



Principal's News

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

Friday 5 June 2026

A very warm welcome to Week 7. This week is particularly special as we celebrate **Vaiao o le Gagana Samoa – Samoan Language Week!** The official theme for this year is 'E afua mai i mauga tetele manuia o le 'nu'u', which translates to "From the high mountains are the blessings of the village." It reminds us that our strength and well-being flow from the strong foundations of our families, leadership, and community. Our students have been busy learning new phrases, sharing songs, and exploring the rich culture of Samoa across all classrooms this week. **Manuia le Vaiao o le Gagana Samoa!**

Keeping Our Tamariki Safe: Before-School Drop-offs

Speaking of looking after our "village," the winter weather has started to settle in with the darker, wetter mornings. The safety of our tamariki is our absolute priority. To keep our mornings running smoothly and ensure every child arrives safely, please take a moment to review our before-school drop-off guidelines:

- Use the Designated Drop-off Zones: Please do not stop on yellow lines, across residential driveways, or in the middle of the road to let your child out.
- Kerbside Exit Only: Ensure your children exit the vehicle onto the footpath side, never into live traffic.
- Slow Down: Please maintain a walking pace when driving past the school gates. Visibility can be poor in the rain, and little feet can move fast.

Check In with Your Child's Teacher

As we cross the midpoint of the term, keeping the lines of communication wide open is so important for your child's learning journey. If you have any questions, want an update on their progress, or need to share any specific circumstances affecting their attendance or well-being, please **reach out and check in with their classroom teacher**. When we stay connected, we can better support our students and ensure they feel confident and ready to learn every single day.

Let's Chat on ClassDojo!

If you can't come in , message your class teacher. They will do their best to get back to you during school work hours.

Around the School This Week

It's not all about logistics! Our students have been doing an amazing job representing our school values. Whether it's showing kindness on the playground, or pushing through tricky challenges in the classroom, the resilience on display is fantastic. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our school community safe, warm, and thriving.

Questions from the whanau hui:

- **What is your background before becoming a Principal at Manurewa?**

I first became a teacher in 1995. I love working in schools and with families. I was principal at St Mary Mackillop school in Mangere for 11 yrs .

- **What was the main reason that you wanted to be the Principal at MCS?**

I came looking for change and the chance to try something different. I inquired about the Job and the more time I got closer to the interview , the more connected I felt and excited by the challenge. I am loving being some where different , with new challenges and new learning opportunities. But still I get to work in a a place with an amazing Community.

Fa'afetai lava and ngā mihi nui,

Mike Piper
Tumuaki
Manurewa Central school

Attendance Champions

Congratulations to **Rimu ML Whānau**, who enjoyed a well-deserved hot chips treat for achieving the highest attendance in Term 1!

Thank you to all our students and whānau for making school attendance a priority. Every day at school counts and helps students make the most of their learning.

Keep an eye out in our next newsletter to see which whānau group will be crowned our **Term 2 Attendance Champions!**



Titoki

Talofa lava, During Samoan Language Week, Titoki used siapo (tapa cloth) to support their learning in maths, science and writing. In maths, students explored the patterns in siapo and used them to make arrays, repeated addition, multiplication and division equations. In our Matter Chatter learning, we looked at siapo as a natural material and learned about its properties and fibres.

Students talked about what they noticed and used this knowledge to write informative pieces about different materials. This learning helped our tamaiti build their skills while learning about an important part of Samoan culture.

These students have been

recognised by their class teachers for displaying our school value

<u>Totara</u>	<u>Kowhai</u>	<u>Ti Kouka</u>	<u>Nikau</u>
Roseleen	Jekope	Amaya-Lee	Krishvi
Amber	Lavish	Avleen	Kyan
Aleiyah	Epenesa	Zakiyus	Hunter
Simeon			
<u>Puriri</u>	<u>Titoki</u>	<u>Rimu</u>	<u>Kauri</u>
Kami	Hellendorah	Yashmitha	Megan
Gurtaj	Tanishka	Kaia-Ross	Lucy
	Neveah	Zachariah	Taiese



Kōwhai

Autumn has come and gone! In Kōwhai we have been exploring the change in season through descriptive writing and art. Enjoy our creative sentences...
The leaves twirl and twist gracefully in the sky.
They crumble in my hand and crackle under my feet.
The leaf twirled like a ballerina.
My leaf floats like a parachute.
Leaves changing colours into amber, gold and brown.
Autumn leaves make a carpet as crunchy as can be.

