



# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora, Malo e le lei, Talofa, Ni hao, Namaste, Bula,  
Kia orana, Mauri, Greetings.

We have only four busy days of school remaining and our end of year events are nearly complete. Thank you to the many people who were able to support our athletic events, enjoy our two wonderful end of year assemblies and join us for our amazing school outing to Totara Park.

On your behalf I thank school staff for their work in organising these programmes and for preparing our children so well. As we expect our students reach a high standard of achievement and discipline and certainly did us all proud.

We have two more senior school functions next week.

## **YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

This is for families of Year 6 students who leave us this year. It is on Monday, 13 December at 6pm.

## **SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING**

Family members of pupils in Years 5 and 6 are invited to this event on Thursday 16 December at 9.30am. We ask that visitors be seated by 9.30am and do remember to bring a cushion. This is a formal assembly not suited for pre-schoolers if possible.

## **READING MATERIAL**

By now all reading material, library books, journals and junior readers should be back at school. Please assist us by checking at home for any school material. Thank you.

## **LIBRARIES' SUMMER READING**

Auckland Libraries Summer Reading Challenge is being held from 13 December to 21 January 2011. The fun theme this year is "Lights, Camera, Action." Great incentives and prizes are available. This programme has parent/caregiver involvement which is helpful in developing a positive and

lifelong interest in books and libraries.

I strongly recommend this programme as an enjoyable way to keep children reading over the summer break. Please consider contacting the Manurewa Library 262 3420 or call in and chat with the Children's Librarian Vicky Cawkwell. You will be made most welcome.

## **STAFF CHANGES**

At the end of this year we farewell our Assistant Principal Joanne Schroeder and our Senior Teacher in the senior school Pa'i Le-Mamea.

Mrs Schroeder has taught at our school since 1997 and has led our junior school since 2005. The great success our 5 and 6 year olds enjoy is testament to Mrs Schroeder's leadership, professional knowledge and teaching expertise. I have certainly enjoyed working with her as part of our school's senior management team and in her role as our staff Board of Trustees' representative. Mrs Schroeder is moving to Christchurch and we wish her every success in the future.

Mrs Le-Mamea has taught in our senior school since 1996. During that time she has made a major contribution to our school. Her expertise in things Pasifika has been particularly valuable. She has introduced hundreds of children to Pasifika culture and brought out the talents of many Pasifika students. Their performances have contributed greatly to many of our assemblies and school functions.

Mrs Le-Mamea is moving to Western Australia and on your behalf I say thank you and wish her every future success.

Miss Daji will be on leave for 2011. We wish her well overseas and look forward to her return in 2012.

Mrs McGrath will be giving literacy support in 2011 and consequently will not be class teaching.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Sandy Griffin will replace Mrs Schroeder as our Assistant Principal from the beginning of next year. Mrs Griffin's professional knowledge and undoubted teaching skill will ensure that our junior school staff team continue to give our children every success as they begin their important journey through school.

### **PREPARING FOR 2011**

School opens for 2011 on **Wednesday, 2 February at 9 o'clock.**

Children will assemble in their 2010 classes and will then be given their new classrooms for 2011. It would be helpful if all children could have a pencil on their first day.

School stationery purchases will be available from school. Children will bring home a stationery list. It is expected that the cost will be around \$35.00.

The school donation remains at \$40.00 per child per year (\$10 per term).

Our school does not have a school uniform, however, we expect pupils in Years 3 to 6 to have shorts for physical education and sport (shorts stop above the knee). Apart from this requirement all children are simply expected to come to school in sensible and practical clothing ready to learn and take part in school activities.

One thing you can do to help us greatly (and yourself) is to name all clothing that is likely to be removed e.g. hats, sweatshirts, jackets, shoes etc. I am constantly dismayed at the amount of lost clothing we cannot return to you all. Names on clothing would reduce this loss.

### **LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2010**

I would like to finish by thanking you all for the support we have received in 2010. A special thanks to families whose youngest child leaves this year. Your support over many, many years in some cases is valued.

