



MANUREWA SOUTH SCHOOL

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A word from the Principal

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Kia Ora, Talofa, Malo e Lelei, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Greetings...Welcome Back...Here we are at Week 5 (half way though Term 3). Unfortunately the weather has been very challenging in terms of the amount of rain we have endured over the past 3 weeks. Children have been cooped up inside and when there is a slight chance that the weather fines up they have been able to get out and stretch their legs. In saying this we have noticed that a number of children are arriving to school unwell so please make sure that if your child is not feeling well eg: vomiting, upset tummy, sore head please keep them at home. Don't forget you can find out what's happening at school by accessing our school website on **www.manurewasouth.school.nz** or our school **Facebook** page!

Tone Kolose - Principal

Lock Down Practice

Tomorrow **Wednesday 21st August** our school will be involved in our annual Lock Down exercise practice. Our school has again used Harrison Tew, who specialise in emergency management planning for schools to run this practice. The procedures developed by Harrison Tew allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances.

As a component of the implementation of the emergency procedures into our school, specialised training is being conducted with senior leadership and our staff. The students will also receive training directed at their respective age groups from Harrison Tew.

The training consists of a low key but detailed approach to potential threats and has been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand.

After the training, we will be conducting a lock down exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew. The exercise will be as real-life as possible, which will mean that parents/families will receive notification by way of the school website and Facebook page. The information passed on will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website/Facebook Page.

Prior to this occurring, can I please remind all parents and caregivers to ensure your contact details (mobile phone numbers and email addresses) are current as this will be our communication with you, should an emergency occur at the school.

In a genuine incident, should you hear of a lock down or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond.

Your presence at, or contact with, the school may make it more difficult for us to manage the situation and could potentially place your children and, in fact, yourselves at risk.

We thank you for your support

REMEMBER: TOMORROWS LOCK DOWN IS A PRACTICE EXERCISE!

Education Review Visit

On **Monday 23rd September** to **Friday 27th August** our school will be visited by the Education Review Office. The visit will be an external evaluation on how the school is progressing. They will have the opportunity to talk to the Board, staff, students and parents about our school and look at things we are doing well with and areas that we can improve on.

We will open the visit with our school powhiri on Monday 23rd August starting at **9:00am**.

Parents and whanau are welcome to attend our powhiri during this time. We look forward to having the Education Review Team here at Manurewa South School in Week 10.

School Attendance

School attendance and lateness can be a concern in schools. There is evidence that those children who are at school every day make better learning gains to those who have irregular attendance. Here at Manurewa South School, we expect your child to be at school **every day**. If your child needs to be away then they are required to bring a note, or a phone call needs to be made before or on their return. The new law allows for truancy officers to fine parents for children who are absent from school without a reasonable explanation. Our Social Worker and Truancy Agency will also support the school and follow up any irregular attendance.

NOTE: If a child's attendance is causing concern then the schools Social Worker will visit families/whanau to find out why and what we can do to get them back to school as soon as possible – if we are unable to get any response then unfortunately the schools truancy office will then visit families. Please ensure that your child is at school every day and that they are on time ready to learn. Remember – **“EVERYDAY COUNTS!”**

Whanau Aspiration Surveys

A huge thank you to all those whanau who have returned their 'Whanau Aspiration' surveys. Just a reminder that if you haven't or have misplaced this survey please let the office know and they can send one home with your child. We value your feedback on what we can do better here at Manurewa South School and want to know what helps our children learn best.

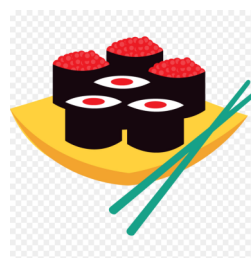
Our Board of Trustees are keen to get as many of these surveys returned as it will support our Strategic Goals and will also support our Local Curriculum Plan so they have decided that all return forms will go into a draw to win a food gift voucher that will be drawn this **Friday 23rd August**. Remember your say is really important to us so please make sure you have completed your survey and return it to the school office.

Eating at School

We often tell our children that their body is like a car and that it needs the right fuel to keep it going. Their fuel is food in their tummies to trigger their brain. It is great to see the likes of sandwiches/rolls, fruit, yogurt...etc. Below are some other healthy ideas for play-lunch & lunches

Healthy Lunch Ideas:

- Sandwiches / Rolls / Wraps
- Sushi / Rice (with tuna/chicken)
- Fruit / Yogurt
- Cut up carrot sticks / cheese



Lunch Orders

Monday - Friday	Snack Packs (\$2 or \$2.50)
Wednesday	Canteen
Thursday	Sushi (pre-order on Wednesday)
Friday	Canteen & Sausage Sizzles (\$2)



Health News!!!

Measles Outbreak Information

As you will be aware Auckland and New Zealand is experiencing a measles outbreak with over 500 cases now recorded. We ask that you remain vigilant on symptoms and act on them straight away.

If your child is not vaccinated due to previous reaction or by parental choice then they will be at high risk. The advice from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) is as follows:

Symptoms.

The Measles will start with a fever, cough, runny nose and conjunctivitis (inflammation in the eyes) which may last 2-4 days. It may be possible to see small white spots (Koplik spots) inside the mouth. A rash will occur 2-4 days after the first symptoms beginning on the head and gradually spreading down the body to the arms and legs. This will last up to a week.

How do you catch measles?

Measles is spread through infectious droplets. It is airborne and one person with measles can easily pass the disease onto 12-18 people who are at risk. As the number of vaccinated people decreases, the herd (community) immunity drops, therefore leaving even those vaccinated at some risk.

Please be aware as required by the ARPHS that should the school have a confirmed case of measles all unimmunised students who have been in contact with that person will be placed in quarantine and must remain at home (possibly for 2 weeks). For more information please use the following:

<http://www.arphs.health.nz/public-health-topics/disease-and-illness/measles/>

Please do not hesitate to also make contact or talk to our ManaKidz nurses who are in school on a daily basis about any health issues in regards to your child.

Parenting Hub - Come Learn With Us!

Just a reminder that our Parenting Hub takes place every Wednesday morning from **9:00am - 11:00am**.

Our Parenting Hub is a great opportunity for parents to meet other parents (new and existing). We offer workshops for parents from helping your child with reading strategies to developing your own CV to cooking meals on a budget.

We have a great bunch of parents who currently attend and encourage more to come along and join in with the workshops we have to offer. For more information please see the school office.

Social Worker in Schools

Our school is very fortunate to have a Social Worker in School (SWiS) - Mrs Arina Aria. The work that our SWiS service provide are aimed at children and young people:

- who have poor engagement in school, as a result of social problems
- with social or behavioural problems
- experiencing grief or loss
- who are from families who may be struggling financially
- with issues such as overcrowding, family violence, drug and alcohol etc.
- from at-risk families

While the Social Worker's primary focus is the child, they take a whole whanau/family approach, which may include working with siblings attending other schools.

Unfortunately some of our families (those who have children who fall into these categories) are reluctant to use this service because they think that our SWiS will refer them to Oranga Tamaki. That is not their intention at all, they are about working with and supporting children to ensure that their needs are being met.

If you want to know more about how she can support your family please contact her at school on Ph: 266 8341.

Online Learning...

Don't forget that online learning is a part of children's learning here at Manurewa South School. Both Sunshine Online and Mathletics are just two learning sites that children can use both at school and home.

Sunshine Classic

Sunshine Online offers every child the very best of animated and interactive learning in literacy and maths! Sunshine Online makes learning to read fun and engaging for all children, from beginners through to independent readers. To access Sunshine Online you will need to download the app on your device - iPad/notebook/laptops/smart phone then use the following:

Username: manurewasouth

Password: nzschoools

Mathletics

Mathletics is a captivating online learning space providing students with all the tools they need to be successful learners, both in the classroom and beyond. Powerful courses aligned to New Zealand maths standards across Years 1-13, matched with dynamic tools and reporting for teachers. Mathletics supports and caters to each teacher's unique blend of student-driven learning and teacher-led instruction. (Mathletics website). The programme is designed as a learning support resource that can be used at home and school. It is one of the resources that are available to us as teachers. We see many benefits in Mathletics and ask parents to encourage children to work on Mathletics at home daily for **30-60 minutes**. Each child has their own individual password to access Mathletics.

TRAVELWISE NEWS

We seem to be having some minor issues with road safety practice on our school roads especially along Tawa Cres (front of the school). These are things like:

- Parking on the **YELLOW** lines
- Parking in the school grounds/driveways to drop children off or pick them up
- Parents calling children to cross the road without using the crossing
- Parents crossing the road not using the crossing

Our Travelwise team try very hard to make sure our children are safe around our roads and it doesn't help when parents are modelling these behaviours! If we continue to have incidents like these then we will be calling for the Community Constable to supervise this which will result in them issuing fines for those who are not following our road safety rules.

NOTE: If your child is bringing a bike to school they must wear a helmet. If they arrive to school without one they will not return home with their bike until a helmet is brought in.

COMING EVENTS

Term 2

Lock Down Practice/Excercise	Wednesday 21st August (10:00am)
MPSSA Soccer Tournament	Tuesday 27th August
School Cross Country	Friday 30th August (1:15pm)
Life Education Classroom Visit	Monday 2nd September - Friday 13th September
Auckland Observatory Trip (Juniors)	Friday 13th September (Refer to trip notice)
Auckland Museum Trip (Middle School)	Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th September
Auckland Museum Trip (Senior School)	Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th September
Education Review Office Visit	Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September