



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... Firstly I hope you and your whanau had a safe and enjoyable holiday and you managed to enjoy the beautiful weather that we have been experiencing. It was great to see so many smiling faces yesterday morning, all keen to start school for another year. 2021 promises to bring new and exciting challenges which we are really looking forward too. We will be calling on parents and caregivers throughout the year for their support to ensure that our children have a great year. At this time I would like to welcome back our wonderful staff who look 'well rested' and 'ready to go' – I am very fortunate to be working alongside a hard-working and dedicated team. A **BIG** welcome to all our new children and their whanau – I'm really looking forward to meeting you over the next few days. Please feel free to come in and see your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions or queries. I'm looking forward to a great year with our school community.

Tone Kolose - Principal

2021 Staff - Meet our staff

Junior School

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| Whaea Ange (New Teacher) | Room 4 | Year 2 & 3 |
| Mrs Lata | Room 5 | Year 2 |
| Mrs Rodwell | Room 6 | NE/Year 1 |
| Miss Morete | Room 7 | Year 1 |
| Miss Endeman | Room 8 | Year 1 |
| Miss Palalagi | Room 9 | Year 2 |
| Ms Yates | AP & Team Leader Junior School | |

Middle School

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| Mrs Posimani | Room 14 | Year 3 & 4 (Middle School Maori Enrichment) |
| Mrs Singh | Room 15 | Year 4 |
| Miss Wharehinga | Room 16 | Year 3 |
| Whaea Marie | Room 17 | Year 3 |
| Mrs Agate | Room 3 | Year 4 |
| Whaea Karen | DP & Team Leader Middle School | |

Senior School

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| Mr Paeniu | Room 11 | Year 5 & 6 |
| Mrs Holi | Room 12 | Year 5 & 6 |
| Mr Pegler | Room 13 | Year 5 & 6 |
| Miss Walker | Room 20 | Year 5 & 6 (Senior School Maori Enrichment) |
| Miss Esekielu (Miss E) | Room 21 | Year 5 & 6 |
| Library | Room 10 | |
| Mrs Wong | Team Leader Senior School | |
| Ms Tobais | 0.6 (part-time teacher) | |
| Mrs Godinet | Reading Recovery | |

Support Staff

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| Mrs Wigg | Office | Mrs Gallagher | Office & Student Support |
| Mrs Conroy | Admin Support | Mr Lum | Caretaker |
| Mr Rodwell | Property Maintenance | Mr Steve | Grounds men |

Teacher Aides

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| Whaea Tanya | Teacher aide | Mrs Burk | Teacher aide | Miss Tee | Teacher aide |
| Whaea Jasmine | Teacher aide | Whaea Ana | Teacher aide | Whaea Jaz | Teacher aide |
| Mrs Martin | Teacher aide | Miss Eastman | Teacher aide | Whaea Jess | Teacher aide |
| Whaea Percilla | Teacher aide | Whaea Carol | Teacher aide | Mrs Cotter | Teacher aide |
| Whaea Ange | Teacher aide | Whaea Rehana | Teacher aide | Miss Jaymie | Teacher aide |
| Mrs Kumar | Teacher aide | Whaea Caroline | Teacher aide | | |
| Miss Brooke | Teacher aide | Mrs Christine Reeves | ESOL | | |



Healthy Schools Lunches Programme

We are really excited to have the **Bite L.A.B** join the Ka Ora, Ka Ako-Healthy School Lunches Programme that will be providing lunches for children. Providing a regular nutritious lunch can make a big difference to students' learning and participation at school and will go some way to helping families and whānau to support their children. Lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of our children. Lunches will be provided to our school **5 days a week** (Monday to Friday). Tuesday was our first day receiving the lunches and the children enjoyed them. Like all suppliers Bite L.A.B are required to meet New Zealand food safety standards and make sure food is handled safely and hygienically. If you have any questions in regards to the Healthy Schools Lunch Programme please let us know. We believe that we are very fortunate to be given this opportunity.

Snack Packs

Snack packs will be available for children to order daily at the office - this needs to be done in the mornings. Snack Packs are either **\$2** or **\$2.50**.



Swimming Programme

With the weather being great we have started our swimming programme with lunch time swimming. This week the pool will be open at lunchtime for children to take a dip, cool off or just bathe in the sun.

Next week (Week 2) our official swimming class programme will start. Children will have swimming twice a week for 45 minutes.

Our swimming programme is based on learning to be safe in the water. Learning to swim and having the confidence in water which is such an important life skill so we expect every child to participate.

We ask that parents please remind children to bring to school their swimming gear – togs, towel, goggles (if they have some) and a plastic bag for their wet clothes.

We are looking to have our school swimming carnival in Week 5 of this term on Friday 5 March (TBC).

School Uniforms

It was great to see nearly all our children in school uniform on the first day. Uniforms are part of who we are and to show others that we are **PROUD** of our school and community. We expect our children to be in school uniforms every day. Any t-shirts that your child wears under their school uniform polo shirt/top should be either navy blue or black – no other colours please. Uniforms can be bought from the school office between the hours of 8:15am – 3:30pm.

School Hours

Our school hours are from **8:45am-2:45pm**. Classrooms will be open for children from 8:00am (teachers will be in their classes from 8:00am). Children should be prepared and ready to learn by **8:40am**.

For the safety of your child we ask that they are not at school between the hours of 7:00am-7:45am unless care has been arranged with the classroom teacher or Principal.

NOTE: Office hours are from 8:00am – 3:30pm.

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| 8:00am | School opens – students are able to enter the school |
| 8:45am - 10:30am | Learning session 1 (Literacy/Numeracy) |
| 10:30am - 11:00am | Morning Tea |
| 11:00am - 12:45pm | Learning session 2 (Literacy/Numeracy) |
| 12:45pm - 1:30pm | Lunch |
| 1:30pm - 2:45pm | Learning session 3 (Inquiry: Topic/The Arts/PE) |
| 2:45pm | End of school day |



School Attendance & Lateness

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.

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!”

Our Social Worker (SWiS) Mrs Cecilia Carcano is based in our school every Tuesday & Friday from 8:30am - 3:00pm. She will also support the school and follow up any irregular attendance.

School Stationary

School stationary can be purchased from the school office. Stationary this year will be **\$10** (the school has subsidise this from \$25). We are asking parents to please have children's stationary as soon as possible as they will be using these straight away. A copy of your child's stationary list can be picked up from the office or its located on the schools Facebook page. Please know that we are wanting children to start using the stationary by next week. If you do have any issue with purchasing your child's stationary please let the office know and we will help sort this for you.



School Hats

It is compulsory that our children wear a hat during Term 1. Children are asked to wear a school hat or a plain navy hat(no logos). School hats can be purchased for **\$10** at the school office. We do have hats which we distributed last year that we will reissue again, however we encourage children to buy their own. Just a reminder **No Hat! No Play!**

ManaKidz

Just a reminder that the school has access to the ManaKidz nurses who are based in our school daily. They will be checking students for sore throats and any skin infections. **RHEUMATIC FEVER** is an illness that starts with a sore throat caused by the strep germ which can lead to serious long-term heart problems if not treated. **A sore throat needs to be checked every time.** If you notice that your child is complaining of a sore throat please let us know asap.



Attention!!

Waitangi Day & Teacher Only Day

Next **Monday 8th February** is Waitangi Day, so school will be closed for instruction. Please know that there are a number of Waitangi Day events that are **FREE** for whanau to attend.

Also know that the school **will be closed** for instruction on **Tuesday 9th February** for a “**Teacher Only Day!**” Teachers will be involved in PLD focussed on DMIC (Maths). Enjoy the extra long weekend!!

National Library Books - at the end of last year we sent home a number of National Library Books with children. We are now asking that if your child took a National Library Book home can they please return it to school by **Friday 5th February**. These books were part of a promotion to get children to read over the summer break. Your help will be much appreciated!!

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) – “Keeping it REAL”

It is timely that we share the importance of our school values. It is great to know that many of our children are aware of these values and are able to show this while at school. These are as follows:

- 'R' Respect (Show **respect** towards yourself, others, school belongings...etc)
- 'E' Excellence (Show **excellence** and pride in school work, behaviour...etc)
- 'A' Attitude (Always have a positive **attitude** towards school/work...etc)
- 'L' Long Life Learning (Be a **life-long learner** – learning never STOPS)

These values are important to us and we expect parents to support the school by helping our children to learn what each value means and what this looks like inside and outside the classroom and even at home.

We know that this will be successful however it will take all of us – staff, children and parents to make this difference and to make sure our school is safe for everyone.

Travelwise News

For the safety of our children we would like to remind parents about the following:

- Please use the school crossing **at all times** when bringing your child to and from school. We know its easier to cross the road anywhere but its for the safety of your child.
- 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 the bike until a helmet is brought in.

COMING EVENTS

Term 1

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| School Commences | Tuesday 2nd February |
| Waitangi Day | Monday 8th February (Public holiday - school closed) |
| Teacher Only Day: DMIC Focus | Tuesday 9th February (school closed for instruction) |
| Water Skills for Life Programme | Thursday 18th & Friday 19th February (all classes) |
| Let's Siva Dance Programme | Monday 22nd - Friday 26th February (all classes) |
| Swimming Carnival | Friday 5th March - Week 5 (to be confirmed) |

School Dates & Holidays

These are the school dates for 2021:

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| Term 1 | <i>Tuesday 2nd February – Thursday 16th April</i> |
| Term 2 | <i>Tuesday 3rd May – Friday 9th July</i> |
| Term 3 | <i>Monday 26th July – Friday 1st October</i> |
| Term 4 | <i>Monday 18th October – Friday 14th December</i> |

Public Holidays

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| Monday 8th February | Waitangi Day (school closed) |
| Friday 2nd April | Good Friday (school closed) |
| Monday 5th April | Easter Monday (school closed) |
| Tuesday 6th April | Easter Tuesday (school closed) |
| Monday 26th April | Anzac Day (in school holidays) |
| Monday 7th June | Queens Birthday (school closed) |
| Monday 25th October | Labour Weekend (school closed) |