

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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11 February 2011 Name.....

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

Welcome to a new school year. A special welcome to our new students, parents and caregivers. I trust your association with our school will be both enjoyable and rewarding.

I am delighted that our school has begun smoothly. New enrolments so far this year total 68 and these pupils have settled in well. Class programmes are underway and I thank all staff for their preparation prior to school opening.

We did experience a major hiccup regarding our computer system. Our school server was out of action for the first week of school. This has meant that communications were limited and our email service disabled. I apologise for our slow response to any emails you may have sent.

I am pleased to welcome three new staff members to our teaching team. They are Miss Demelza Fearnley (Room 15), Mrs Alisha Hennephof (Room 6) and Ms Michelle Farrelly (Room 8). I trust these new people will find their time with us enjoyable and professionally rewarding.

PARENT TEACHER MEETING

Parents are invited to meet teachers, hear about school programmes and share information about children (see dates below).

I remind parents and caregivers that you are also welcome to approach the school to discuss matters of concern at any time. If you have something to ask about please simply contact your child's teacher.

If you wish you can make an appointment to see the appropriate team leader. These teachers are Mrs Sandy Griffin (Years 1 and 2), Mrs Ann Sowden (Years 3 and 4) and

Miss Janice Lindsay (Years 5 and 6). The school number is 269 0250.

Dialogue between home and school is important and we welcome your enquiries.

SCHOOL SECURITY

New people may not be aware that, in the interest of security our school gates are locked between 9am and 2.55pm. Day visitors to school are asked to sign in at the school office and wear identification while in the grounds.

Except in rare emergencies our school day always finishes at 3 o'clock. All children are expected to leave the grounds at 3 o'clock and proceed home. You can therefore expect your children to arrive home at the same time every day.

SCHOOL FUNDS

Each year I summarise major items of expenditure from our school budget. This gives our parents an idea of how money is spent through the curriculum.

Examples from our 2011 budget include:

The Arts	\$5,300
Reading Material (including text books)	\$17,200
Library books	\$4,000
Sports programmes and equipment	\$8,900
Computer technology	\$125,000
School grounds	\$17,700
Cultural programmes	\$2,500
Mathematics	\$6,500

The school is only able to commit such a high level of expenditure on learning materials because of the support we receive with school fundraising. This includes:

School donations	\$9,000
General Knowledge-a-thon	\$12,000
Other fundraising	\$3,000

The Board of Trustees is conscious of the costs of schooling and has continued the parent donation of \$40 per child per year (\$10 per term if you wish). My thanks to those of you who have already paid.

I wish to stress that the \$40 is a voluntary donation. It is different from stationery costs and extra school activities which attract an extra individual expense from time to time.

The school donation is important, however, as it helps enhance the excellent facilities and resources available to your children. Our Board of Trustees seeks to provide the very best for our students and I believe we are developing a school with a range of facilities second to none. Your support in this process is much appreciated.

BIBLE IN SCHOOL

This optional programme takes place from 9am to 9.30am each Wednesday from 2 March until the end of November. It is for Years 3 to 6 students only.

The lessons which are taken by accredited Bible in School teachers are Christian based. If you do not want your child involved please inform your child's teacher in writing before 2 March.

NEWSLETTERS

I consider our newsletter to be a very important part of our home/school communication. Our last parent survey found that our newsletters are our most important form of communication.

You can expect a newsletter every three weeks usually on a Friday. Newsletters contain important information, dates of school events for your calendar and classroom news. The classroom news provides an excellent overview of the many exciting activities and programmes happening at school.

Our newsletters are also placed on our school website (www.mancent.school.nz). Follow the link through News. It is possible to use this site to translate our newsletter into over 50 languages. If you know of someone who would benefit from this opportunity please assist them to do so. I trust you find our newsletters interesting and informative.

Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

- 14 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 15 Meet the teacher evening. Years 5 & 6
7pm in school auditorium.
- 23 Middle school swimming sports
- 24 Senior school swimming sports

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- 2 'Bible in School' begins
- 4 Next school newsletter
- 7-11 Senior school outdoor education week
- 7 Middle and junior school parents' meeting
- 10 Junior school swimming carnival

Term 1 finishes on Friday, 15 April.

