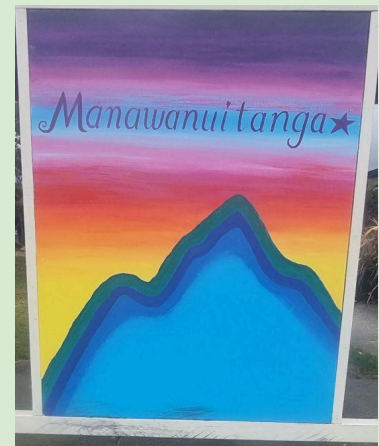
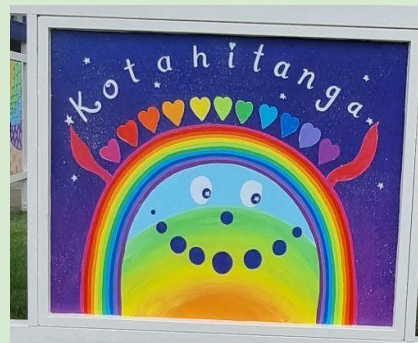


## *Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou*

Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing



Last year, we were lucky enough to have Wendy Hodder working in our school creating some wonderful murals showcasing our School Values: **Manaakitanga**, **Kotahitanga** and **Manawanuitanga**. Over the next 3 newsletters we will break down the meanings behind each of these values.

### **Staff Reflection**

***Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua.***

**I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past.**

They say we never stop learning and our staff found that to be very true during our Muaūpokotanga Day held on January 26th. It was a magnificent day in which our local iwi invited over 300 teachers to enjoy a highly interactive journey through history, the arts, waiata, harakeke, hauora (health and wellbeing) te reo and Tikanga Māori. In te reo, the Māori language, people often speak about different 'worlds' or ways of living. This is often referred to as Te Ao Tawhito and Te Ao Hou, the old and new worlds, before and after European arrivals. These ideas will be explored as we enter our new curriculum; Aotearoa New Zealand Histories. As kaiako (teachers) we also got to explore the old and the new and in doing so we came away with new insights and ways of teaching and learning. It was a day of new beginnings that will benefit all our tamariki.

## Upcoming Events

We are currently updating our school website to make it more user friendly and to provide the information that your whanau need . Keep watching this space.

**HERO** is our student management platform that you can access from home. It is an important communication vehicle for all matters relating to the school. This is also having a bit of a makeover as we try and get more of our whanau to make use of this tool.

**Facebook:** Keep an eye out for our school Facebook site as this also has information about events and activities.

**Music Lessons:** We will be starting music lessons in the next week or two with Rawiri. Each lesson is \$10 per child and we **rely on payment** to cover costs. Please contact the school if you have any questions or if you wish your child to have music lessons. Please note all fees must have been paid from 2023 if you wish your child/children to continue this year.

## Sports Word

**TOGS...TOGS....TOGS...** Yes it's that time of the year. Our tamariki will be **swimming every day** - hopefully through the whole term - so please ensure they have both togs and towel.

**Interschool Swimming:** This takes place at the end of this Term and is for competent swimmers from Years 4, 5 and 6.

**Twilight Hockey** begins on Thursday 22 February after school. Please check our HERO app for more details.



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**PE TAGS:** This system allows our tamariki to get equipment from the PE shed. Can you check they have these in their bags as there are consequences if they are lost.

### Reminders

We are delighted to announce that a private speech therapist has arrived in Levin. Her name is Bryony and she can be contacted at <[bryony@strivespeech.co.nz](mailto:bryony@strivespeech.co.nz).

Please remember to inform the office if your child is unwell or away so that we can keep an accurate account of our school community.

**NO HELMETS NO RIDE.** Whilst we encourage activity and fun, our main priority is safety, so your child must have a HELMET if they are using any bikes, boards or scooters.

**FREE LUNCHES.** We are fortunate to be the recipients of free lunches on a weekly basis. These lunches are both hot and cold and include vegan and vegetarian options. Please contact the school if you require a special lunch for your child. There is a significant saving to be made by using this service.

**PARKING AND CROSSINGS.** Can we please ask that you park in the legal spaces in front of the school and **not on the yellow lines**. This causes problems with road safety and with our school community. Also could you please use the patrolled crossings, they are there for a purpose.

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