



# Principal's News

Friday 15 December 2023

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

It is with a sense of pride that I reflect on 2024. This week I have been involved in a number of end of year celebrations and prize givings, and witnessed exceptional displays of passion, respect, integrity, diversity and excellence. I am always amazed by the achievements of our tamariki, however large or small.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the unwavering commitment, hard work and resilience of our staff. Your children have grown socially and made huge steps in their learning due to the passion and dedication of teachers, teacher aides, support staff and school leadership. Indeed, Manurewa Central School's success is built on the firm foundation of community values. This includes our relationships with you - parents and whānau. Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning, and partnering with us to provide the best outcomes for all.

## Staffing

We say a fond farewell to the following members of staff and wish them well in their new adventures.:

Lizzie Hales, a teacher aide, is moving to Hawkes Bay. We will miss her energy and talent!  
Ashleigh Harris-Dixon and Carolyn Loader, teacher aides in the junior school. Best wishes for 2024.  
Mariah Scott, our SWIS, has a new role at Oranga Tamariki. Our loss is definitely their gain – good luck Mariah.

Next year we are fortunate to welcome to our team:

Joseph Nganu to Ti Kouka pod and Jason Wickman to Kauri pod.  
We are now fully staffed for the beginning of 2024 which is always a great feeling at the end of a busy year.

For those of you who complete your MCS journey in 2023, we know your children leave us with the skills and attributes to dream big and aspire to being the very best they can be. For those returning, we look forward to all that 2024 has to offer. Remember that your first day back is **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.

I wish you all a relaxing summer break with quality time to celebrate with family and friends.

Ngā mihi nui  
Michelle Dibben  
Principal

## Profile Reporting

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our [school work](#) together over time rather than one off review that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our [school worked](#) alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](#).

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.

## Year 6 Camp 2024

Our Year 6 students have the opportunity to take part in experiencing Education Outside the Classroom at Camp Adair in Term 1 2024. This exciting experience allows students to grow in confidence, self-awareness, and independence.

Activities include abseiling, low ropes, kayaking, archery, bushcraft, and other team-building and problem-solving activities.

**The Camp takes place in Week 8 of Term 1 2024: Monday 18 March to Wednesday 20 March 2024.**

Keep an eye out for information coming home with your child about Camp 2024!



## 2024 Term Dates

### Term 1

31 January - 12 April

### Term 2

29 April - 05 July

### Term 3

22 July - 29 September

### Term 4

14 October - 13 December

## Important Dates

### Tuesday 6 February

Waitangi Day—No School

### Thursday 8 February

Meet the Teacher Evening

### Friday 29 March

Goo Friday—No School

### Monday 1 April

Easter Monday—No school

### Tuesday 2 April

Easter Tuesday—No School



**We would like to thank The Eden Lodge for your very generous donation to our school.**

**These are key stationery items used by students across all levels of the school and your donation is gratefully accepted by our students and their families.**

**The Board of Trustees, staff, students and whānau thank you for your support of our school.**

## Pūriri

What a wonderful year we have had in Pūriri pod! All our children have learnt and grown so well! We all enjoyed performing in the Kapa Haka group at the Year 0-3 prizegivings. We did a lot of practising for this, and we were proud to showcase our talents for our whānau and friends. Have a very Merry Christmas, from Pūriri teachers and kids.

## Tōtara

What a wonderful year we have had at school! We started with three classes in our pod and ended with five. It has been a great pleasure seeing the smiling faces of excited children as they started their school journey with us. We also welcomed new teachers to our team. We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for their hard work and for being brave in starting school for the first time. We would also like to say thank you so much to each family of our youngest learners for supporting your child in their transition to school this year. Wishing you all a fabulous Summer break and looking forward to seeing the children again next year.

## Nikau

What a year Nikau has had! We have had some great times and achieved so much! We have learnt so many skills in the core subject areas: Maths, Reading, and Writing, and also many other skills like cooking, digital technology, sports, art, and skills around wellbeing. We have enjoyed many trips this year. We learnt so much on our trip to Nathan Homestead, our day at Vector Wero, and when we saw the stage show, 'The Worm.' We gained skills in our Pedal Power and swimming sessions at Manurewa Pools and Leisure, and when Counties Manukau Sports came to visit. We look forward to 2024 and all that may bring us. Good luck to the students leaving our school; we will miss you. To all the students returning, we look forward to seeing you next year and seeing all that you will achieve.

## Rimu

We have had a very busy last few weeks of the year! This past week we got to celebrate our learning for our Inquiry topics. The Animals group completed their Dioramas and presented them to their class. The Minibeast group spent 2 sessions in different parts of the school bug hunting. They found a variety of creepy crawly bugs, worms and watched the bees visiting flowers. The Plants group did some harvesting of the vegetables they planted at the beginning of the term. The children pulled up potatoes and carrots, picked pea pods, cabbages, celery and lettuce. The tomatoes are still green so we have left them for now. Then we roasted the potatoes and carrots and they were delicious! In spite of the weather our Botanical Garden Trip was great fun - a big Thank you again to all the wonderful parents who came to help out on Wednesday. We are so proud of our Rimu children and all they have achieved this year. We hope all of our families have a lovely rest over the summer break. Take care and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

## Kauri

Miss Radich, Mrs McHaffie-Green, Miss Fa'apuea, Mrs Armitage, Mrs McLean and Miss McQuoid would like to say a big thankyou to all the fabulous, awesome and amazing year 6 students of 2023. This year we have all achieved a lot, had plenty of laughs along the way ( and a few tears ) and enjoyed our learning and time as role models and leaders in the school. It has been a great experience and we know all our wonderful students are ready to embark on the next stage of their journey at intermediate school in 2024.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
28/11 Akesa	14/12 Akaiti	21/12 Lani
29/11 Joseph	14/12 Maggie	22/12 Imelia
2/12 Charanni	15/12 Kyan	22/12 Japkirat
4/12 Hargun	17/12 Lucy	22/12 Waheroop
4/12 Samaira	18/12 Chester	23/12 Jazlyn
4/12 Xavier	18/12 Jasim	25/12 Hannah
6/12 Levi	19/12 Akmal	26/12 Lionel
8/12 Shaarav	19/12 Deljahzan	26/12 Ranjot
9/12 Avnoor	20/12 Prabhjit	26/12 Leaurio
11/12 Thurston	21/12 Caius	
12/12 Phillip	21/12 Ishan	

## Titoki

Thank you to all our wonderful Titoki children for the progress made in your learning. We are tremendously proud of you all! Remember to rest up over the holidays, be kind to your family and friends, have fun and most importantly, be safe. Thank you to our amazing families for your support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2024, refreshed, happy and a little taller. Ma te wa! Titoki teachers.

## Kōwhai

WOW! What a wonderful year we have had in Kōwhai, we have all grown and made great progress in our learning. It has been exciting to watch our ākonga develop confidence in themselves and be proud of what they have achieved. Resilience to keep trying and bravery to have a go at something new means our Year 2's are well and truly ready for the exciting new challenges of Year 3. Thank you to all the parents and whanau for being so supportive of your children's learning throughout the year. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday!

## Ti Kōuka

We have had a wonderful bunch of learners in Ti Kōuka pod this year, who have all worked so hard and achieved so much! Your teachers and teacher aides in Ti Kōuka pod are proud of you all.

Thank you so much to Holly Austin who came and filled in when Miss Enderby went on maternity leave. We have loved working with you, and hope to see you back at school next year. On behalf of everyone in Ti Kōuka pod, Merry Christmas and have a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2024.

