

# Mangere Bridge School Newsletter



Term 3 – Week 4 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Thank you to all our families for the amazing support you gave to our strike day!

We deeply value our partnership with you and as teachers we love that everyday we come to school to find beautiful children alive with a love for learning and ready for the challenges the day may bring and we thank you for that!

Room 4 took their voice out to the people in a unique way...

On the 15th of August, MBS Students wanted to show their support for all teachers and principals out there who were on strike. The children found a way to share their message by creating facebook frames that have been used all over Aotearoa by

many social media users. Ka pai koutou.



# Congratulations to Danica Kopelani who represented MBS in the National Language Speech Competition, this is her story...

In the National Samoan Language speech competition coming second was a very good experience, even though some people might think it's not as good as first.

I went to Wellington with my mum and it was a 1-hour flight from Auckland. The competition was at Porirua in a hall and it started at 8:30 am and went to 3:30 pm.

The competitors were from Year 5,6,7 and 8 and there were a lot of competitors who had a lot of beautiful speeches! Since I have the opportunity right now I would like to say thank you to Whaea Steph for everything that you have done, to Mrs Tofilau for helping and guiding me and the whole school and teachers for supporting me and choosing me to go and represent Mangere Bridge School.

Fa'a fetai lava fa'amanuia i le Atua Written by Danica



# **COMING EVENTS**

TERM 3			
Week 5			
Tues 21 Aug	Whanau		
	Conferences		
Tues 21 Aug	School finishes at		
	1.00pm		
Week 6			
Mon 27 Aug	New Entrants Start		
	date		
Mon 27 Aug	Powhiri for new		
	students		
Thurs 30 Aug	Rugby Zones		
Fri 31 Aug	Assembly hosted by		
	Room 3		
Fri 31 Aug	Newsletter		



# Daffodil Day is coming!

In support of The Cancer Society, we are running 'Daffodil Day' on Friday 31st August. That's in two weeks!

Students are to come dressed is something 'yellow, green, white or orange' and bring a gold coin donation to raise funds for this fantastic cause. Start thinking about what you will wear.



#### REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!

School finishes at 1.00pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August for Whanau Conferences. There is still opportunity for you to book. We would love for all our families to share in their children's learning. Please find details on how to book your Whanau conference time on page 4 of this newsletter.

## **PTA Notice/News**

#### CHANGE OF FUNDRAISING FOCUS.

Thank you so much to everyone that has helped us this year with fundraising towards our Covered Outdoor Learning Environment. We have had some great news that MOE will be now funding this as part of their 5-year plan! So this gives us the chance to change our focus. And we have decided on NEW PLAYGROUNDS! We are in the early stages of planning but cannot wait for new playgrounds. Something our whanau and those of our community could enjoy for years to come. Help us raise funds for all of our tamariki.

#### PIZZA FUNDRAISER.

Thank you to all that helped support. We raised just over \$450. Well done.

I would also like to apologise to the teachers and affected students for the lack of communication surrounding this which led to disappointment for some. Please note that we have taken feedback on board and will succeed from it. Thank you for your honest feedback.

#### POHUTUKAWA FESTIVAL-Save the date!

Our annual Pohutukawa Festival (Gala) will be held on Saturday 27th October this year, from 9am – 2pm. Lock it into your calendars!

This is our largest fundraising event and it is a way to celebrate our school with our whanau and community.

Like last year, there will be cultural performances, food stalls, cake stall, coffee, games, stalls and also a FERRIS WHEEL!

**HELP needed:** If you or your whanau can help out in anyway with donations of: Product, a talent, a service, a coffee machine (café style), gazebos, marquees, tables, hire equipment or money donations then Jas would love to hear from you.

We can offer you advertising of your company on our school website and also social media.

Also we need helpers to make the day a success. If you would like to register your interest in helping we need adults, teenagers and senior students that can assist. Whether you can be there for set up, clean up, help on a stall or the whole day. We want to hear from you!

Please contact our Events Coordinator Jas on jasmineh@mangerebridge.school.nz or 021 1517116

Thanks in advance for your generous support.

#### JOIN THE PTA.

Hi Whanau, we NEED people to join the PTA. Many hands make light work. What's involved? It involves attending monthly 1.5 hour meetings, help on leading/ assisting with fundraising events etc.

We are also seeking a new PTA secretary. If you are interested, please contact me for a job description. Approx. 3 hours per month (includes the meeting) Please call Victoria for more details-027 555 4128 or make contact on <a href="mailto:mbspta@mangerebridge.school.nz">mbspta@mangerebridge.school.nz</a>.

Any help is greatly appreciated.

# A special welcome to the newest members of our School that have started in Term 3 2018

Hanalei Samson to Room 6, Baby Numanga & Aaliyah Te Are to Room 9, Azra Numanga to Room 12, R J Numanga to Room 14, Milan Barnes, Warner Fine, Toby McCusker, Ayyan Nordien, Haupokia Raihania, Evalynn Totton-Levy & Passion Tuiasau to Room 17, Cody Bates, Meliame Fonua, Finley Jones, Promise Leevey-Moka, Jayde McKnight and Ryley-Jane Pienaar to Room 18.