We have completed another successful year in the long and proud history of Manurewa Central School and I thank our staff and Board of Trustees for ensuring that success. I am very proud to be a

member of that team and a part of this special school.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer break and look forward to working with you in 2011.

**Thank you.**

**L Thew – PRINCIPAL**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **DECEMBER**

13 Year six graduation 6pm  
16 Senior school prize giving 9.30am  
16 School closes for 2010 at 3 o'clock.  
24 Dental clinic closes.

### **JANUARY**

5 Dental Clinic opens. Pre-schoolers welcome

### **FEBRUARY**

1 School office opens  
2 First day of school .

### **TERM DATES 2011**

Term 1 Wednesday, 2 February – Friday, 15 April  
Term 2 Monday, 2 May – Friday, 15 July  
Term 3 Monday, 1 August – Friday, 7 October  
Term 4 Tuesday, 25 October – Thursday, 15 December  
Please note the change to usual term dates because of the Rugby World Cup.

## **Happy Birthday**

**To people who have a special day about now.**

### **DECEMBER**



11 Savanah Konia	12 Taia Luteru
14 Shannon Foy	15 Zane Raana
15 Leli Tuiaki	16 Sofia-Moana Taelangi
18 Jennifer Taufua	19 Bailey Hall-Danilo
19 Phillip Mano Le-Mamea	20 Jarrel Baldovino
20 Valerie Wong	21 Josiah Faasavalu
21 Salesi Langi	21 Chloe Mane
24 Gabrielle Davies	24 Tynesha Scott
25 Lloyd Baladad	27 Jevaan Croft
27 Courtney Ngaau	28 Rahiri Maihi
29 Navshina Moeen	29 Cole Readings
29 Nicholas Smith	29 Jinling Zhang
30 Shontelle Fenwick	

## JANUARY

1 Param Saini	1 C J Silab
2 Lalaine Espuelas	2 Max Groves
2 Lauryn Seiuli	4 Divikesh Prasad
5 Kiran Singh	6 Bhavina Singh
6 Luke Stainthorpe	7 Aaron Bradley
7 Rocky Manu Saute	9 John Chen
9 Gagandeep Singh	9 Israel Wharawhara
11 Jasmine Kaur	11 Shubhashri Waalke
15 Samuel Honey	15 Leonie Tewhiu
16 Nishchal Goundar	17 Mathew Edds
17 Alayna Fa'aati	17 Ansh Raj
19 Avikesh Prasad	19 Henry Vu
20 Jordan Coneybeer	20 David Kako
20 Josiah Melendrez	21 Bailey Samuels
21 Zellas Uatisone	22 Brandonn Lloyd
23 Darren Toluta'u	24 Savana Browne
25 Reason Cooper	25 Jacob Honey
25 Malachi Pikaahu	25 Garry Singh
25 Lucca Smith	26 De Vonte Manuel
27 Ramsina Shaba	28 Aviu Aviu
29 Alexis Farr	30 Montana Henare
30 Bhupinder Singh	30 Jasmin Singh
31 Fekita To'a	

### YEAR SIX VALEDICTIONS

When you are a child at school, you might have heaps of ups and downs but I have always been happy at Manurewa Central School. You can get a lot of choices to select from and learn new things. Some of the highlights for me have been getting selected in the swimming and cross country teams, netball and hockey teams and having heaps of fun at Choices and Challenges.

When you are in the senior school and especially if you are a Year 6 pupil then you've got to learn how to be a role model for the younger children. They look up to us big kids so we need to show them how to do things the right way which makes you think before you do anything silly in front of them.

I was lucky to be in Room 10 this year where you get to use all the new art supplies and learn about lots of different artists and the way they work. Having Mrs McHaffie-Green as my teacher this year has been an honour because she loves chocolate, Coke and Snoopy, but she also makes you work hard.

It has been a very busy year. I felt like a jumping kangaroo leaping everywhere from meetings to activities to teachers and lessons and then meeting new friends. For me I loved experiencing the house

competition and getting points for my house to be the winner and fly our flag each week.

