

# NEWSLETTER

## and Important End of Year Information

### Principal's News

Tēnā koutou

The school has been as busy as ever and with the end of year fast approaching there's a lot going on. Here's an update on all the information and dates you need to know about as we wrap up another school year...

#### Staffing for 2024:

We held interviews for our two teaching vacancies last week and are excited to announce that our recruiting process was successful and we are very happy with our new appointments. We're still working through the final paperwork and processes before we can announce names but look forward to sharing details with our community once everything has been finalised and all the boxes ticked.

Alongside these exciting appointments, we have a couple of sad goodbyes...

**Mara** - is making a brave leap into something new next year. She will still be available for relieving in the first term but will be taking a different direction in 2024. We thank her for stepping up to teach in the Junior Learning Hub during Term 4 while we recruited for next year. We're going to miss your smile Mara and the energy you've brought to the Junior Hub. We wish you all the best for your future.

**Annette** - Annette has let us know that she will be moving out of our community at the end of the year and heading to Northland. We will miss her guidance and the care she has shown our students over many years. You have been such an amazing Life Walk Coach Annette and we have been very lucky to have you walk alongside us all. This is such a hard farewell, but also an amazing new adventure and opportunity for Annette and her husband.

The end of our year has definitely been a very busy one, but we are all eager to start the new year with a fantastic team that will all have the needs of our children at the heart of everything they do.

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

# CELEBRATION

## End of Year Assembly & 2023 Prizegiving

**Monday 11 December**  
**9.30am in the school hall**

Parents, caregivers and their whānau are warmly invited to come along to our final school assembly and 2023 prizegiving to help us celebrate the achievements of our students in 2023





## IMPORTANT DATES:

### End of Year Activities & Celebrations

**It's getting exciting!** All classes are taking part in a range of activities to finish up the year. Our planned activities are.....

- **Tues-Fri 5-8 Dec: Year 7 & 8 Senior Camp** based at Silverstream Retreat in Wellington
- **Fri 8 Dec: Road Patrollers Reward Day** in Hawera (*Movie/Lunch/Swim*) Hosted by Roadsafe Taranaki
- **Mon 11 Dec: Final Assembly & Prizgiving** - 9.30am in the school hall
- **Tues 12 Dec: Junior Learning Hub Class Trip** to Brooklands Zoo (*Permission slips will go out this week*)  
**Leavers Graduation Dinner** at Marbles in New Plymouth
- **Wed 13 Dec: Whole School - Water Fun Afternoon** (*Our favourite way to finish off a busy year*)
- **Thu 14 Dec: Room 2 & 3 Class Trip** to Kowhai Park Wanganui (*Permission slips will go out this week*)
- **Friday 15 Dec: Last day of school for 2023**
- **Saturday 16 Dec: Christmas Parade** We are entering a float (*Details will be sent home closer to the time*)

### Board By-Election Update

As you will be aware the board is currently holding a by-election to fill three parent representative vacancies on our board. As more than three nominations have been received a voting election is being held.

Voting papers have been sent to everyone on the school's Parent Roll so you can vote for your preferred nominees. These can be returned to the box at the school office or posted back.

Please remember **voting closes on Wednesday 13 December at 4.00pm**

*(As previously advised - when voting please cross Thomas Cartier's name off your voting paper as he withdrew from the election after the voting papers had been posted out)*

#### Other Important Election Dates:

- **18 December:** Posted votes will be accepted up until this date (*only envelopes received in the mail and marked as officially coming through NZ Post will be accepted after 13 December*)
- **19 December:** Vote counting day
- **20 December:** The successful candidates take office

### Your Vote Is Important

Please consider who you think would make a great voice for the school community on our board and vote



Ngā mihi  
Pete McNamara  
PRESIDING MEMBER  
*On behalf of the Manaia School Board*