



# Manurewa West Primary School

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

## Welcome

Kia Ora Koutou. Welcome to Manurewa West Primary School 2020. A very special welcome to all new families who are joining our school whanau this year. I hope you had a wonderful summer and you are recharged and ready for an exciting school year ahead. I wish you a happy and successful learning partnership with Manurewa West Primary School. Each year brings positive change. 2020 marks a significant milestone for Manurewa West Primary School with the completion of the new 12 classroom modern learning block, which will be occupied by the Year 3 to Year 6 classes. I am delighted by the amazing design of the learning spaces which provides the very best environment for our tamariki to learn in. The new additions to our staff have added a solid skill set and high capability to our Senior Leadership team and across the teaching teams. The temporary classrooms have been removed, this will enable the redesign of the school field by the Eden Park Grounds Team. There are a number of interesting projects planned for 2020 and beyond, making our school physical and learning environment an awesome place to be in for all staff, students and parents. The learning programmes are well underway. More information regarding literacy, maths and student inquiry will be sent out to you via the team newsletters in week 3.

## Meet the Teacher and Family Picnic Evening

THANK YOU for your attendance and support of a great Family Picnic on Wednesday evening. Our staff really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you and to participate in the games and activities. This has been a wonderful start to our school year and we look forward to further opportunities where we all (school/students/parents) can work towards better learning achievements for our students. (N.B. If you would like to meet your child/ren's teacher, please make an appointment with them. When we can all work together for a better education future, your child/ren are going to benefit so much from this).

## 2020 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2020 Student Leaders who were announced in our school assembly today:

Demetrius King  
Savannah Little  
Natra Chamnan  
Kohurangi Brown-Wilson  
Amos Evans  
Xavier Huch  
Synthia Kavemanu  
Azariah Tukariri



## New Staff

We warmly welcome new staff who have joined the Manurewa West Primary School whanau this year: Deborah Gosnell teacher in Senior Pod 3 (Year 5/6) and Acting Assistant Principal, Haydn Daniels teacher Senior Pod 5 Year 5/6, Natasha Connal teacher in Middle Pod 6 Year 3/4, Sheena Lang teacher in Middle Pod 3 Year 3/4, Angelique O'Brien teacher in Room 2 Year 1/2, Sala loelu teacher in Room 6 with the New Entrants, Gabriel Tongaawhikau who will be co-ordinating and providing Digital Technology learning support for all classes and Jayden Maeli Kiwi Can Leader. We also welcome back this year Julia Brachi who will be our Release and Enviro teacher 3 days a week, Mariata Brooking Te Reo teacher 2 days a week and Jessica Codling is now our Learning Support Co-ordinator.

### New Enrolments

Our school has received many new enrolments over the past 2 weeks and our roll growth looks likely to continue for 2020. We thank families who have chosen us as a school and would like to say well done for having education as a key focus for your children and whanau.

### Road Safety

We monitor traffic on the busy McKean Avenue, particularly by our school road crossing. There will be ongoing roadworks outside the main gate of the school and along McKean Avenue to make the road safer for drivers and pedestrians. We encourage parents/caregivers to use Dreadon Road as a preferred drop off and pick up point during the roadworks, to ease congestion outside the main gates of the school. Illegal parking and non-safe vehicle driving may receive traffic infringement tickets from the parking wardens/police traffic officers, who will be visiting this area regularly (including Dreadon Road entrance). Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

### Manurewa West Primary School App

Our school app has been updated and is ready to be downloaded. The app is an easy way to report student absences, order lunches and keep up to date with school events and newsletters. To find the app, go to the bottom of the School website (<https://manurewawest.school.nz/>) and click the download button. If you have the old school app you will need to delete this and download the new one. Remember to allow notifications!

Get the  
Manurewa West  
Mobile App



### Change of Address/Details

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, email etc; please advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly.

### School Hours

Just a reminder that school starts at 8.55am sharp and it is important for children to be here at that time. We appreciate your efforts however; if for any reason you do arrive late (after 8.55am) please report to the School Office where a "Late Card" will be issued to your child before heading to their learning area.

### Clothing

Children are expected to wear light clothing to school this term due to the heat. No singlets to be worn, t-shirts and tops that give protection to the back of the neck and shoulders and sandals/jandals are highly recommended. We discourage children from wearing long pants and jeans. Footwear must be worn to and from school. Please label clothing with your child's name and check the lost property bin regularly for lost items of clothing/footwear.

### School Hats

Once again we remind parents that Term 1 is a compulsory school hat term. Students not wearing a school hat will be restricted to playing in the designated shaded areas only. School hats can be purchased from the school office for \$15.00.

### Early Arrival at School Before 8am

Children are welcome to arrive at school from 8.00am onwards, but we have noticed a number of students arriving even earlier. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.30am. Students are expected to wait quietly on the hall deck until the 8.30am bell. Breakfast Club will be available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the hall from 8.00am. We offer a Before School Care and After School Care operating in our school hall, please contact Mary on 09 2145427 or 021 02344428 for further information.

### Upcoming Events



4th March	-	Parent/Teacher Meeting (Goal setting)
10th March	-	Cross Country/Fun Run
9th April	-	ANZAC Day Special Assembly
9th April	-	Last day of Term 1

### Thought of the Day

"Life is a series of thousands of tiny miracles, notice them".

Nga Mihi Hui

Kogie Naidoo  
Principal