



Principal's News

Friday 23 August 2024

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

Term 3 is well underway, and we have lots to celebrate as always. Book Week was a huge success, and I would like to say thank you to all our families who did an amazing job providing costumes for our book characters.

This week we are celebrating Tongan Language Week with lu, manioke & otai being delivered to our classrooms today. The children have had an opportunity to see the umu preparations and our gratitude goes to our Tongan community for their support in making this week so memorable.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Simi and Myra to our teacher aide team.

2025 Ballot Dates

Manurewa Central School has an enrolment scheme that has been put in place by the Ministry of Education in order to reduce overcrowding in the classrooms.

The enrolment scheme is administered by our School Board according to strict government regulations. Part of this process involves a ballot for places when there is a shortage for everyone wishing to enrol. Please see the notice on the opposite page for closing dates for 2025.

At School Every Day, All Day

Thank you to everyone who ensures their children attend school regularly and on time.

Children do need to establish good habits both in attendance and being at school before 9am. Lateness disadvantages your child, as does leaving before 3pm.

Please ensure you give your child every chance to be at school and ready to learn by 9am. Please do not pick up your child early except in emergencies.

Proposed Changes to Education

There is a great deal of talk in the media about declining teaching standards, particularly in the core subjects of reading, writing and mathematics. I would like to reassure you that we are keeping ahead of the changes being proposed and continue to provide the best learning opportunities for our students. We will provide further details, and any adaptations we are making to our local curriculum, when the Ministry of Education finalises expectations for 2025.

Ngā mihi,
Michelle Dibben

These students have been recognised by their class teachers for displaying our school value Diversity

"You are unique, just like me.

We are different and we all matter.

It is who we are, what we are and how we think that matters"



<u>Totara</u>	<u>Kowhai</u>	<u>Ti Kouka</u>	<u>Nikau</u>
Cairo	Logan	Jasleen	Nabeel
Sahib	Katinia	Braxton	Abel
Isaac	Tavita	Arneet	Eden
Eli			
<u>Puriri</u>	<u>Titoki</u>	<u>Rimu</u>	<u>Kauri</u>
Faith	Vida	Meilani	Izzabelle
	Abby	Megan	Ritisha
	Amelia	Jayden	Ummehani

Ti Kouka
This week, we embraced Tongan Language Week, exploring Tongan culture through language and art. It has been fun but challenging manipulating our mouths to pronounce tongan words correctly. The students enjoyed learning Tongan phrases and participating in lunchtime activities. It was a wonderful experience that fostered respect and curiosity about the Tongan heritage. Our cross-country training is in full swing! The students have been working hard to build endurance and set personal goals. Their determination and teamwork have been impressive. In maths we've been learning about area and capacity through hands-on activities. Students have been measuring spaces and estimating volumes, developing important spatial skills. We've focused on enhancing our writing by developing language features like descriptive language and varied sentence structures. The students are experimenting with richer vocabulary in their stories, and the results have been fantastic. Ngā mihi nui, Ti Kouka

Kowhai

What a wonderful Book Week we had last week! We love reading everyday in Kōwhai, but it was extra fun to vote for our favourite stories, have guest readers visit and to end the week with an amazing character dress up day. We have also been creating our own narratives during writing time and have been working on bringing these stories to life with descriptive language and sequencing events with lots of interesting detail. We hope you'll be able to come in and read these soon. Our Mitey focus for the past couple of weeks has been on family. We have discussed the different types of families, who is part of our family and what we love to do together. It has reminded us of our school value of Diversity - celebrating how we are different but the same! Language week celebrations have continued this term. As a pod, we created 'ei katu for Cook Islands Language Week and also made a design on a piece of ngatu for Tongan Language Week.

Rimu

Wow - we are now halfway through the term already. Rimu students have been busy learners - following the Olympics and learning about the Olympic Values and the Olympic Motto, as well as learning about the Continents, Countries and their Flags too. We had a fantastic trip to the Stardome Planetarium where we learned some facts about the planets in our Solar System and also got to travel through the Universe gazing at other galaxies and constellations like Matariki. All the children have been practising art techniques to produce some great artwork in our pod for you to look at in Week 9 on the Art trail.