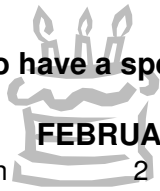
Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Rameka Maynard, Abby Casey, Te Arahia Cookson, Aidan Hermon, Abigail Mirko, Sofia Baker, Ruben Bharot, Ezra Taitoko, Jade Wareham, Nancy Mei, Steven Mei, Daeshan Taiaroa-Williams, Joshua Mei, Sumsijah Prabakaran, Karanbir Singh, Vincent Tonga-Ngatai, Sister Tonga-Ngatai, Devahrny Shelford, Jahvante Shelford, Terina-Lee Te-Whiu, Kay Graham, Kash Martin Singh, Cody Puru, Boston Arakua, Ryan Guo, Benjamin Bain, Isabella O'Flynn, Jennifer Zeng, Jady Wordsworth, Demetri Carson, Theon Pearse, Arabella Pearse, Riya Bhan, Ryan Bhan, Kaiila Stanley, Shemaiah Foti, Hare Hemopo, Shanya Kumar, Eva Perese-Wood, Rosa McQuoid, Chloe Tonga-Harrison, Deja Toloi, Wiremu Tonga-Harrison, Rileigh Campbell, Kaia-Marie Tuiono, Tanveer Ummat, Alysha Hannah, Rangi Waenga, Sharlize Campbell, Khalisha Raza, Kiran Gill, Fariha Mubarak, Cody Matthews, Fanavai Malatai, Julijana Valach, Kristy Kumar, Jesse Hannah, Joseph Hannah, Asuelu Amituanai, Mataalofa Amituanai, Anireia Marsh, Tangaroa-Jack Marsh, Courtney Nelson, Willy Jin, Jaydis Lambert, Graecyn Pasene, Dubrie Pasene, Chloe Chong.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

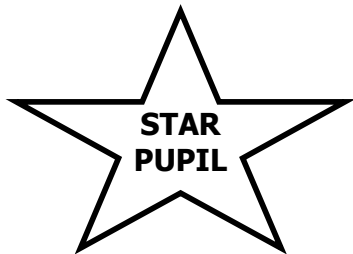


FEBRUARY

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| 1 Madisyn Martin | 2 Aidan Koh-Limatau |
| 4 Alanna Burke | 4 Dylan Maaka |
| 4 Ninveh Marwan | 4 Isaiah Sola |
| 5 Willy Jin | 6 Courtney Nelson |
| 6 Zenith Ross | 6 Vika Sina |
| 6 Gurleen Singh | 7 Jesse Hannah |
| 7 Joseph Hannah | 7 Khaine Park |
| 7 Conor Scott | 8 Jaydis Lambert |
| 12 Mia Puru | 12 Gulab Yadav |
| 14 Hannah Banatu | 14 Maddison Simmonds |
| 15 Jamiel Te Wharau | 17 Holly Dalbeth |
| 17 Marcel Ikihagai | 17 Khushi Rayat |
| 18 Gabrielle Salazar | 18 Ranvir Singh |
| 20 Jennifer-Rose Kara | 20 Quinn Motuliki |
| 21 Harleen Bhathal | 21 Ganeev Sethi |
| 22 Jaspreet Sahota | 22 Talia Sloane |
| 23 Alysha Hannah | 24 Jason Phung |
| 25 Leighton Croft | 25 Dubrie Pasene |
| 26 Kristy Kumar | 27 Jasroop Gill |
| 27 Jason Martin | 28 Mark Ball |
| 28 Jaswin Kaur | 28 Fusi Vaoletti |

MARCH

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| 1 Mitchell Bull | 2 Stavrow Karimo |
| 3 Zane Hills | |



The following students have been recognised by their class teachers for showing diligence and achievement in all aspects of their school and classwork.

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| R1 Benjamin Bain | R2 Jasmine Khauv |
| R3 Rosa McQuoid | R4 Hare Hemopo |
| R5 Lily Husband | R6 Joshua Bun |
| R7 Nerisa Vavau | R8 Slade McKay |
| R9 Caleb Barnes | R10 Jevaun Croft |
| R11 Zaeem Mohammed | R12 Potusa Fulala |
| R13 Courtney Ngaau | R14 Yogita Sharma |
| R15 John Chen | R16 Nicholas Singh |
| R17 Jaspreet Sahota | R18 Tisha Naicker |
| R19 Jasmine Rota-Leggan | R20 Jasleen Kaur |
| R21 Hayong Jung | R23 Jemimah Miller |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We are excited to be at school with our friends. We are learning interesting things about each other in our classroom and exploring the different places in our school.

Swimming has started and we are learning new skills and how to be safe in and around the water. School is so much fun!

ROOM 4

It is good to be back at school. It is good to see our old friends and we are taking the time to make new friends. Our PE lessons are great as we get to go swimming. This is a lovely way to cool down on the hot afternoons. We are learning to become more confident in the water. We can put our faces in and blow bubbles. Some of us can use the flutterboards to swim across the pool. We will keep practising hard to show our families what we can do at our swimming carnival in a few weeks time.

ROOM 6

We are off to a great start in Term 1! Come in and have a look at our collages and read about what we are good at.

We are having lots of fun in the pool.

"I am good at swimming on my back and on my front."
Richard Cole

"I am good at swimming like a jelly fish. I am smart and I am a good swimmer."
Rhyan Kett-Marshall

ROOM 8

We have had an excellent start to the year and we've already done lots of new learning.

We've started our swimming lessons, which we love – even when the water feels a bit cold! We are getting very speedy at changing so we can spend more time in the water having fun on our lessons.

We have also been learning all about ourselves through writing bio poems and creating beautiful portraits. We especially like earning Gold Time at the end of the week and finding out who the "Star of the Day" is.

ROOM 10

Welcome to 2011. So far in Room 10 we've done amazing things especially our artwork. We have created name tags made with pieces of coloured magazine paper. The background is coloured paper and our name is made from newspaper pieces. They look great.

We have also been making totem poles. Mrs McHaffie-Green has taught us BIG, BOLD and BEAUTIFUL! On a piece of cardboard we created a face, a body and feet as a base. Inside the body we cut out magazine letters from A to Z. We have written something that describes us, what we like, our feelings, fun things and all about our friends. These are totem poles which tell a story about each of us.

Leonie Tewhiu

ROOM 12

We have learnt a great deal about water and how important it is. Sally from Watercare explained what happens to our waste water. It travels a long way to be treated so that the ocean animals do not get sick. We also know that if our sewerage pipes break the sewerage can get into our drinking water!

Did you know that a rat is the animal that can last the longest without water and that an iguana can stay underwater for 28 minutes? As 66% of our body is water we need to be sure that on these hot days we drink plenty of water to keep us hydrated.

Angeline, Daeun and Maddison

ROOM 14

Here we are all back at school in our new classes. This is Jade and my new class is Room 14 with Mr Hunt. Room 14 has been swimming in the lovely pool. We also watched a swimming video to teach us how to swim in the pool.

We have learnt a lot about water because on Tuesday we went to Watercare. Our instructor was Sally and she told us not to throw our rubbish down the outside drains. If you throw it down the outside drains it will end up in the sea.

Some of the people in Room 14 have had some lessons about riding unicycles which was really fun.

ROOM 16

We have had a wonderful start to 2011. We have 3 children who are new to our school. We are making sure they are happy in our school and making new friends. We love going swimming on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We are working on gliding through the water like an arrow keeping our chins on our chest and kicking with straight legs.

ROOM 18

In our classroom we hunted for the shapes of alphabet letters in the furniture. We took photos of the letters and we will make them into a book.

ROOM 20

Kia ora everyone. We're all pleased to be back at school after having had a relaxing holiday. At the moment we are learning about ourselves, each other and how to work as a team so we can have a great year learning together. Have a super 2011 everyone.

Community Notices

NOTICE FROM AUCKLAND TRANSPORT PARKING SERVICES

Parking officers have been requested to regularly monitor roadways around schools. Infringement notices will be issued without prior warnings. This programme is designed to make our roads safe for young children attending school.

JELlicoe PARK TENNIS CLUB

'Come Play Tennis Open Day' this Sunday, 13 February 1 – 4pm. All ages welcome. Equipment supplied. Come and check out our one off joining special. For further information phone Justine Fariu 021 952 649.