



Manurewa West Primary School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

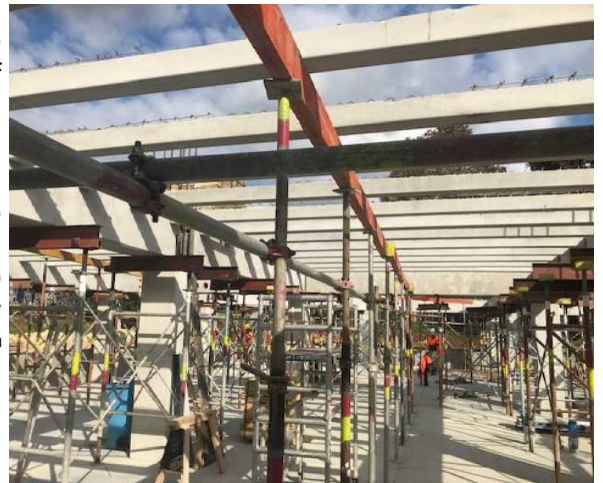
Nga mihi arohanui ki a koe me to whanau

Haere mai! Haere mai!

A warm welcome to Term 2 for all of our school families and a very special welcome to new families who have joined us this term. The busy term is well underway with many wonderful and exciting learning experiences planned for this term. More details on the learning programmes will follow in Team Newsletters next week. We wish everyone a most successful school term. Please let us know if there is any way we can assist your family to be at school on time, be at school regularly, so that your children's learning can be supported.

Property Update

It is very exciting to watch the new 12 classroom block take shape. The building project is currently running to programme given the impact of asbestos removal operations encountered at the start. As you can tell from the picture, the placement of first beam castings is 95% complete. The block work to retaining wall is 85% complete and the verandah foundations poured. All of this heavy lifting of concrete beams has required a large crane to be brought in, much to the delight of students and staff. Classrooms within the construction zone had to be relocated to the hall and the literacy centre for this week for health and safety reasons. These classrooms will be back in their rooms from Monday 13th May. I would like to acknowledge and commend Mr Clark, Mrs Lambert, Miss Clark and Miss Riley and all of their students for their patience and their "can do" attitudes in maintaining their regular classroom learning programme amidst the disruption resulting from the building construction.



Deputy Principal Appointments

We would like to congratulate Mrs Shea Bowden and Mr Komal Singh on their appointment as Deputy Principal. Komal Singh will take up his new position on Monday 20th May. We wish them well in their new position and look forward to the professional contribution they will bring to our school.

Board of Trustees Elections Update

The official process is now underway and nomination forms will be with you this coming week as they have been posted out on 9th May. Please fill in a nomination form if you wish to stand for election onto the Manurewa West Primary School Board of Trustees. The Electoral Roll is open for viewing until 22nd May during school office hours. If you have any questions please come and see Mrs Blank our returning officer.

Timeline:

Nominations close on Friday 24th May – midday.

Voting papers sent out Wednesday 29th May.

Voting closes on Friday 7th June at midday.

Votes are counted on Thursday 13th June and the elected 5 members will be notified.

The New Board of Trustees will take office from Friday 14th June. The first Board meeting will be on Monday 17th June.

Thanking you.

Milly Blank – Returning Officer

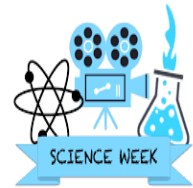
Parents Maths Workshop

A big thank you to all our families who attended our Parents Maths Workshop on Thursday 9th May. We had a large turnout which made for a very fun evening! We hope you enjoy using your game packs at home with your children, and look forward to seeing you in Term 3 for our follow on workshop, about learning the strategies! If you would like any other support or materials please feel free to stop by and see us.



Science Week 13th – 17th May

Teaching science is a strategic focus for Manurewa West Primary School this year. Engaging young children with exciting material and experiences motivates them to learn and pursue the sciences throughout school. Teaching scientific literacy, critical thinking and problem-solving through science education gives students the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in school and beyond. Aligned to this goal, teachers will be taking their students through a week of engaging science experiences. Talk to your children about their science learning, their wonderings, questions and discoveries. Many thanks to Mr. Stewart, Science Lead Teacher for organising our Science Week.



Pink Shirt Day Friday 17th May

Pink Shirt day is celebrated annually worldwide. As a school we have a zero tolerance to bullying and share this message that all schools and communities need to be safe for all people, where we are all valued and respected for who we are and where we come from. We encourage our students and our families and whanau to practise this and spread the message to stop bullying and model kindness by wearing something pink to school on Friday 17th May.

REMINDERS

1. With winter around the corner, dress your children for the weather conditions.
2. Students must be picked up from school by 3:15pm at the **latest**.
3. The school driveway is for staff parking and all other parking should be made on McKean Avenue.
4. Messages for students must be phoned in to the school office by 2:30pm in order that students receive these before 2:50pm.
5. Can parents please wait for your children beyond the windows and doors of your child's classroom? Teachers have expressed that sometimes children may be distracted from their class programmes when parents try to get their attention during class time (especially in the 2:00pm-2:50pm period).
6. School starts at 8:55am - it is not acceptable for students to be regularly late, and certainly sets a poor example for children to take into their later years.
7. If you travel a distance to bring your children to our school, or pick them up, please allow for the busy roads and traffic. This should mean you are neither late, nor are they.

Rippa Rugby

On Tuesday the 7th of May our schools Rippa Rugby team played at Mountfort Park in the MPSSA Rippa Rugby Tournament. The team had an awesome day and played outstandingly over their 6 games, winning 5 of them, placing 3rd in the A grade competition out of several schools. It was a top effort from everybody, well done!
Captain - Haize Parry Adams
Most Valuable Boy Player - Darnell Miimetua
Most Valuable Girl Player - Hevynlee Marsh-Paul
Most Improved Player - Lucas Tuigamala

Create the highest, grandest vision possible for your life, because you become what you believe.

Nga Mihi Nui

Kogie Naidoo
Principal