Nikau

Some of our school garden champions have started a vegetable stall on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 8.30, outside the staffroom. They have a donation/ koha box to help raise funds to purchase more seeds, tools and compost for our school gardens. Please come along and check out our stall and support our gardeners. Remember to bring your own bag.



Titoki

Term 3 began with parent interviews, where it was wonderful to share the great progress the children have been making. We are now fully immersed in our learning activities. This week, in celebration of Tongan Language Week, we've been exploring how to make an 'umu' and the traditional foods cooked in it. We are also excited about our first Tongan school fashion show and look forward to enjoying Lu moa (taro leaves with chicken) and manioke (cassava) tomorrow.

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLMENT 2025

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their child at Manurewa Central School. A number of places for Out of Zone students are available for:

- **Students turning 5 years old during 2025.**
- **Students in years 1 to 6.**

Out of Zone application forms are available from the school office, or online from our website www.mancent.school.nz.

Applications will be received up to and including Monday 21 October 2024.

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in priority order. Details are contained in the enrolment scheme which is available at the school office. If the number of Out of Zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

The Ballot will be held on Thursday 24 October 2024.

If you are already a parent of a child attending our school, it is important that you also complete the ballot application form for a younger sibling in order to guarantee a place for 2025.

Puriri
Puriri had a great time during book week. We've been looking at different authors like Dr Seuss (The Cat in the Hat), Lynley Dodd (The Hairy Maclary series) and Helen Nicoll (The Meg, Mog and Owl series). The outfits on Friday looked great - well done parents!

Kauri
Kauri Ngahere have had a very exciting few weeks. A group of students from Kauri visited Vector Wero last week to learn about how to be safe in and around moving water. Some of the students were a bit nervous but tackled the different challenges head-on and really enjoyed their time there. We have another group going in Week 7 and another going early next term. We had a fantastic week last week for Book Week and had heaps of fun dressing up as our favourite book characters on Friday. Some of our Year 6 students had their first visit to Greenmeadows Intermediate School on Wednesday and Manurewa Intermediate on Thursday. This is always an exciting time for the Year 6s who are looking forward to next year and the new opportunities that are on offer to them. Kauri Pod has been very busy preparing for the Art Walk in Week 9. We are having fun making art to share with everyone, and it is exciting to see these come together.

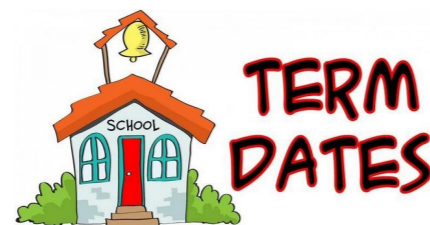
End of Term 3

Friday 27 September

Term 4

Monday 14 October to

Friday 13 December



MCS OKE Gardens

Our clever gardeners would like to share our fresh garden vegetables with you.

Look for our sign out on the days we have freshly picked vegetables available.

Your Koha will help us buy more seeds and seedlings which we will plant and care for.



Totara

We have been so lucky to have new friends and families join us in Tōtara Pod as Room 2 opened at the beginning of the term. There are many new faces of excited children, keen to learn and ready to explore their new environment. We have been continuing to work hard to learn our letter sounds and are learning to be more independent in our Reading and Writing and Maths work. We have been doing a lot of work focused on friendships in our pod. How can we be a good friend? What makes a good friend? Can we have more than one friend? These are all questions we have been discussing at school so that everyone feels included and so that we can have the tools to solve problems as they come up on the playground and in the classroom. It has been a busy and exciting few weeks so far and we are looking forward to what is coming up this term.

Art Walk
Wednesday 18 September 3.30pm—5.30pm
Thursday 19 September 3.30pm—4.30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

SO MANY THINGS TO SEE!!!