



Manurewa West Primary School

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

Term 1 ends on Friday 12th April and Term 2 begins on Monday 29th April.

How quickly the term has flown by! I am delighted with how successful this term has been. Students have been involved in a wide range of exciting learning experiences. They have enjoyed many successes with their learning this term such as skills in mixing colours and painting self-portraits which came to the fore, as well as their ability to learn the school Pepeha in Te Reo Maori with such ease and confidence. Great fun was had by all students who participated in the Cultural Games, School Fun Run, Writing Week, Nestle Healthy Active Kids Day and the numerous other learning experiences students were involved in this term. A big thank you to parents/whanau who regularly attend school events and activities, we appreciate your commitment to supporting your child/ren's learning and engaging with our school. I wish our students well over the school break. Remember to keep safe around roads and water and make time to do some reading and writing.

PARENT-TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

289 families attended the Parent-Teacher Discussions this week. This equates to 60% of our school roll. We are very pleased with having more than half of our school parents/whanau make the time to talk with class teachers about their child/ren's progress with their learning goals. As a school we strongly believe that a strong home-school partnership is critical to a child's success at school. We do apologise to Room 13 parents/whanau for cancelling your appointments due to Miss Riley's sudden illness. Appointments to see the teacher will be made available early in Term 2.

ANZAC ASSEMBLY

Each year a special assembly is held to commemorate ANZAC Day, a longstanding tradition at our school. Since ANZAC Day falls in the second week of the school holidays, Thursday 25th April, our school ANZAC Assembly will be held next Friday 12th April from 10.00am in the School Hall. Parents/Whanau are invited to come along and join in the commemoration. ANZAC poppies are available at the school office until Thursday 11th April for a gold coin donation.



TERM DATES

School closes on Friday 12th April @ 2:55pm for Term 1 school holidays. Term 2 starts on Monday 29th April. **It is extremely important that students are back at school on the first day of term.**

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

Parents/families are reminded that it is school policy that you must sign in at the office when you are visiting the school during school hours. School lunches must be dropped off to the school office. We are a healthy school, no fast foods or fizzy drinks are allowed.

PROPERTY UPDATE

The new build is progressing well so far, as you can tell from these photos. Thus far the ground building floor was poured, installation of ground floor columns and drainage system around the building is underway.



STUDENTS TRAVELLING OVERSEAS DURING TERM TIME

A number of students have travelled overseas with their families during this term. This is very disappointing as it disadvantages students in a number of ways when they are away from school for an extended period of time. Parents/families are encouraged to travel during school holidays so that students do not miss out on their learning.

FAREWELL

We sadly farewell Ms Trixie Gan, Teacher in Room 24 who will be moving out of Auckland to take up residence in Gisborne. We thank Ms Gan for her valuable time and contributions to our school and we wish her the very best in her new experiences ahead.

REMINDER

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.

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it.

Nga Mihi Nui

Kogie Naidoo
Principal

Term 1 finishes on Friday 12th April 2019
at 2:55pm - enjoy your holiday.

