



New Entrant Information Booklet

WELCOME

Manurewa South School

Starting School is a major part of your child's life. We would like to make sure that you and your child have a smooth transition to school and to ensure that your child is happy and relaxed as much as possible on his/her first encounter with school.

We have included information about school and how it is run and who to see if you have any queries



READINESS FOR SCHOOL

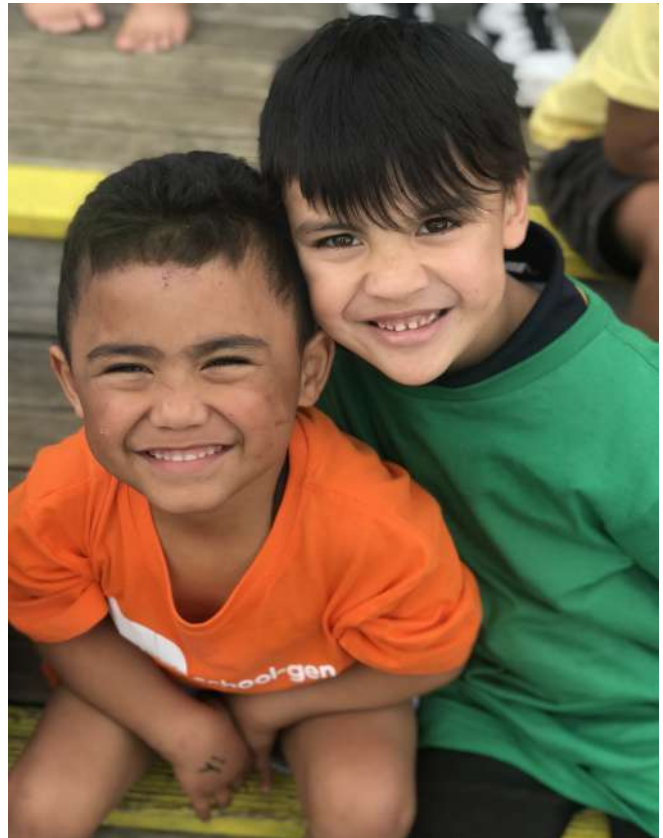
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SELF MANAGEMENT

- ◆ Teach your child how to manage their own clothes and pack their own school bag
- ◆ Encourage your child to carry their own school bag
- ◆ Allow your child plenty of opportunities to use scissor pens and pencils
- ◆ Talk to your child about the bell times and how to eat a small snack for morning tea then save the rest for lunch
- ◆ Name all property including uniforms, lunchboxes and shoes
- ◆ Help your child write their name or at least recognise their name so they are able to locate their books and property
- ◆ Teach your child how to use the toilet, wash their hands and blow their own nose
- ◆ Teach your child how to tie laces or use velcro shoes

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

- ◆ Talk about the importance of treating others with care.
- ◆ Give them opportunities to take turns, share and wait their turn.
- ◆ Support your child to listen and speak respectfully
- ◆ Encourage your child to have a go and try something new
- ◆ Model using good manners
- ◆ Let your child know that we are always here to help them.



BELL TIMES

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School starts at 8:45. It is a good idea to bring your child in to school at around 8:30 to settle your child before school starts. This will allow plenty of time to put bags, lunch boxes and book bags away. It also allows your child to have a little play before the bell starts. If your child arrives after the bell at 8:45 they will need to report to the office before they go to class.