Rimu

Everyone is enjoying our new fitness rotation which helps warm us up on these chilly mornings. We now have 2 student teachers in Rimu which is making our learning more fun. The children have been working on their speeches, we are looking forward to hearing these in Week 10. Our lockdown practise went really well and the children understood the procedures. Rimu ML enjoyed having hot chips as a reward for good attendance, Next Rimu will be making salad sandwiches with produce from our very own gardens.

Tōtara

We have been having a great time in Tōtara pod learning about community helpers. We enjoyed our firewise unit so much that we wanted to learn about more jobs in our community. Thanks to some wonderful parents we had visits from the police, including their police dog, an ambulance and Dr Josh. We loved learning more about these jobs and how they help people in our community and trying out the tools. We have learned about many other jobs and have started talking about what we might like to do when we get older. We also continue to welcome new children into Tōtara toru, it is so fun to have new friends join us at school.

Ti Kouka

Talofa lava, families and whānau, and Happy Samoan Language Week!

A big thank you to all the parents, families, and whānau who have supported and participated in this special week. We especially enjoyed the wonderful performances shared during our assembly and appreciate everyone who helped make the celebrations so meaningful. As part of our Samoan Language Week celebrations, our tamariki have been learning about **Siapo**, the traditional Samoan art of decorated barkcloth. They explored the unique patterns, symbols, and meanings found in Siapo designs and enjoyed creating their own artworks inspired by this beautiful cultural tradition. In our Ti Kouka Pod, our tamariki have been learning about the Hauraki Gulf as part of our inquiry learning. We have been exploring the importance of our ocean and discovering what is happening to the sea animals that live in this beautiful environment. In Sport, our tamariki have been enjoying their Street Racket sessions. Through fun games and activities, they have been developing their hand-eye coordination skills while practising catching, hitting, and controlling the ball.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you throughout the term.

Nikau

Nikau has been busy continuing with our in-class learning alongside some great extracurricular activities. We have had groups of students head out for soccer and we are looking forward to rugby and netball starting up over the next few weeks. In class, we are moving into fractions for maths, and our big focus is speeches, with students now starting to craft their ideas. This week, we have also been celebrating Samoan Language Week, diving into the culture by learning the language and creating beautiful *siapo* art. Additionally, we are lucky to have our student teacher, Mr. Singh, continuing with us this term as part of his final practicum. Finally, as the weather gets colder, we have been enjoying some warm comfort food in class, with butter chicken and spaghetti bolognese being big hits with the students!

Kauri

We have been working hard in Kauri Pod over the last few weeks. There is a lot going on — lots of writing, reading and maths, as well as fitness, singing and art! Here are some things some students had to say about their learning.
Meliani – In class, we are learning about animals and mountains. I have enjoyed writing, and we have been writing about an animal that was part of the war.
Jayden – We have been learning about persuasive writing, and we are writing about different topics. I am writing that I think video gamers should be professional athletes. I have been enjoying fitness. I like skipping and hula hooping.
Raymlyh – We have been learning about line graphs in maths. I really like line graphs. I have also been enjoying writing. We are writing persuasive texts about why Manurewa Central School is the best school in South Auckland.
Anaggha – We have been learning about persuasive writing, and we are writing about why Manurewa Central School is the best school in South Auckland. I have been enjoying doing my planning on the hamburger planning sheet.
Scott – We are learning about Samoan language and culture this week for Samoan Language Week. I have been enjoying writing, in particular writing about our war animal. I have also been putting together a slideshow about Buddhism after our trip to the temple a few weeks ago.

Important Dates

MPSSA League

Thursday 11 June

Drumming Showcase

Friday 12 June, 10am

Year 5/6 Book Battle

Thursday 18 June

Sausage Sizzle

Friday 26 June – More details to come



Jumping June

Friday 26 June

MPSSA Netball

Monday 29 June

End of Term 2

Friday, 3 July

Term 3 Begins

Monday, 20 July



Puriri

One sunny day, two girls were watering a tree in their garden. They watered and watered until it was a big tree. Then the tree grabbed them!

By Hannah