



# Manurewa West Primary School

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

## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP — TIPS FOR PARENTS AND WHĀNAU

The internet has impacted lives throughout the world and it is here to stay. It certainly has changed how we do things in so many ways. Children today are digital citizens, they don't know a world without internet, technology, smart devices and social media. As young people use more digital technology to support their learning, work applications and for social interaction and recreation digital citizenship and online safety is a critical dimension of learning at school and parenting at home. It's just as important for parents/whanau to teach children about online safety as it is with teaching children about safety in general. While there might be a gap between what your child knows and how much you know about technology, you don't have to be a tech expert to help. You can offer life skills, maturity and experience your child hasn't developed yet. At school we have very clear expectations and rules when using technology and digital citizenship is a key dimension of 21st Century Learning.

Digital Citizenship for students at MWPS are:

- Awareness: I will think carefully about whether the information I see online is true.
- Safety: I protect my personal information and not share it online.
- Myself: I represent myself in a way I can be proud of.
- Kindness: I use positive actions and words online.
- Respectful: I respect the rules for using digital technology.

Netsafe has put tips together to help parents and whānau talk to their children/young people about online safety.  
[www.netsafe.org.nz/screen-me](http://www.netsafe.org.nz/screen-me)

## MWPS BREAKFAST CLUB

Research has supported the old adage of 'breakfast is the most important meal of the day'. That eating breakfast improves children's concentration, focus on learning and their physical well-being. Children who start their day with breakfast appear to be more energetic and this enables them to be engaged in what's going on around them. With this being the key driver our school Board are busily working together to get our first MWPS Breakfast Club starting in Term 4 this year. The plan is that initially the Breakfast Club will be run for 2 mornings per week in the school hall with weetbix and milk served to students. As with any voluntary provision for students at school we need help from our parent/whanau community to assist with the set-up, serving and clean up after breakfast on 2 mornings per week in Term 4. If you are interested and able to assist please let us know at the school office.

More information will be sent home closer to the time.

A huge thank you to the Board for initiating this much needed provision at our school.



## **NEW BUILD UPDATE**

Over the last week the contractors have been busy installing the roof coverings on the new build in spite of the dreadful weather we had. It's fantastic to see the building with a roof cover.

Here are some updated pictures.



## **FATHERS DAY**

Happy Fathers' Day to all the great fathers and father figures in our community. We wish all dads a day of love, caring and appreciation for all that fathers are and do for their families/whanau

## **DAFFODIL DAY**

Since 1990, this iconic event has inspired people to come together and support the Cancer Society's work. As well as providing an opportunity to raise awareness of cancer in New Zealand, the Cancer Society of New Zealand's Daffodil Day symbolises hope for 1 in 3 New Zealanders affected by cancer. We are so grateful for your donations and support to this cause. Thank you to all our students who wore yellow to school on this special day.



## **READING TOGETHER PROGRAMME**

Thank you to all those parents who attended our first Reading Together programme on Thursday with Mrs Bowden and Mrs Brachi. There will be another opportunity to attend this informative programme, which will assist you as parents, to help your child with their reading at home on Friday 6th September at 9:45am for any parents/caregivers of Year 1/2 students.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday 4th September: Year 6 Transition information evening @ 6pm in school hall.  
Thursday 5th September: Our Maori bi-cultural classes will be holding a School Whanau Hui @ 6pm in the school hall.  
Friday 6th September: Second Reading Together programme for Year 1/2 parents @ 9:45am in literacy centre.  
Monday 9th September: Individual photographs  
Thursday 12th September: Our Samoan bi-cultural class will be holding a School Fono @ 6pm in the school hall.  
Tuesday 24th September: Wearable Arts show in the school hall - more information will go home closer to this date.  
Friday 27th September: School finishes for term 3 at 2:55pm.

"If everything was perfect, you would never learn and you would never grow".

- Beyonce

Nga Mihi Hui

Kogie Naidoo  
Principal

## **FONO COFFEE AND CRAFT MORNING**

Our Fono Coffee and Craft morning is a fun way to come together over a cuppa and learn some new and novel ways of making things like cards, gift bags and other things. This week our group of parents/whanau got to make some amazing Fathers' Day cards.

