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MANUREWA SOUTH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



MA TE WERO KA PUA WAI TE HUA, BY CHALLENGING YOURSELF YOU WILL BLOSSOM IN EDUCATION

## WELCOME BACK

Tena Koutou! Tena Koutou! Tena Koutou Katoa!

We are excited to be back. Thank you to all the whanau and hapori for your wonderful support with the change of dates returning to school. This was appreciated! The last three weeks have flown by as our tamariki settle into school for the new year. Our classrooms are alive with learning, collaboration, and curiosity and our staff are ready for a busy, but exciting year ahead. Just a reminder Mr Kolose our Tumuaki is on study leave for this year, standing in as acting principals we have Karen Hohaia-Turuwhenua and Kelly Wong. We welcome two new staff members to our team; Elikini longi as the Kaiako in Room 7 and Courtney-Luana Strivener as a learning assistant in Room 1.



**BIG REMINDER**  
Please make sure your child brings a hat to school every day. Putting sunscreen on before school also helps protect them from the sun.

## STATIONERY

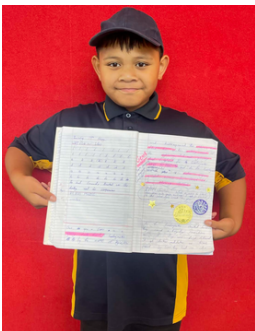
Thank you to our families who have already purchased stationery packs. Just a reminder that these can be purchased from the school office for \$25.

We will be starting in our stationery from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.



## STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

We have had some fantastic writers come and share their work with us this week as we launch into our narrative writing topic for Term 1.



Shout outs to Cyniah Room 5 for her amazing sounding out and Christian and Heather for their super descriptive character descriptions!

## CHANGES TO DAILY TIMETABLE

This year we are trialling a new timetable. This is to ensure we are giving our students enough coverage and time in each subject.

Our School Days now look like this;

8.45: Start of School

9.00-10.00 Learning Block 1

10.00-10.15 Brain Break

10.15-11.15 Learning Block 2

11.15-11.45 Morning Tea

11.45-12.45 Learning Block 3

12.45-1.30 Lunch time

1.30-2.30 Learning Block 4

2.45 End of school



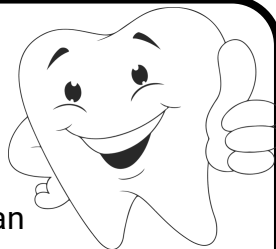
## STUDENT INFORMATION

As we begin a new year, we are wanting to make sure all student details and contact information are correct on our systems. Please ensure you contact the school office if your address or contact information has changed.

## DENTAL VAN

Kia ora koutou katoa,

We are pleased to confirm that an Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) Mobile Dental Unit is on site at school.



A priority booking model will be used to offer dental appointments, these will include:

- Children where the need for dental treatment has previously been identified
- Children who may be experiencing pain
- Those children who have been waiting the longest for a dental examination
- Children who are identified as having higher dental needs

Parent/caregivers of children on our initial priority list will be contacted via email in the first instance to advise of our intent to see their child.

If you have not received notification your child is scheduled to be seen and your child is in pain or you have concerns about your child's teeth, please phone 021406122 to speak with one of our dental team.

If you would like to update any of your child's details, including consent status, medical history or contact details, you can contact us via:

- By visiting the Mobile Dental Unit when it arrives at your child's school
- Email: ARDS BrownsRoad (WDHB) [ARDS.BrownsRoad@waitematah.govt.nz](mailto:ARDS.BrownsRoad@waitematah.govt.nz)
- Phone: 021406122 or 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)

Ngā mihi,  
The Auckland Regional Dental Service.

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE AWAY ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH NEED A WRITTEN EXPLANATION FOR WHY THEY WERE AWAY.

YOU CAN PROVIDE THIS AS AN EMAIL AT [absence@mss.school.nz](mailto:absence@mss.school.nz) OR AS A SIGNED HAND WRITTEN NOTE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE

## ATTENDANCE

Whanau are legally required to ensure students attend school daily. Regular attendance is critical for learning and social connections, this means your child is at school more than 90% of the time.

If your child is away it is important to contact the school, providing a reason for their absence. You can do this by emailing [absence@mss.school.nz](mailto:absence@mss.school.nz) or calling the school office on (09) 266 8341.

### 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



## NEW SCHOOL APP

In Term 2 we will be launching a new **school app**. This will become one of our main communication feeds for whanau.

In order to access the app all whanau need to have a **registered email** with us.

Please contact the school office and provide us with an email, or full out the "student information update" notice that came home on Tuesday.



## UP AND COMING EVENTS

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Meet the teacher                       | 19 <sup>th</sup> March | 3.30- 4.30pm |
| Swimming Sports                        | 20 <sup>th</sup> March | Times TBC    |
| Hockey Skills Selected Yr 4-6 Students | 6 <sup>th</sup> March  |              |
| Cycle Skills Yr 5                      | 23-24 March            |              |