Friday** 22 March as we have our Kāhui Ako Community of Learning Big Day out here for all staff.

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, Vicki Campbell, in D5 or by email: vicki@cornerstone.ac.nz.

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

The Manahau Team teachers