



Manurewa West Primary School

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

Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Manurewa West. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.
Welcome to Manurewa West Primary School. Greetings are extended to you.
Term 3 is busily underway. A warm welcome back to all our students and whanau/families including new students and whanau/families. We look forward to continuing good progress in our learning and teaching developments over this term and in building on the many successes we have already achieved this year.

School Building Development

Our new 12 classroom block is well on track and quickly taking shape as a modern 2-storey building which will certainly add a very impressive dimension to our school landscape. As you can tell from the pictures the structural steel and roof framing is currently being carried out.



Staffing

We extend a warm welcome to Michalla Thomson, Teacher in Room 15, Lorraine Turu, Teacher in Room 24 and Jane Reading Teacher in Room 14 who take up their positions as classroom teachers in the Middle School Syndicate.

Lateness/Non-attendance

By being at school we learn; in being away or being regularly late, we miss out on learning opportunities. Make learning a family priority and support your children's future. Attendance and punctuality is under focus!

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

School Protocol

School protocol applies to all parents/whanau regardless of your association with the school, without exception. Any student concerns or queries must be first raised with the class teacher and if not resolved, the matter is then referred to the Syndicate Team Leader by making an appointment to see them. Matters are escalated to DP / Principal if after seeing the teacher and Team Leader the matter remains unresolved. Thank you for following and respecting our school protocol, as working together with you as a parent/whanau is key towards successful outcomes for our students.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday 7th August and Thursday 8th August. These conferences provide a platform to share and discuss student progress in learning achievements (and next steps), as well as development of learning goals. Parents/whanau and teachers gain so much value from these discussions in better understanding the learning needs of your child/ren and more importantly, how our teaching can really target the key areas of learning support needed. To book your interview please follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Enter the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Enter the school code **tyacr** and click GO.
3. First enter your name, your child/ren's names and your email address. On the next page, pick the teacher you want to meet, then you will see a timetable, simply click on the time that suits you.

When you have finished, your interview time will be emailed to you. If you do not have access to a computer with internet, please call the school office to arrange a booking.

Please note that school will finish early on both these days at 1:10pm (lunch time will be 12:30-1:00pm).

Whetu and Nick Show

Every student at Manurewa West Primary School had the wonderful opportunity to see the children's production entitled *Whetū and Nick: The Quest for the Map, the Kite, and the Sacred Maunga* at the Vodafone Events Centre. The special performance is an original tale of a young Māori girl (*Aki Munroe, Shortland Street*) and a British orphan cabin boy (*Steven Glyde*) who set out in search of Cook's map, a flying kite and a sacred maunga (mountain). Along the way they discover their cultural differences and similarities, their people's voyages and their shared love of Aotearoa. It is in celebration of the Ministry for Culture and Heritage's Tuia Encounters 250, the 250th anniversary of the first meetings between Māori and Europeans, when James Cook and the HMS Endeavour reached Aotearoa New Zealand in 1769. It's a beautiful play that is produced with much love and passion and our students had a great time. A huge thank you to Vodafone Events Centre for allowing all our tamariki the opportunity to watch this show for free and to Beyond Horizon Trust (BHT) for sponsoring the cost of 10 buses needed to transport our students to and from the venue. We are indeed extremely humbled and grateful for the generosity shown.

Road Safety

Keep our students safe, drive safely especially during peak times on McKean Avenue. Do not back out of driveways during peak times, it is extremely dangerous to do so as our young students cannot be seen. We work closely with Auckland Transport to keep our students safe when they arrive to school and going home from school. Drivers who break these rules putting our students' safety at risk, will be reported to Auckland Transport and traffic fines will be imposed. Let's work together to keep all our children safe. A huge thank you to the many parents/whanau who take road safety seriously around schools to keep children safe!



Resilience

Means coping with challenges and bouncing back.

The Kiwi Can Corner

In Kiwi Can this term our Tamariki will be learning about resilience or 'coping with challenges and bouncing back'. Some of the topics we will talk about with students will be, how to deal with challenges and emotions when things do not go to plan, goal setting and how to persevere and strategies when you need to solve problems.

Some things to talk about at home this week:

- What qualities does a resilient person have?
- What are some things we can do (or say or think) to keep ourselves motivated and keep trying when things get tough?

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"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go".

- Dr. Suess

Nga Mihi Nui

Kogie Naidoo
Principal