



Manurewa West Primary School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

Nga mihi arohanui ki a koe me to whanau

Book Week

Next week at Manurewa West Primary School is **BOOK WEEK!**

This is an exciting week that promotes the importance of reading and aims to boost children's reading enjoyment. Classes will be having an extra focus on reading during the week and there will be many exciting activities happening around the school such as:

- Monday 10th June - Author Visit, Mr Peter Millet
- Book Week Quiz - Will run daily from Monday to Thursday
- Decorate Your Door - Classes are invited to decorate their classroom door in the theme of a book. Winner will be announced at the Book Week assembly on Friday 14th June
- Buddy Class Plays - Throughout the week Middle/Senior classes will perform a play to their buddy class
- Teacher Swap - Teachers will share a story with another class
- Book Week Parade - On Friday children and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. The school assembly will begin with a dress up parade.



PLEASE HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR BOOKS!

During Book Week please purchase a raffle tick to help us raise money for school books. Prizes will be drawn at Book Week assembly on Friday 14th June. - ALL WELCOME (9am start).

Embracing and Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity

At Manurewa West Primary School we maximise every opportunity to celebrate our student cultures which is an important part of knowing who we are, our cultures, our identity, and the learning and understanding we can all gain by sharing each other's culture. The Language of a Culture is so important in the identity and meaning of how that culture supports each of our lives. Last week we celebrated Samoan Language week throughout the school. Room 2 students and our Pasifika Group were outstanding in their Pasifika Cultural Performance at our school assembly which concluded the week. We are indeed proud of all of these students.

Matariki Week will be celebrated in the week 17th -21st June with a number of activities planned. Matariki is the name for a cluster of stars that heralds the start of a new year in Maori Culture. Matariki rose on Monday, 3 June, marking the beginning of the Māori New Year. It is celebrated until the New Moon in July, although many continue to celebrate until the end of July. Matariki traditionally, was a time for remembering ancestors, planting new crops and celebrating new life. Hari Tau Hou, Happy New Year to our tamariki and whanau.

Eid Mubarak to our Muslim students and families who have been observing the month of Ramadan, concluding with the auspicious day of Eid Ul-Fitr. Hope you enjoyed a wonderful day celebrating with family and friends.



Hiwi The Kiwi Competition

Congratulations to Milly Dunlop who is the winner of a brand new fishing rod for the very interesting story she submitted in the Hiwi the Kiwi Writing Competition. Happy fishing Milly!

Her Story: 'The Fishing Queen'

One day James and his sister Rose went fishing. James rode his skateboard and Rose rode her bike. When they got to the wharf they both had a race all the way to the ice cream truck. They had a race so it would be easier to decide what sea animal they were going to try to catch. Rose wanted crayfish but James wanted to try catch snapper. Rose won the race, so then they had to try to catch a crayfish. James and Rose went to the boat lifejacket and fishing rod cabin. James picked out a nice poppy red colour fishing rod and Rose picked out a sky blue colour fishing rod. They got their lifejackets and both together picked out a boat. They picked out a green boat. They both started to fish, after a few minutes they caught a crayfish. Suddenly the boat started to sink, James and Rose quickly jumped on a big rock next to the boat. Then they stood up and saw the boat coming for them. It was sinking, but the motor was still on. James and Rose heard a boat with royal song horns. Next minute the Queen was helping Rose and James to get the boat out of the ocean. Then the Queen asked Rose and James if they would like to stay with the Queen at her palace. They both said yes and then they stayed at the palace where they enjoyed themselves. THE END.



Active Kids Day

On Tuesday the 4th June, the Leadership Team and Year 6 Sports Academy Group were lucky enough to participate in a Healthy Active Kids Day at AUT Millennium Institute. The activities consisted of Water Safety, Kayaking, Athletics, and Rock Climbing. The day was a competition run by Nestle where Schools were invited to submit an entry for why they should win. Luckily for Manurewa West Primary School, we were chosen as the winner and the day was completely free including a healthy lunch. Thanks to Mrs Taylor for entering the competition!



Winter is here!

Keep warm; keep active; keep dry; and keep helping and supporting each other through the winter months that now is upon us. Please keep your child home if he/she is unwell. It certainly assists in minimising the spread of germs and avoids sick children having to wait for a long time in the sick bay to be picked up.

"A great attitude becomes a great day, which becomes a great month, which becomes a great year, which becomes a great life".

Nga Mihi Nui

Kogie Naidoo
Principal

