



# MANGERE BRIDGE SCHOOL

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Malo e e lelei MBS Parents/Caregivers and Whaanau,

The following are Important updates, reminders and Term calendar dates that were sent out in our newsletter last week. Our next newsletter will be sent out at the end of the Term 3 Week 10.

**Reminder:**

**Tongan Language Assembly - Tuesday 26th August 11 am (In the auditorium)**

We celebrated Tongan Language Week and some of our students will be performing at the **Tongan Language Week Assembly held on Tuesday 26th August at 11 am - 12 pm**. We look forward to you attending.

**Teacher Only Day - Friday 24th October**

The Board has approved for the school to be closed for instruction on Friday 24th October and the Ministry of Education have also been informed. All staff will be taking part in professional development with a focus on the Refreshed NZ Mathematics Curriculum aligning with our strategic goals and understanding Neurodiversity. A reminder for our parents and whaanau to please organise and make other arrangements for your child on this day.

**NZEI Paid Union Meeting - Wednesday 26th August 1 pm**

Our staff will be attending the Paid Union Meeting at 1.30 pm. Our students can be picked up at 1 pm on this day as most of our staff will be off-site. However, students who remain at school will be supervised till 3 pm.

**School Production - Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th September at 6 pm**

Our school production will be held in Week 9 and there will be two shows for 'Ko wai au?' - The adventure of Kia Maia. There will be ticket sales through Eventfinda for \$10 per person and children 3 and under for free. There is limited seating so we ask that only 2 tickets are purchased. We will continue to keep you updated on the sales and if there are spare tickets to be purchased. Please see the school office for more information. All permission forms must be signed and returned by parents for your child to attend the School Production rehearsal during the day and also to attend in the evening.

**Main Cast Practices are held on Saturday 30th August and Saturday 6th September 9 - 3 pm.**

The students who are part of the main cast for the School Production must attend these practices on Saturday. Please contact Ms Tofilau for more information. Both Matua Jono and Ms Tofilau will be supporting these practices.

**School Fun Run Event - Thursday 4th September**

We have our School Fun Run Event on Thursday 4th September and we look forward to you supporting our students who take part in this annual event. We would like to say a BIG NGAA MIHI and Thank you for supporting and donating towards our School Fundraiser. All of the funds raised will be going towards our students which include the Playground markings, the swimming pool refurbishment and the Year 6 Camp.

**Community Pasifika Fono - Wednesday 27th August 6 pm**

The purpose of our Community Pasifika Fono held on Wednesday 27th August at 6 pm is to provide an opportunity for the Senior Leadership Team to report the Mid-Year Student Achievement Data to all of our Pacific Island families and to gather community feedback. We will also share updates from the Pasifika Team including the Opening of the Samoan Bilingual Unit in Term 1 2026.

**Samoan Bilingual Unit - Term 1 2026**

If you would like for your child to be part of our Samoan Bilingual Unit that will begin in Term 1 2026 please email [Bernicem@mangerebridge.school.nz](mailto:Bernicem@mangerebridge.school.nz) as we look forward to starting with our New Entrants and Year 1 students as a priority. We will have a Year 1 - 3 classroom and will be sharing more about this in the Pasifika Community Fono.

**Year 6 Camp - Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th October Term 4 Week 2**

A Permission and Medical Google Form was shared with all of our Year 6 Parents in preparation for the Year 6 school camp. We will be sending a hard copy for our parents to complete and return to school. This must be returned by Friday 29th August. This includes more information about the cost and account details for the camp and you can begin making payments. We would like to thank our parents who have volunteered their time to attend the camp as helpers and the school has been able to process all vetting forms. **Our final Parent Camp meeting will be on Monday 15th September at 6 pm.**

**NZ Chinese Language Week - Monday 1st - Friday 5th September**

Our school celebrates NZ Chinese Language Week in Week 8 and we look forward to sharing more about what that will look like with lots of fun activities involved. We invite and acknowledge all of our NZ Chinese families and students at MBS to share with us the Chinese Culture, Customs and Traditions.

**Niue Language Week Term 4 Week 1 Monday 6th - Friday 10th October**

We will be celebrating Niue Language Week in Term 4 Week 1. We would like to ask our Niue Parents and Community to please let Whaea Princess know if you are interested in supporting our teachers with learning a niue dance. We are pleased to have staff who are of Niue descent.

**Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori - Monday 15th - 19th September**

We will be celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori in the last week of Term 3. We look forward to our tamariki continuing to celebrate Te Reo in class, through waiata and Tikanga.

**Last Day of Term 3 - School Finishes at 1 pm on Friday 19th September**

The school will be finishing at 1 pm on the last day of Term 3. We will send out a friendly reminder on the last week.

Ngaa mihi nui

Fetaia'ioaiga Bernice Mata'utia