



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT MSS

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Message from the Principal:

Kia ora whānau. 2022 done and dusted!

We are certainly ending the year on a high. We have had so many amazing events over the few weeks and the feedback from our wonderful MSS community has been absolutely fantastic.

Our Torotoro assembly yesterday was very special and to end with everyone linking arms and singing Pepeha was beautiful and emotional.

A huge thank you to all of our Manchester Street Staff. We are all part of a very unique school and the growth we continue to make as a team means the future for our students is exciting.

We farewell Whaea Annette, and thank her for the work she has done in Room L and with the Green Team. We wish you all the best for 2023.

To our Year 6 students. Thank you for all that you have done and achieved at MSS. You are ready for the next step and we will be looking forward to seeing you follow in the footsteps of those many ex MSS students that received awards at this year's Feilding Intermediate prize giving and have achieved personal goals.

Thank you for all of the amazing feedback we have received already from parents about next year's classes and reports. Lots and lots of work has gone into these and it is great to hear this is genuinely appreciated.

Next year looks exciting and already we have lots of dates booked into our calendar. We have our Kōrero Mai meetings on the 30th and 31st of January (information about booking this out shortly) and our first day of school is Wednesday 1st of February. We also have John Parsons booked to come and work with our staff and students about Cyber Safety on the 7th of February. We will have a parents session on the evening of the 7th as well, more information to follow about the times for this.

[Citizen21 Internet Safety | John Parsons Cyber Safety](#)

That is all from me this year. Thank you once again for everything that everyone does for Manchester Street School. Enjoy a fantastic holiday with those that you love and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2023.

*Ka nui te mihi ki a koe,
Glen Richardson, Principal*

As the end of the term (and Christmas draws near), it may be an opportunity to think about purchasing BYOD (bring your own device) for school. This is definitely not compulsory but many families like to get a device for their children so work can be completed at school and at home on the same device. We allow BYOD from Year 4 students up, and over the past few years have decided that Chromebooks are by far the best and cost effective. We have been in talks with Cyclone who have created an online site for you to purchase through. If you would like to, simply click on the link <https://byod.cyclone.co.nz/school/index>

Select Manchester Street School from the drop down box and then click the Green browse button You can then add and delete from the cart, set up an account and then pay like any other website.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday 16 December	Last Day of School for 2022- 12.30 pm finish
Monday 30 & Tuesday January 2023	Korero Mai - (an opportunity for students and parents to meet classroom teachers) Booking Information for appointment times will be sent out in January).
Wednesday 1 February	First school day for 2023.
Tuesday 7th February	Pikopiko swimming starts: <i>Times are between 12-3. We will need parents to help, so if you can pencil this in as an activity, we would love your help.</i>

Mrs Cowan 's Words of Wisdom:

The holiday break is nearly upon us, time for you to enjoy and connect with your whanau and friends. This is a time to recharge, look after your well being, get out and about, do the things you love or simply relax at home. I wish you all an enjoyable holiday that involves rest, relaxation and good company.



Thank you from all of us for the very special privilege of being involved in your child's education this year. Look forward to the new adventures awaiting your child next year with positivity and excitement. Your attitude to what lies ahead really will impact on how confident and keen they feel about a new teacher, new friends and a new classroom.

Make sure that you take advantage of the Korero Mai opportunity for you and your child to meet their 2023 teacher before school starts in Term 1.

In January Ali will send out some times for you to select from on Monday 30th January or Tuesday 31st January. She will also send out a survey for you and your child to share your aspirations for the year ahead. Come along to begin creating a positive home/school partnership that will benefit both you and your child. These face to face, one on one conversations will make the first day of school less scary and something to look forward to.

Happy holidays to you all!

Discovered by Mrs Cowan, Deputy Principal



From top left to bottom right: Our big hearted Mrs Boshier, busy organising the staff Kids' Christmas party. Ice cream time at the Kids' Party. Mrs Gray brought some of her farm animals to visit. Santa popping up in allsorts of places this week. Mr Wagener giving his speech at the Year 6 Leavers' Dinner at the Civic Centre. Photo time at the Year 6 Leavers' Dinner.

Congratulations to all the recipients of certificates over our last two assemblies this week. Over 150 students receive certificates for Service to School. It is great to see so many students contributing to life at school.

Congratulations to the following students who received cups or trophies. Well done!

<u>Awarded to:</u>	<u>Cup/Award Name</u>	<u>For:</u>
Archie Rutherford	Bydder Family Cup	Netball Player of the Year
Saskia Symonds & Sam Hazlewood	Harris Family Cup	Cross Country Senior Champion
Ellie Henderson	Lewer Family Visual Arts Award	
Samantha Turner	Hubbard Family Traffic Safety Cup	
Lily Grulke	Todd Trophy	Commitment to Choir
Samuel Morgan	Nikki Flintoff Librarian Award	
Nadia Brunton	Ingerton Enviroschool Cup	Service to the Enviro Group
Saskia Symonds	Green Team Cup	Service to the Green Team
Te Aranga Cribb	Te Huia Whiwhing ā	M ā tauranga M ā ori R ō p ū Award, Te Huia Whiwhinga, Te Toa o Te Taonga –The warrior of the Gift, "Kua eke e te taumata!" "You've done it!"
Annabelle King	Wheeler Leadership Cup	
Ryan Simpson–Gedye	Blencoe Shield	For the Student who has Displayed Outstanding Ability in Facing an Educational or Life Challenge
Ella Christiansen	Barratt Endeavour Cup	For a student who is consistently self–motivated. A reliable and independent thinker, this student creatively overcomes challenges and is developing potential skills for their future with a positive 'can do' attitude.
Shelton Nicholas	Lawrie Mathematics Cup	
Mila Saunders	Harper Family Media Cup	
Lucas Kari Kari	Boyce–Towler Cup for ICT	For Aptitude and Capability in ICT
Saskia Symonds	Oratory Cup	
Katie Love	Mackie Literature Award	
Shelton Nicholas	Monteith Cup	For Academic Excellence
Faith Willis	Moore Citizenship Cup	Thoughtfulness, Consideration of Others, Responsibility, School Community Mindedness, Positive Attitude
Tofara	Interhouse Quad Cup	Overall House Champion
Helena Bosher	Tina Patching Memorial Cup	For showing Manakitanga (extending aroha) by helping a loved one, encouraging one another or even supporting a complete stranger

Please keep an eye on your emails for information on stationery sales, updates on the new school shirts and booking instructions for the Korero Mai and surveys which will all be sent in January.

***We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and a lovely holiday.
From all the staff of Manchester St School.***