



Principal's News

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

Friday 7 August 2026

Kia orāna kōtou kātōatoa,

Celebrating Strong Connections:

A massive thank you to our school community for making last week’s Parent-Teacher Interviews such a success. We achieved a 90% attendance rate, which speaks volumes about the value you place on your child’s education. Community engagement is a cornerstone of our school culture, and seeing our school filled with meaningful conversations between parents, teachers, and students reinforces just how strong our partnership is.

Next Steps & Staying Connected:

With 90% of families checked in, our focus now shifts to reaching the remaining 10% of our community who couldn't make it. If you were unable to attend, make time with your child’s teacher. Ensuring every child’s learning journey is aligned between home and school is vital to their success, and we want to make sure no family misses out.

Looking Ahead:

Term 3 is moving quickly, and we have a busy calendar packed with sports, academic challenges, and community gatherings. Keep a close eye out for upcoming event announcements so you don't miss a thing.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.

Aroha mai Aroha atu
Mike Piper
Tumuaki
Manurewa Central school



Our school is getting ready for the **Monty the Monstar Fun Run** this term, and we're so excited! The big event will take place on **Thursday 24 September** during the school day.

On **Monday**, every student will receive a **sponsorship booklet** and a **letter for parents and caregivers** with everything you need to get started.

This year's fundraising goal is to help provide a **new canopy and turf** for our school. Every dollar raised brings us one step closer to making this happen for our tamariki.

The first step is to create your own **online Profile Page** and share it with your whānau and friends so they can sponsor you. Your sponsorship booklet includes easy instructions to help you set it up.

There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs! Keep an eye out for the prize posters displayed around the school to see what you could win.

Remember:

The more donations you collect, the more prizes you earn—and the more you help our school community!
Let's do this, Monstars!

Kauri

Term Three has started with a hiss and a roar! Kauri students have been very busy writing speeches, which will be shared to classes over the next few weeks. Science has been a highlight of our term so far. We are enjoying learning about forces and motion, energy in natural systems, volcanoes and earthquakes, and energy in sound, light and electricity. We look forward to learning more as the term progresses. Term Three is always an exciting time in Kauri Pod for our Year 6 students. It is time to complete their intermediate school enrolments and begin visiting some of the intermediate schools they will attend next year. Next week, Kauri Pod is going to see the National Youth Theatre production of *Grease!* *This production is performed by children and young people aged 8–18 years and is a child-friendly version of the original movie. We are really looking forward to this experience. Kauri Pod is looking great at the moment, with lots of student artwork on display. Kōkako have recently completed a Matariki artwork, Kōtare have been working on Hundertwasser inspired pieces, and Kea have some cool portraits on the wall. Come in and take a look when you get a moment!*

Tītoki

Kia orana,
Tītoki have embraced Cook Islands Language Week by making 'ei katu' to wear and learning the national anthem. In Maths, we are learning about money and we are making new discoveries every day. We know that money can be cents and dollars and dollars can be in the shape of a coin or a note. Counting money has been challenging but fun. We will improve and become faster in doing this, so we are well prepared for when we start earning money of our own.



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

Diversity



<u>Totara</u>	<u>Kowhai</u>	<u>Ti Kouka</u>	<u>Nikau</u>
Iyah	Lucy	Amaya-Lee	Imelia
Gunkar	Daanvi	Azaliya-Rose	Bradley
Odin	Aria	Imyra	Rashmeet
Cleo			
<u>Pūriri</u>	<u>Titoki</u>	<u>Rimu</u>	<u>Kauri</u>
Savreen	Fatima	Harnoor	Swaye
	Lycan	Kaydence	Indianna
	Kahlo-Jay	Abel	Tanishka

Kōwhai

It has been exciting to watch the Commonwealth Games over the last couple of weeks and cheer on the athletes striving to do their very best—just like we aim to do every day in the classroom! Our first gymnastics session last Friday was a highlight, with many students showing courage as they challenged themselves and tried new skills. This term, we are looking forward to learning all about animals, their habitats and life cycles. There is a busy and exciting term ahead, and we can't wait to see all the learning and growth that will take place!

Nikau

Welcome to Term 3 from the Nikau Team!

It was wonderful seeing so many parents and whānau during our recent interviews. Your ongoing support plays a vital role in your child's learning journey. A huge congratulations to our students for their impressive effort with their speeches! The Nikau teachers were so proud of their courage as they spoke in front of their whānau groups.

A friendly reminder: Regular homework is now going home each week—please remember to check in with your child to see what they are working on!

Rimu

Congratulations to Miss T, our student teacher, who is now a registered teacher! We are incredibly proud of her achievement and wish her every success as she begins this exciting new chapter in her teaching career. In Inquiry this term, we have been exploring forces, including pushes and pulls, friction, and thermal energy. The children have thoroughly enjoyed investigating these concepts through a range of hands-on science activities. They have been experimenting, making observations, asking questions, and drawing conclusions, developing their scientific thinking and curiosity along the way.

Ti Kōuka

Ki orana! We have been immersed in learning about the Cook Islands this week. The children have written what they would take in their suitcases for their trip, what they would see when they got there and how to greet each other in the language of the Cook Islands. What an amazing country to visit particularly at this time of the year when it's frosty in NZ.

Thank you to the many parents who came to school interviews last week. We really enjoyed catching up with you and sharing your Year 3's progress. We have a wonderful pod with wonderful children participating enthusiastically in all activities inside and outside of the classroom. We are also enjoying our new rope playground!

Pūriri

Pūriri were very excited to celebrate our 100th day of school. We made patterns with 100 coloured squares, we ate 100 snacks and we wrote what we will be like when we are 100 years old! We're also enjoying learning about the Sky Tower - ask us what it is made of and how tall it is!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 5

Tonga: Lea faka-Tonga

Thursday 27 August
Flag Football - MPSSA

Week 7

Book Week

Friday 4 September
Book Dress Up Day

Tuesday 8 September
Manurewa Central School Birthday

Tuesday 10 September
Years 0-3 Cross Country

Week 9

Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori

Thursday 24 September
Colour Run



Friday 25 September
Last day of term

Tōtara

We have had a great start to the term, welcoming new children and their whānau to our pod. Last week we celebrated 100 Days of School! We did all of our learning around 100, counting to 100, writing numbers to 100, writing what we might be like at 100 years old or what we would do with \$100. Our favourite part of the day was our dance party in the afternoon. Mr Piper and Mrs Griffin came to join in the fun, dancing with glow in the dark bracelets and balloons and showing off our great dance moves. We had such a fun day and are excited for what the next 100 days will bring.