# **OUR HEALTH NURSE**

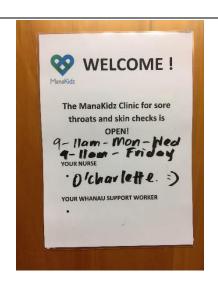
Charlotte is here to keep our tamariki healthy!!

- Charlotte works with your permission and she will...

   Swab your child's throat and if needed organise antibiotics
  - Check skin problems and organise creams etc
  - Change dressings
  - Check eyesight and hearing
  - Check ears
  - Answer any of your concerns around your child's health

Charlotte is a valuable member of our school and you can find her three mornings a week in her room opposite Rm2.

Please pop in and see her with your concerns or collect a referral form from Candace and she will follow up with you.



## School Fun Run

Our school fun run fundraiser begins next week.

Children will bring home their sponsorship form on Monday.

This year we are raising money towards our Bikes in School programme.



# Message from Our Social Worker in School (SWiS)

Talofa lava,



Muamua ona faafo'i le viiga i Le Atua i lona alofa ma lona agalelei ia tei tatou uma. My name is Miranda Toetu. I am the Social Worker in Schools (SWiS) here at Mangere Bridge School. I am Samoan and I live here in Mangere. My family have lived here since we migrated to Aotearoa New Zealand. I attended school here in Mangere from Primary to High School. It is such a privilege and an honor to be working in my community.

My role as a SWiS is to support vulnerable children and their families, where concerns about their wellbeing or education needs have been identified.

Social Workers in Schools have three main roles:

- 1. One to one work with children and their families/whanau.
- 2. Provide group programs which help children and families to succeed.
- 3. Help families to access community support and networks.

If you are seeking support with Housing, appointments to WINZ, Immigration or someone to advocate for you at meetings, doctors' appointments, legal and school appointments etc. please feel free to contact me. If you are unsure about anything, I am just a phone call away.

Part of my role as mentioned above is networking. I can direct you to the right people if you are wanting help or have questions about the supports available to our community. There are many services available that our people are not accessing and I am here to direct you to access those services.

I am based at Mangere Bridge School on Thursday/Friday and at Sir Keith Park School on Tuesday/Wednesday. Please feel free to visit my office at the school or I can be contacted on: (mobile) 0226947694 or (email) <a href="miranda@mefsc.org.nz">miranda@mefsc.org.nz</a>. If you cannot get hold of me, please ring the school and leave a message for me and I will contact you ASAP.

God bless; Tofa soifua

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



Calling our Tote All Recall Bags - come back to the bins today!

Dear Tote All Recall Bags - Are you hiding in the laundry, hanging on a hook, or languishing in the boot of the car? If you are surplus to requirements at your current home, simply ask your borrower to drop you back to the village bins at Paul's Fruit and Veg Shop or the Mangere Bridge Library so you can help another borrower.

Seriously though - if you have a Tote All Recall Bag and are happily using it, please carry on. But if you have a small collection of the bags at your house you are not using, simply pop them back into the bins. No Questions Asked!



Week of Engineering Expo – Come along and get inspired! Interested in learning more about engineering or just want to learn more about how the world works? If you're looking for a fun family day, are considering engineering as a career pathway or wish to answer your child's tricky questions about how things work, head along to the Week of Engineering public open day. There'll be drones, robots and virtual reality to get involved with! Find out more atwww.weekofengineering.co.nz/engineer-expos-2018

# When and where:

University of Auckland Science Centre, <u>23 Symonds St. Auckland</u> Saturday 18 August from 10am – 4pm.



Mid Year Whanau Conferences will be held at the following times on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

1:30pm - 6:00pm. Interviews are 15 minutes' long Please Note: School will close at 1.00pm on both these day

Your Whanau Conference will be a three-way conversation between you, your child and the teacher.

To book your Whanau Conference, go to **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code** in your browser, and enter the event code **73gga**. Then follow these three simple steps:



First enter your name, your student's name, and your email address.

If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for 1 students" setting, and enter the other student's name.



On the next page, pick your child/children's teacher you want to meet and then press "Go"



1.30 - 3.00

Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teacher is available. Simply click on the times that suit you and then press "Go"

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And you can return to the site and enter the event code **73gga** again to change or cancel your interviews.

If you don't have internet access, please return the form below with your preferred time slot to the School office.

Please circle the day and time slot you would prefer for your interview. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Interviews are 15 minutes' long

# **Tuesday 21st August**

3.30 - 5.45

Child's Name:	Room No:	_Parents Name:
Child's Name:	Poom No:	Parente Namo:
Child's Name:	. ROOIII NO	_Parents Name:
Child's Name:	Room No:	_Parents email:
Child's Name:	Poom No:	Parents email: