



# Principal's News

Friday 26 July 2024

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

Welcome back to the beginning of another busy term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable couple of weeks despite the weather! I would like to welcome all our new families, and two members of staff; Ashleigh Cole who is teaching in New Entrants, and Tom Ruki who joins our property team as assistant caretaker.

This term's value is diversity. The children understand diversity as "accepting and celebrating the similarities and differences of themselves and others." As a multicultural community our school caters for a diverse ethnic population. We celebrate and value a variety of cultures by recognising cultural differences and strive to ensure that all students feel culturally safe and valued.

We aim to create a learning environment that is caring and inclusive and attends to the cultural and linguistic diversity of our students. We appreciate that students may identify with more than one cultural group, and we value the histories and traditions of all our students. In school we do this by:

- integrating cultural perspectives through curriculum areas across all levels
- providing opportunities for students, their families, and the wider school community to use and share their cultural knowledge
- being sensitive to all religious beliefs and belief systems
- demonstrating an awareness of and respect for cultural practices
- using our communication tools to share and celebrate cultural diversity with our school families
- supporting students for whom English is not their first language
- reflecting different cultures in our school environment (e.g. signage, murals, artwork)
- celebrating festivals and significant holidays from a range of cultures
- running our own cultural events and activities (e.g. groups, assemblies, activities to celebrate language weeks, festivals, food festivals etc).

We also acknowledge the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua and are committed to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The Education and Training Act 2020 lays down the following objectives for Boards:

- to ensure plans, policies, and local curriculum include local tikanga, Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori
- take reasonable steps to offer or make available instruction in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori, and
- have equitable outcomes for Māori students.

To support our work in this area, Te Rōpū Whānau was established last year. The purpose of this group is to give Māori parents and whānau a voice in our strategic planning. This year we are looking to grow the capacity of this group and are looking for new members. If you are interested in making a difference to the educational opportunities for your Tamariki, please come along to our hui on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 2:15pm in the staffroom.

Ngā mihi,  
Michelle Dibben  
Principal

Nau mai, Haere Mai



We warmly invite you to take part in our Te Rōpū Whānau Hui on Monday, 5 August at 2.15 in the staffroom.

As whānau Māori at our kura you are in the position to guide the teaching and learning for our ākonga. We need your help to inform the change needed to make sure whānau dreams and aspirations for your tamariki are captured in our strategic goals and future planning.

*We look forward to seeing you there.*

Tongan Parent Fktaha - Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga

Thursday 1 August @ 3:00 PM - Staffroom

Mālō e lelei ngaahi matua tauhi fanau,

Oku mau fieifa ke fakaafe'i atu ke mou lava mai mua ke tau fakataha fekauaki moe uike lea FakaTonga.

Fakaapa'pa atu

Dear parents/caregivers  
We would like to invite you to come to a meeting regarding Tongan Language Week.

## 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](http://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.

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# BOOK WEEK

WEEK FOUR  
TERM THREE

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY TO BE CONFIRMED

DIVE INTO A WORLD OF STORIES AND ADVENTURES!

### Lost Property

Please encourage your children to check for any lost property regularly. There is a large amount of unnamed personal clothing and items outside the staffroom, just waiting to return home.



### Parent Interviews

Week 3 - Thursday 8 August



## Book School Interviews Online

To book your interviews, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code) in your browser, and enter the event code ummm8 Then follow these three simple steps:



First enter your name, your student's name, and your email address.



If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for x students" setting, and enter the other student's name.



On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet.

Choose from the list of teachers.

Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And you can return to the site and enter the event code ummm8 again to change or cancel your interviews.

If you don't have internet access, please call Kristal (09 269 0250) at the school office. She will be able to make a booking for you.

## MPSSA DATES TERM 3

### Year 5/6 Netball

Week 3 Monday 5th August

### Year 5/6 Girls' Football

Week 4 Wednesday 14th August

### Year 4/5/6 Cross Country

Week 7 Monday 2nd September

### Year 5/6 Basketball

Wednesday 25th September

Students will be asked to sign up if they would like to represent our school at the Manurewa Primary School Sports Association Tournaments.

## Important Dates



### Tongan Parent Fktaha

Thursday 1 August @ 3pm in the staffroom

### Te Rōpū Whānau Hui

Monday 5 August

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 8 August

### Cook Island Language Week

Week 3

### Book Week

Week 4

### Tongan Language Week

Week 5

### MCS ART WALK - SAVE THE DATE

Save the date to come and see your children's art work and sculptures. Wednesday 18th September 3:30 - 5:30  
Thursday 19th September 3:30 - 4:30

### End of Term 3

Friday 27 September

### Term 4

Monday 14 October to Friday 13

December