



Principal's News

Friday 5 February 2024

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

Welcome back to all our families as the 2024 school year gets underway. Our tamariki have settled well and are enthusiastically throwing themselves into activities and learning. It has been so rewarding to see friends reunited, and our new learners finding their feet in 'big school'. I would like to say thank you to all our staff for making the classrooms and school grounds ready for our eager learners.

Staffing

I am pleased to welcome the following staff members: Joseph Nганu in Kowhai pod and Jason Wickman in Kauri pod. Also, a warm welcome to Jo Casey who joins us as a teacher aide.

Property

You will notice that we still have construction workers on site and areas of the school fenced off to children. During the holidays we had a toilet upgrade to the auditorium block and the admin block. These facilities were completed before the children's return but we have another couple of weeks until Puriri block is completed. The central grass area is closed, in part, to allow the grass to grow again as a result of drainage works in January.

School Safety

Our school gates are locked between 9am and 2:55pm. Visitors are asked to go in at the office and wear a visitor's badge whilst on school grounds. We ask that children and whanau use the pedestrian crossing to navigate the traffic at key times of the day. We strongly discourage crossing the road by Newhook Lane. We endeavour to teach our children safe road practices and thank you for your support in this matter.

Attendance

You will be aware of the government's mandate regarding 1 hour of reading, writing and mathematics teaching. Every day matters to a child's education. Overseas holidays in term time have a huge impact on children's progress and should be avoided if at all possible. First thing in the morning and last thing in the afternoon are also really important times of the day. This is when teachers set expectations for the day and reflect on the day's learning. Important messages are also given at this time. Therefore, I ask that you get your child to school by 8:45am and do not pick them up before 3pm unless it is an absolute emergency. Please plan medical and dental appointments after 3pm. In doing so you will ensure less disruption for your own child's learning but also that of the other children in the class/pod.

School Banking

We offer students banking facilities with the ASB Bank. Our banking day is Tuesday. If you would like your child to bank through the school please pick up a form from the office.

Ngā mihi nui
Michelle Dibben
Principal

Year 6 Camp 2024

Our Year 6 students have the opportunity to take part in experiencing Education Outside the Classroom at Camp Adair this Term in Week 8 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.

Please send permission slips back to school and make payments as soon as possible. If you have any questions see Mrs Ene.

Swimming at School

Swimming is part of our PE curriculum. It is expected that all children will swim. Please ensure swimming gear is clearly named for every student. A note from a parent/caregiver is required if your child is not swimming for any reason.



MPSSA (Manurewa Primary School Sports Association)

Term 1 Tournaments

**Tuesday 27 February
Week 5**
Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming

**Wednesday 13 March
Week 7**
Years 5 & 6 Cricket

Sunhats on Heads



Please ensure your child has a named sun hat or cap to be used for all activities outside the classroom. Children without hats/caps will play in

LOST PROPERTY

Please help us keep track of lost property items. Please name all clothing items which may be 'taken off' during the day. This helps us return lost items to their owners. Thank you for your help with this.

Important Dates

Tuesday 6 February

Waitangi Day—No School

Thursday 8 February

Meet the Teacher Evening

Monday 18 March - Wednesday 20 March

Year 6 Camp

Friday 29 March

Good Friday—No School

Monday 1 April

Easter Monday—No school

Tuesday 2 April

Easter Tuesday—No School

2024 Term Dates

Term 1

31 January - 12 April

Term 2

29 April - 05 July

Term 3

22 July - 27 September

Term 4

14 October - 13

December



MEET THE TEACHER

Come meet your
child's teacher
Thursday 8 February

5:00 PM

Check out our local club stalls & activities:

- Manurewa Netball
- Water Polo
- Rugby
- Rugby League
- Tennis
- Football
- Hungerball Arena
- Ki o Rahi

5:30 PM

Parents gather in the Auditorium:

- Welcome by Principal
- Meet the MCS 2024 team

Contact the office if you need more information

09 269 0250 officemanager@mancent.school.nz

Pick up and Drop off Students



Please enter and leave school daily using the Admin carpark gate or Cenotaph gate. Gates are closed at 9am and opened at the end of the day at 2.55pm. Late students use the main office and are required to sign in as 'Late'. New Entrant children must be collected from Totara pod at the end of the day.

Please do not use the office area unless you need to speak with office staff.

Thank you for your help with this.

Road Safety

Thank you for keeping our children safe by walking along the footpaths and crossing at the lights. Keep it up.



Manurewa Central School

Pita Pit still every Wednesday

Sushi Lunches every Friday

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

<http://lunchonline.co.nz>

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account

2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location

3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order

4. Select your lunch and place an order

Phone 0800 LOL LOL

Phone 0800 565 565

info@lunchonline.co.nz

MCS Online Platforms

Follow us on Facebook and check out our Website for notices.



<https://www.mancent.school.nz/>



Teachers will send an invite to join your child's class dojo. Parents, you will get an email or text with a link to accept. From there, you will create an account or sign in to an existing account to connect. **Please Note:** You will need to use an email address to