Bell Times:

8:45am School Starts

8:45 - 10:30 First Block

10:30am - 11:00 Morning Tea

11:00 - 12:45 Second Block

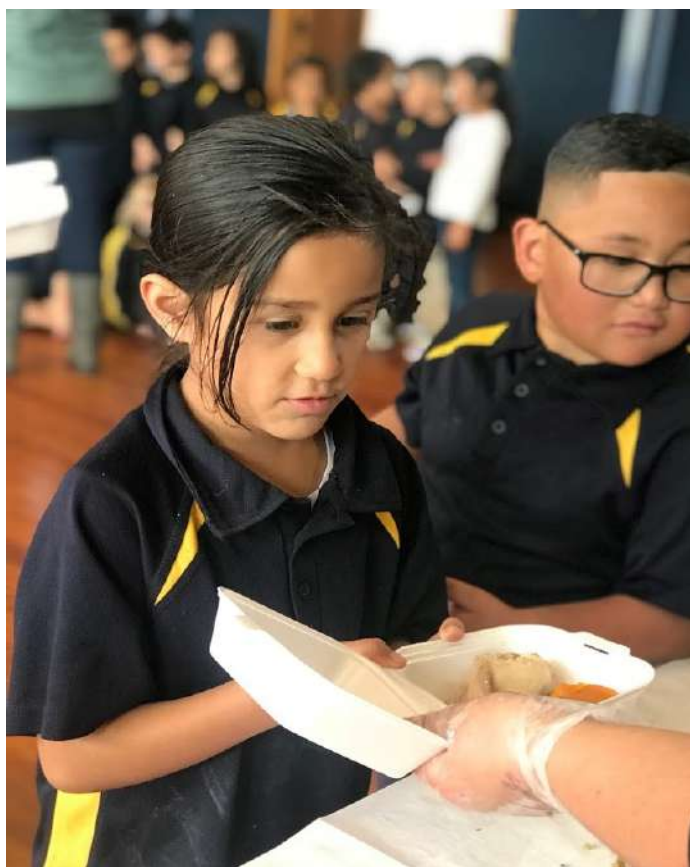
12:45 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30pm - 2:45 Third Block

2:45pm School Finishes

LUNCHES

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Food at school

We encourage healthy eating at our school to sustain healthy minds and bodies. Below are some healthy lunch ideas.

Healthy Lunch Ideas:

- Sandwiches / Sushi / Rice / Rolls / Wraps
- Fruit
- Cut up carrot sticks
- Yoghurt

Milk in Schools Programme:

We are part of the 'Anchor Milk in Schools' Programme. Milk is provided for children every Tuesday and Thursday.

Fruit in Schools:

Our school is also part of the 'Fruit in Schools' Programme. Fruit will be available for children on a daily basis. The fruit will vary from apples to bananas to seasonal fruit.

School Lunches:

Monday -

Friday Snack Packs
(\$2 or \$2.50)

Tuesday Canteen

Wednesday Snack
Packs

Thursday Sushi (pre-
order)

Friday Canteen

SCHOOL LIFE

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Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) - R.E.A.L

PB4L is our school behaviour modification programme.

Our school has 4 key values which children and teachers refer to every-day.

R - (Respect), **E** - (Excellence), **A** - (Attitude) and **L** -(Life-Long Learner). Our behaviour programme is based on these values. Children are encouraged to display these values while at school.



Social Worker (SWiS):

We are fortunate to have a Social Worker in School based on site two days a week (Tuesdays and Fridays).

Her role is to work with and support students and whanau. If you have any concerns or are experiencing hardship she is available to help out where she can.

Contact the office if you wish to see her.

Swimming:

We are one of the lucky schools that has a fully functioning pool located on our school grounds. The pool is open in Term 1 and 4.

Our swimming programme is based on children being able to keep safe in water. We know the importance of this life skill and it is expected that all children participate. Please see your child's teacher for the swimming timetable.



Whole School Assembly:

We welcome parents to all of our assemblies. Our assemblies are run by the children to help promote leadership and to experience talking in front of others.

Junior School Assembly:

Our Junior classes have turns at running an assembly and sharing work they have been doing in class. This is where we learn new waiata and present Junior awards. See your child's teacher to find out when your child's class is presenting. We love to see whanau at our Junior Assemblies.

Midfulness

Your child will participate in mindfulness practices every day. We find this helpful to combat stress and anxiety children are dealing with in today's world.



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