



Manurewa West Primary School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers
Tena koutou katoa
Nga mihi arohanui ki a koe me to whanau

One week on, we all are still immensely shocked and affected by the events of last Friday in Christchurch. Our deepest sympathy and aroha go out to our Muslim community who have been directly affected by this tragedy. Our heart goes out to you. As difficult as it is right now, regular school routines have continued this week with the focus on teaching and learning. Our wonderful school community which is richly diverse in ethnicities, culture and language, is a proud one, within which we feel a strong sense of belonging and support. The diversity and differences that each of us bring to our school community is embraced and celebrated at every opportunity. This togetherness has certainly assisted our well-being this week for staff and students alike. To our Muslim families we mourn with you and our special assembly this afternoon was a small way to show this. Thank you parents/whanau who took the time to attend our assembly this afternoon. Your support is appreciated. Feel free to call on us at school if there's any help/support that you may need. Thank you for your gold coin donation at today's special assembly. As-salamu alaykum - Peace be upon you.

Manurewa West Primary School Upcoming Board of Trustees Elections 2019

This year all schools will have their triennial Board of Trustees Election. If you would like to be an active part of the team that helps steer our school into the future let me know and I can give you some information on what a Trustee does and what you would need to commit to. Some dates for you to keep in mind:

- 11th April – Electoral Roll available to check and make sure your information is correct to be eligible to vote.
- 8th May – Electoral Roll will close at noon.
- 9th May – Supplementary Roll will open (for those who have enrolled at MWPS after 8th May)
- 10th May – Call for nominations (this is when you can drop off your application if you wish to be a part of the trustee team).
A Form will be sent home to all eligible candidates.
- 24th May – Nominations Close at noon.
- 7th June – Election Day.

Thanking you, Milly Blank - Returning Officer.

Parent -Teacher Conferences

These discussions will be held on Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April. Once again we will be using the same on-line services as per previous years. School will close early on both these days at 1:10pm (lunch time will be from 12:30-1:00pm). A reminder notice will be sent home early next week, with step by step instructions on how to book your conference time.

School Fun Run Fundraising

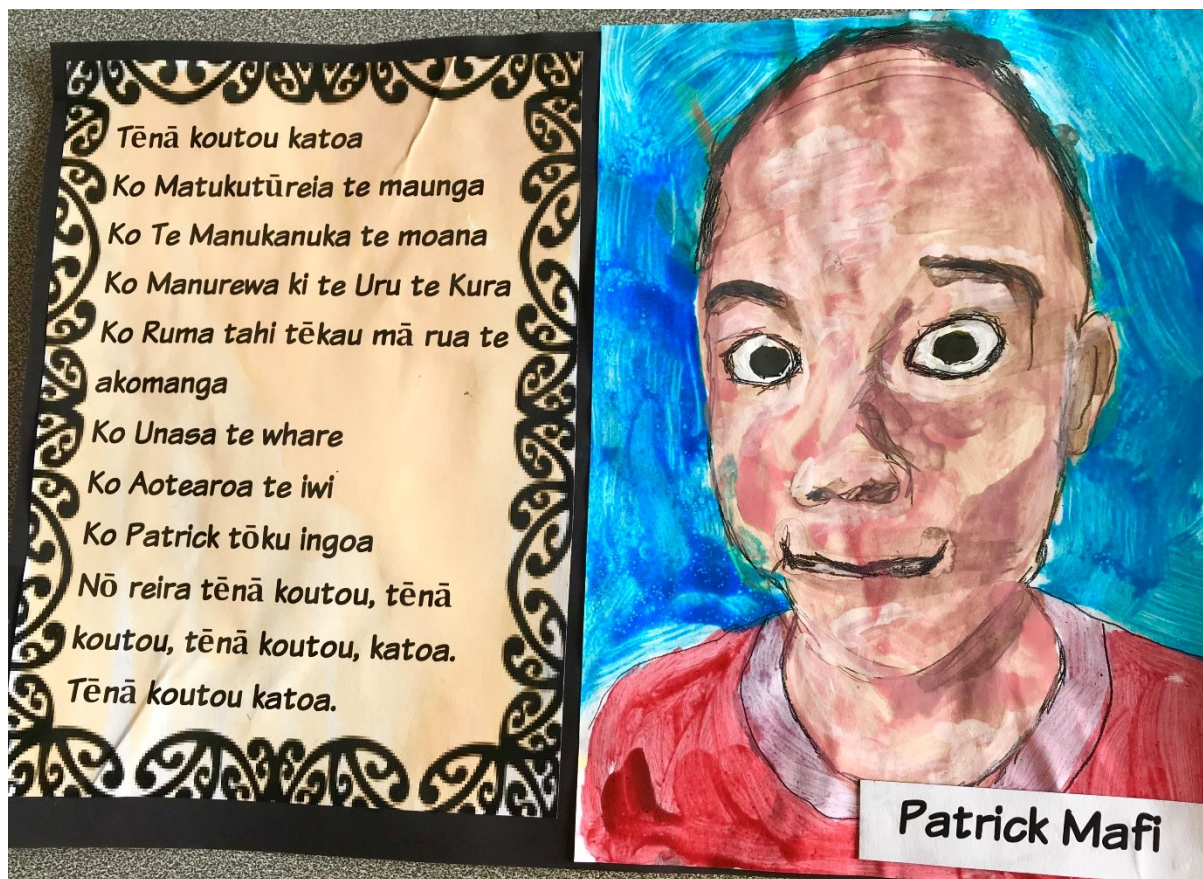
A very generous amount of \$11,445.00 was raised through our School Fun Run. This money will go a long way in funding new sports uniforms, sports equipment and school trips. A great big thank you to all our students and families for your efforts and contribution to this fundraiser. This is indeed a wonderful effort!

Taking Students Out Early

The large number of parents/families who regularly request to sign their child/children out early is becoming a serious concern. Often this request is a matter of convenience for families. You are kindly reminded that you have a responsibility by law to ensure that your child is at school for the duration of the school day. Referral to the appropriate services will be made for families who repeatedly request to sign their child out early from school.

Our School Pepeha and Self Portraits

Our students have been busy this term learning our school pepeha and painting self-portraits as part of our inquiry on "Me and My Community". These will be displayed in the school hall and on the display boards in the hallway outside the school library. Mr. Clark and Room 12 were kind enough to give us a sneak preview of some their work.



"If you believe in yourself and have dedication, pride and never quit, you will be a winner." - Paul Bryant

Nga Mihi Nui
Kogie Naidoo
Principal