So now there are only a few more days left of my time at Manurewa Central School. Thank you to all the teachers who have helped me in my learning and for making school such a great place to be. The school motto will always be in my mind. I will always remember that "Effort Brings Reward."

**Kiri Tata-Nga Waka**

### VALEDICTION

Let me introduce myself. My name is Archana Bala and I am going to tell you about my years at Manurewa Central School.

When I started school, I was feeling very excited and happy. I was hoping that I was going to learn and make friends with other people who were different. I improved my reading and my alphabet. Being in the middle school was fine for me because I kept on giving things a try to achieve my goals in Years 3 and 4. I had to keep on improving. I achieved some of my goals and I concentrated on my learning.

After Year 4 it was time for me to go to the senior school. It was better than the middle and junior schools. Camp was challenging but I gave it a go on some activities. In Year 6 I started to be smart, sensible and responsible. I had to be positive every day. I also have become a good ICT monitor. I wasn't struggling. Being a wet day monitor in Room 17 was a very good job for me. I achieved some of the goals that I wanted to achieve. I was a speech finalist in Year 5 and a semi-finalist in Year 6. After all that I didn't become a speech finalist but I got an award from Miss Lindsay.

I enjoyed being in Mrs Brown's class because we got to do alphabet research for homework. We also did Thomas Barbey's art where we got some pictures from magazines and stuck them on our calendars.

I would like to thank Miss Lindsay because she has sent me two teachers to support me and helped me to learn more. I have also won lots of awards. I wish Miss Lindsay could make Manurewa Central School an intermediate school because I don't feel like going to another school. I hope I will succeed next year. Wait a minute! I forgot to tell you an

important message. Don't forget the school's motto, "Effort Brings Reward".

### **VALEDICTION**

In my first two years I attended Leabank Primary School so I didn't attend Manurewa Central School until Year three.

In Year three I was in the end of year performance. I was a great leaf! My favourite subject was maths.

In Year four I received an award from Mr Thew. I was very proud of my achievement. I also was in the end of year performance as a wheel. It was lots of fun. Nicholas also came to school for the first time and so I looked after my middle brother.

In Year five I joined the school Saturday hockey team. I really enjoyed playing team sports. My favourite position was goalie and being able to stop the ball dead before someone scored a goal. My science investigation gave me a credit and a certificate thanks to the hard work and research I put into it.

This is my last year of primary school and I got chosen to be a library monitor and a wet day monitor. I joined the hockey team and enjoyed the hockey field day. I learnt art (from Mr Rudman and from Mrs Brown) which I love doing. I also received an award for my science investigation this year too! My favourite subject in Year six is maths. I have really enjoyed this school. **Jonathan Cook**

### **VISHAY'S VALEDICTION**

As this year comes to an end I have used my time to reflect and think about what I have achieved in the senior school from the day I first walked into Room thirteen all the way to the end of term 4 of this year.

When I was in the junior school I always dreamed of doing the things the senior school was doing. The one thing which really astounded me was the way the senior school did their swimming sports from their exhilarating heats to their adrenaline-rushing finals. I feel so proud that I have completed this five year dream thanks to my teachers like Mr Hunt and Mrs Brown who taught me new types of strokes and how to get faster.

Every three weeks I got a newsletter showing the achievements of children around the school. The one which stood out for me was ICAS. ICAS stands for International Competitions and Assessments. They were challenging competitions but thanks to all my teachers teaching me new subjects I managed to get 5 credits and 2 distinctions (which are the top 10% of NZ). I also wish to thank Miss Lindsay for teaching us things we had never heard of. After all the competitions I felt really happy that I got the opportunity to do these challenging examinations.

Over a period of 2 years I have gone from a player who watches people play hockey to a brilliant hockey player. Thanks to Mrs McHaffie-Green for teaching me and giving me the extra push so I can dodge nearly anyone in the school.

As you can see I have all these brilliant achievements by doing just two things – believing and not giving up. By following these two quotes you could be successful as well. If I have achieved this much in two years at primary school imagine what it will be like at intermediate school?

