



FINLAYSON PARK SCHOOL

TE REO O TE KURA

Tuesday 12 August 2025 | #13-25

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Namaste, Bulavinaka, Mauri, Zâoshang hão, 早上好

I wish to thank all our whānau who attended one of our Whānau Hui nights. It was wonderful to connect with you all. We look forward to collaborating more in the future.

‘Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki ‘Airani - The 2025 theme for Cook Islands Māori Language Week is ‘Ātui’tui’ia au ki te raurau a tōku matakeinanga which means Connect me to the offerings of my people. Last week our students had a fantastic time celebrating **Cook Islands Language Week** and it’s been wonderful to see so many of our students embracing and learning the Cook Islands Language and culture. Mako rai to everyone who participated in the activities and brought vibrant energy to our school.

HAPPY 5TH ANNIVERSARY MAREWEN TE RABAKAU

Yesterday was a special day! We celebrated the 5th anniversary of our Kiribati Bilingual Language Unit – **Marewen te Rabakau**.

A huge thank you to the Kiribati community, our students, and teachers Mrs. Erika, Whaea Uriana and Whaea Taeam for keeping the Kiribati language & culture alive through this language unit at our school.

Uike Kātoanga’i ‘o e lea faka-Tonga - Tonga Language Week

Next week we’ll be kicking off our exciting Tongan Language Week celebrations! This language week will be led by our very own Tongan Bilingual Unit – Sia Mo’ui. We have a fantastic week planned to honour and learn about lea faka-Tonga and the rich Tongan culture. The 2025 theme for Tonga Language Week is ‘Ko ’etau lea, ko e fe’unu mahu’inga ia ki he mo’ui ‘a e Tonga - Our language is a vital strand of our Tongan culture.’



Nākū noa, nā
Sumithra Naidoo
TUMUAKI

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS HAVE CLOSED.

Parents & Caregivers, check your mail box for your voting papers. Please read the **Parent Election Voting Cover Letter** carefully before voting.

Use the envelope provided to put your completed voting paper in and either post or hand deliver to:

Returning Officer
85 John Walker Drive,
Manurewa, Auckland 2102

Voting closes on Wednesday 10 September 2025 at 4PM.

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S VISION?

If you are concerned about your child’s vision – take your child to **Frith & Laird Optometrists Manurewa** – 157 Great South Road, Manurewa or call 09-267-3160 for an examination. Mention that you are from Finlayson Park School.

The examination and any prescription will be at a significantly reduced price or free if you have a community service card.

ROAD SAFETY

1. Parents **DO NOT** park on the yellow lines outside school.
2. Please do not park on the pedestrian crossing to let your children out of the car.
3. Please **DO NOT** park across any driveways.

CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following classes for having full attendance on these days:

- 29 July – OT3
- 30 July – OT1, OT8 & TH5
- 31 July – OT8
- 1 August – OT8
- 5 August – OT3
- 6 August – OT6 & SM3

Regular attendance plays a vital role in student success.



If your child is absent - you **must** inform the school as soon as possible.

Ways to inform the school of your child's absence:

- Go to our **school website** – www.finlaysonpark.school.nz and use the report an absence form.
- Use the **@school app** to notify an absence.
- Call the student **absence line** on (09)266-5558 and press 1 to leave a message.
- **Write a note** explaining your child's absence and send with your child to give to their teacher when they return to school.

2026 HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Just another friendly reminder for parents to start the enrolment process for your child/ren to attend high school next year rather than leaving it to the last minute when it gets too busy. Have a chat with your child and start the process now.

Our local high schools are James Cook High School and Manurewa High School. Both inzone enrolments are available on their website.

Manurewa High School Out of Zone enrolment forms are available from our school office or you can collect from Manurewa High School office. **Out of Zone enrolments close on Wednesday 27 August 2025 at 4pm.**

NETBALL ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 7 Girls Netball Section B Winners for the Counties Zone Competition.

- **Most Valuable Player** - Areina TR6.

Year 6 Girls Runners-Up for the Netball Manurewa Zone out of 21 Schools.

- **Most Valuable Player** - Athena TR5.

Both teams displayed exceptional skills, tenacity and Sportsmanship.

Nga mihi, Whaea Ena.



PHOTOLIFE - SCHOOL PHOTOS

NEW Students Individual & Sibling photocodes are still yet to be sent to parents.

Please be patient as we navigate through this with Photolife.

UPCOMING TRIPS

To ensure our students are always safe, Parents we absolutely need your support when we take our tamariki on class and sports trips.

Date	Class	Venue
13 Aug	Mathex	Mannurewa Intermediate
13 Aug	B12, B13	Clendon Library
15 Aug	Year 5-8 speech finalists	Reremoana School
15 Aug	FAGASA Speech Competition	Multicultural Rec. & Community Centre
18 Aug	Y5-6 Cross country	Reremoana School

OTHER NOTICES

FINLAYSON PARK CHILDCARE CENTRE:

We currently have spaces for babies as well as Over 2s in our school's early learning centre (247 Weymouth Road).

- Open 7.30am-5pm Mon-Fri
- Standard free hours for 3-5 year olds
- WINZ support for eligible whānau

If you want quality childcare for your under 5s, or for more information, please contact the centre manager, Charlotte Niuia-Tofa, 09 267 8324 or 021 706 008, or email

childcareadmin@finlaysonpark.school.nz

ADULT LEARNERS CLASSES:

- **Te reo Māori** - Mondays 3.30-5.30pm
- **Kiwi English** - Thursdays 9.30-11.30am
- **Creative Cooking** - Fridays 9.30-11.30am

For more information, contact the school office or ph Lin Sauer (029 297 1479) or email

lsauer@finlaysonpark.school.nz.

FPS NIGHT MARKET:

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LOCATION : FPS BIG TOP TIME : 4PM - 6.30PM COST PER TABLE : \$50

THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST 2025

Stalls include: Treats, Candles, Fruit Glazes, and more.

STALL HOLDER REGISTRATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR FOUND THROUGH OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE