



Manurewa South School Newsletter

14/08/2026

Kia ora whānau,

What a full and exciting term we are having! There has been so much happening across our kura, and it has been fantastic to see our tamariki embracing the opportunities on offer.

A major focus for us this term continues to be attendance, with our message that Every Day Counts being shared throughout the school. We know that regular attendance gives our tamariki the best opportunity to learn, build strong relationships, and take part in all the wonderful experiences happening at school. Thank you to our whānau who continue to support this important focus by helping your children get to school every day and on time.

As we move through the winter months, we also know that sickness and flu can be more common. Please make sure you are looking after yourselves and your whānau. A reminder that we have Mana Nurses onsite who can support our tamariki with health concerns, including sore throats and skin conditions. Please reach out to the school if you would like support accessing this service.

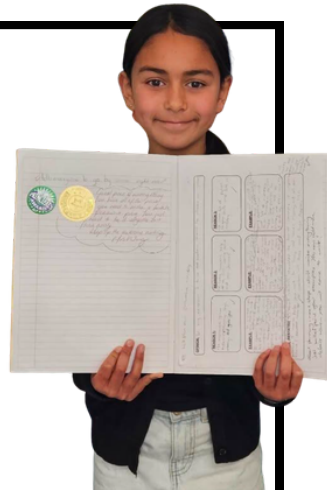
Finally, we would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Matariki Wellbeing Market. We were absolutely blown away by the incredible support from our whānau and community. It was wonderful to see so many people coming together to celebrate the creativity, hard work, and wellbeing of our tamariki. Events like these are made extra special because of the support and encouragement from our school community, and we are incredibly grateful.

Thank you for continuing to support our kura. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting few weeks ahead!

Ngā mihi nui,
Acting Principals Karen and Kelly

Te Hau a Uru have been learning about Persuasive writing and sharing their opinions about a topic. These aspiring authors did a fantastic job at hooking their readers in, with language features and added detail!

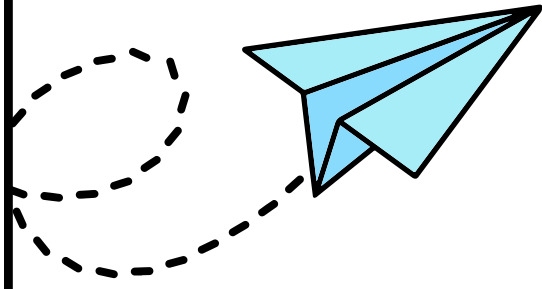
I wonder if you think bubblegum should be eaten at school after reading what they have written.....?



Room 5 have been working on refining their art skills by exploring what they can do with lines! Have a look at Winter, Te Tai Rawhiti and Gurbaj's awesome creations!



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT



SCHOOL



A group of Year 3 and 4 students got the opportunity to do some dance workshops alongside the New Zealand Royal Ballet! We were lucky enough to have the awesome Ella Chambers teach us how to leap, sauté and plié. Here are some snaps of Room 20 showing off their moves! These students will also head off to watch ***The Bomb*** at the Due Drop later this term.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS



As part of our focus on attendance this term, we have begun offering lunchtime clubs to promote student interests within our school! Last week we began our epic timetable which features karaoke, arts and crafts, sewing, sports, Lego, Kapahaka and more! It has been great seeing students engaged with these and we can't wait to see how they develop over the term!

A big thank you to our incredible team for giving their time to offer these to our tamariki!

"Can you tell all the teachers thank you from us for the lunchtime clubs. we really enjoy going to them"

Agnes and Koreti Rm 20

SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Girls rugby team who came second at the interschool tournament this week!

Tūmeke te mahi!

RUGBY

BREAKFAST CLUB

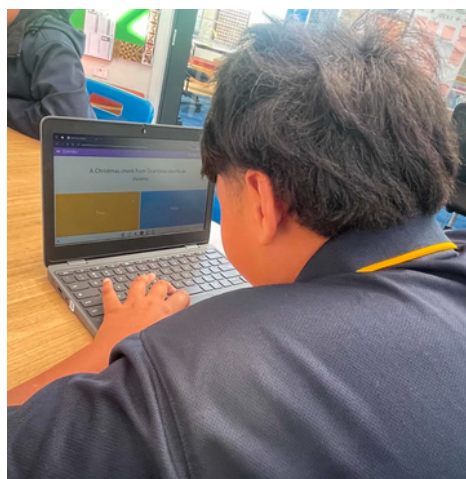


Breakfast Club has been a hit with our whanau and tamariki running every **Tuesday and Thursday from 7.45-8.20am in the art/lunch room**

Start the day with a nutritious breakfast
COME AND JOIN US!

BECOMING DIGITAL EXPLORERS

Our Year 5 and 6 Students recently explored what it means to be a digital explorer. Unpacking and practicing key skills for using devices as tools to support their learning!



WALKING SCHOOL BUS HAS STARTED!

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS!

If you would like to find out if your house is near our walking route or to register your child please call the school office.

FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE

A reminder to our Whānau, please ensure you are notifying the school if your child will be away. There are multiple ways of doing this; through our HERO app, by phone (**09 2668341**) or email **absence@mss.school.nz**

If your child is going to be away for a number of days, arrangements can be made for home learning, which supports successful attendance

We have had a fantastic start to the term as we continue to promote our Every Day Counts message and the importance of regular attendance.

Our kura has been hard at work putting initiatives in place to encourage and support our tamariki to attend school every day. These include 100% Attendance Mufti Days, Breakfast Clubs, Walking School Buses, and Lunchtime Clubs.

We know that every day at school is an opportunity for learning, connection, and success. Thank you to our whānau for supporting us and working together to ensure our tamariki are at school, on time, and ready to learn.

Every day counts. Every learner matters!



ROOM 19 CELEBRATING THEIR 10 DAY 100% MUFTI

MAKE EVERYDAY COUNT									
Name: _____					Room: _____				
1	2	3	4	5					
6	7	8	9	10					

Every student uses a tracking sheet over the 10 days to help them track their success towards 100% attendance!

Stepped Attendance Response – STAR

Responding to all absence

The Government's target is for **80% of students** to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time



Our target this term is to get as many of our tamariki in the green zone for attendance.

GREEN ZONE CELEBRATIONS

We are celebrating **all our students** in the Green !

As we approach half way through the term we want to congratulate our students who are sitting in our 91-100% attendance bracket.

Our teams have organised some celebration activities for the end of Week 5. Notices will come home informing you of these next week.



We are excited to continue using HERO as a way to strengthen the connection between home and school by sharing more of your child's learning, progress, achievements, and successes with you.

We began this journey with the launch of our HERO reports, and over the coming weeks we will be expanding how we use the platform. Our goal is to make HERO a place where whānau can regularly see and celebrate the learning and progress their tamariki are making at school.

We have already begun this process with our Maths Acceleration students, who have been receiving end-of-module reports to share their progress and achievements. This is just the beginning, and we will soon be introducing more opportunities for learning, achievements, and successes to be shared with whānau across the whole school.

To make sure you don't miss these important updates, please ensure you have downloaded the HERO app and are signed in to your account.

COMING SOON

- Every Tuesday and Thursday- School Breakfast Club
- Wednesdays and Fridays (weather dependent)- Walking school Bus
- Tongan Language Week- Week 5
- School Cross Country- Friday 21st August
- Green Zone Attendance Celebrations- Week 5
- Fathers Day 6th September
- Lock Down Audit Schoolwide - Monday 14th September
- Te wiki o te Re Maori- Week 9
- Teacher Only Day- Mondy 21st September
- End of Term Friday 25th September

