



# Manurewa Central School

## Newsletter



Waitangi Day—No School  
Friday 6 February

Year 6 Camp Parent Meeting  
Thursday 12 February

Meet the Teacher  
Thursday 12 February  
5pm - 6.30pm

Year 6 Camp  
Monday 16 March to  
Wednesday 18 March

End of Term  
Thursday 2 April

MPSSA (Manurewa Primary  
School Sports Association)  
Term 1 Tournaments

Wednesday 18 February  
Week 4  
Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming

Friday 27 February  
Week 5  
Years 5 & 6 Softball

Monday 16 March  
Week 8  
Years 5 & 6 Cricket

*Kia ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Lava, Ni Hao, Namaste,  
Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Kia orana, Mauri, Greetings.*

Welcome back to the 2026 school year. We hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer break and had time to relax and have fun with whānau and friends.

A warm welcome to our new students and families joining our school community this year. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you and supporting your learning journey. To our returning students and whānau, welcome back. It is wonderful to see familiar faces and begin another year of learning together.

At Manurewa Central School, we remain committed to supporting the learning, wellbeing, and belonging of every child. In 2026, we will continue to encourage our tamariki to grow as confident learners, caring friends, and proud members of our school community. We are proud of the positive partnerships we have with our whānau and community, and we look forward to strengthening these connections throughout the year.

I would also like to welcome back our dedicated staff, who work together to create a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment for our students. We are excited about the opportunities 2026 will bring and the learning we will share together.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. We wish everyone a happy and successful start to the school year.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Sandy Griffin  
Acting Principal

### Meet Our Pod Teachers

POD TŌTARA Mrs Siteri Saurara Miss Heather Robinson Miss Joe Stanners	POD PŪRIRI Miss Karrie Sampson Mrs Robyn Moon Mrs Marie-Therese Stevenson	POD TĪTOKI Miss Rowena Ihaka Mrs Cilla Latu Miss Natalie Lamb
POD KŌWHAI Miss Heather Cameron Miss Diana Truong Miss Anisha Devi	POD TĪ KŌUKA Mrs Trudy Simpson Miss Leanna Ah You Mrs Marena Campbell	POD RIMU Mrs Margaret Lynch Mrs Tracey Broughton Mrs Gail Armitage & Mrs Kenyon Radich
POD NĪKAU Mrs Denise Ashby Mr Desmond Chin Miss Sophia Hopkinson	POD KAURI Mrs Sue McHaffie-Green Mr Jason Wickman Mrs Melissa Sowden	

TERM 1 2026 Term Dates	
Number of weeks	9 Weeks
Term start and end dates	Term starts: Tuesday 3 February Term ends: Thursday 2 April
Public Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waitangi Day - Friday 6 February</li> </ul>
School Holidays	Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April 2026
TERM 2	
Number of weeks	11 Weeks
Term start and end dates	Term starts: Monday 20 April Term ends: Friday 3 July
Public Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Only Day - Friday 29 May</li> <li>Anzac Day observed - Monday 27 April</li> <li>King's Birthday – Monday 1 June</li> </ul>
School Holidays	Saturday 4 July to Sunday 19 July 2026
TERM 3	
Number of weeks	10 Weeks
Term start and end dates	Term starts: Monday 20 July Term ends: Friday 25 September
Public Holidays	None
School Holidays	Saturday 26 September to Sunday 11 October
TERM 4	
Number of weeks	10 Weeks
Term start and end dates	Term starts: Monday 12 October Term ends: Tuesday 15 December
Public Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labour Day – Monday 26 October</li> <li>Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 27 October</li> </ul>

## Swimming at School



We are unable to exempt children from our swimming programme, just as we are unable to exempt children from a maths lesson. Please be assured the health and safety of all of our students is at the forefront of our planning. The school Board has policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety of all pool users.

**Swimming and basic aquatic skills are a core part of the refreshed NZ Health and Physical Education curriculum.**

Given the number of adults and children that have drowned over December and January, this aspect of a student's education is important and very necessary.

If, for medical reasons, your child is unable to participate in our swimming programme, please provide a medical certificate or similar documentation to the Principal.

Appropriate swimwear is required. Street clothes, non-swim fabrics, and loose clothing are not permitted in the water.

- Swimwear should be clean, well-fitted, and designed for swimming activities.
- Rash tops, swim shorts, one-piece swimsuits, swimming togs and goggles (optional)
- Towel
- Please avoid cotton clothing, as it can weigh swimmers down in the water.

All swimming gear (named) must be all in a large named plastic bag or similar.

Thank you



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