



Manurewa West Primary School

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

Every day at Manurewa West Primary School there is an incredible energy and excitement in the engagement of learning provided through a wide range of experiences. Alongside the core learning areas of reading, writing and maths, students are involved in PE and Sports programmes with a specialist coach, Te Re Maori, Jellybeans Music, Kiwi Can, Kapa Haka, Coding, Science, Culture Groups, Enviro, Extension Groups amongst many other experiences, as well as a range of inter-school sporting events. Students who are not at school unfortunately miss out on this learning 'buzz' and the important skills acquired through these experiences. Well done to all our students who make every effort to be at school daily and on time.

Whanau Hui and Pasifika Fono Afternoon

Thank you to whanau of students in Rooms 1, 9, and 24 and aiga of students in Room 2 who made time to attend the hui and fono afternoon held on Thursday 23 May. It was a wonderful afternoon of sharing with whanau to gain an insight into the teaching and learning of Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Maori at our school. Valuable whanau/aiga voice was captured through our focus questions, which will be collated and shared with our Board and staff. This will certainly inform future goals and planning. A huge thank you to Lead Teacher of Culture Mrs Tongaawhikau for organising the hui

Board of Trustee Elections 2019:

Nominations are now closed.

P *Tick your choices*

The next step in the process is the most important part for you all. Now it is time to vote for the people who have stepped forward offering to be a part of our new Board of Trustees. The voting papers and the pen portraits on our candidates will be sent home to you all this week coming. Please read and decide on the names that you would like to vote for. You are allowed to vote for up to 5 names. You can vote less than 5 if you wish. Please make the ticks clear. Voting closes at midday on 7th June. It is your responsibility to get the voting papers back to the school. You can send them with your child sealed in the envelope provided, or you can drop them in. You can also post them back – BUT they must arrive before midday 7th June. Feel free to see me if you need any help. Happy Voting. *Milly Blank – Returning Officer.*

Sports Update

On Tuesday 21st May the Manurewa West Primary School rugby team went to Bruce Pulman Park to participate in the MPSSA Boys Rugby tournament. The boys played exceptionally well and had a good day finishing third in their pool. Well done boys!



Early Drop offs to School

We have noticed an increasing number of students dropped to school very early in the morning as well as being picked up very late at the end of the school day. Our classrooms open at 8.30am and close at 3.00pm. Parents are responsible for their children outside of those hours, even if they are still on the school grounds. If you need to drop your child off early and need to pick them up after 3pm please enrol them in the Before and After School care in our School Hall.

Strike Action

As you may know by now that NZEI members across New Zealand have voted overwhelmingly to strike. Therefore school will be closed on **Wednesday 29th May** due to the strike. This decision to close the school was made by the school Board taking into consideration the health and safety of students and staff. We thank you for your support in understanding the critical issues the education sector is facing. The three key issues of attraction and retention of quality teachers, teacher workloads and funding for all students who require additional learning support continue to be critical to a resolution.

Road Safety

This is yet another reminder to drive carefully and park legally on McKean Avenue. There are a number of parents who disregard these rules and put our students at risk every day. All students and adults must use the designated pedestrian crossing when crossing the road outside the school. No stopping or parking on the yellow lines! Auckland Transport and the Police will be doing regular patrols in the vicinity of the school issuing fines to those who disregard the road rules.

Parked within 6m of an intersection	\$60	Parked in an area marked by a yellow line	\$60
Parked near corner bend rise or intersection	\$40	Parked across vehicle entrance/driveway	\$40
Parked on or near a pedestrian crossing	\$60	Parked on footpath	\$40

Measles in Auckland schools

Please vaccinate your child or young person if they have not had one measles (MMR) vaccine. It is free at your GP.

Students in a class with someone who has measles may be asked to stay home for one to two weeks, if they have had no MMR vaccinations.

Students with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend school.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

Check your child's immunisation records in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Tell your GP or after hours clinic if you suspect measles before you arrive, so you don't infect others.

Symptoms: cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

Auckland Regional Public Health Service
Ratonga Hauora ā Tei ō Tamaki Makarau
Auckland Regional Council
Māhūmāhū
Kōwhiri
Kōwhiri



Whanau/Fono Coffee and Craft Mornings

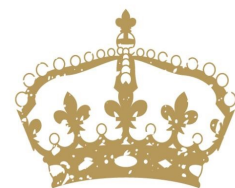
The purpose of these coffee and craft mornings is to get as many parents/whanau/aiga to come to an informal morning where you could chat and get to know each other and talk about any topic, not just school related whilst at the same time get involved in craft making. Another of our morning sessions took place today, where parents/whanau/aiga had great fun in crafting. A huge thank you to Milly Blank for organising the morning and sharing her passion and expertise for crafting.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Nga Mihi Nui

Kogie Naidoo
Principal

Queens Birthday - Monday 3rd June



**Queens
Birthday
Long
Weekend**