

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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10 February 2012 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 pleased to report that our school has begun very smoothly. New enrolments so far this year total 29 and these pupils have settled in very well. Class programmes are underway and I thank all our staff for their preparation prior to school opening.

I am pleased to welcome two new staff members. Miss Sachiko Sumner teaches in Room 15 and Mrs Janine Nguyen will teach across the whole school in her role as a full time release teacher. We also welcome back Mrs Trudy Simpson to Room 5 and we congratulate Mrs Demelza Zandbergen who was married during the summer break.

## **PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS**

Thank you to the many parents who attended the first of our parent meetings last evening. The next meeting for parents of Year 5 and 6 children is on Monday 13 February.

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

If you wish to make an appointment to see the appropriate team leader simply ring Mrs Sandy Griffin (Years 1 and 2), Mrs Ann Sowden (Years 3 and 4) and Miss Janice Lindsay (Years 5 and 6). The school phone number is 269 0250.

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

## **SCHOOL SECURITY**

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

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

I would also add that children are needed at school until the 3 o'clock bell. The end of day is a very important time for class teachers and children who leave early do miss an important time.

I therefore ask that parents do not pick up children early except in absolute emergencies. We want and need your children to have every opportunity to succeed. Please allow them to stay for a full school day.

## **BIBLE IN SCHOOL**

This optional programme takes place from 9am to 9.30am each Wednesday from 7 March to the end of November. The programme is for Years 3 to 6 only.

The lessons are taken by accredited Bible in School teachers and are Christian based. They are optional. If you do not want your child involved please inform your child's teacher in writing before 7 March.

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

We offer banking facilities with the ASB Bank. Our banking day is Tuesday. If you would like to sign up for the opportunity please pick up a form from the school office.

## **SCHOOL FUNDS**

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

Examples from our 2012 budget include:

Reading material	\$18,500
Library and text books	\$6,000
Sports' programmes	\$7,400
The Arts	\$5,800
Cultural programmes	\$2,500
Mathematics	\$7,000
Computer technology	\$71,600
School grounds	\$12,200

We can only commit such a high level of expenditure because of the support we receive with school fundraising. This includes:

General Knowledge-a-thon	\$12,000
School donation	\$9,000
Other fundraising	\$5,000

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

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Our school is governed by a Board of Trustees who has overall responsibility for school effectiveness. Our Board consists of Chris Ward (Chairperson), Jane Beattie, Raj Singh, Ross Burr and this year we welcome Waru Clark as a new parent representative. The school staff is represented by Sandy Griffin.

Board of Trustees' meetings are usually held monthly and members of the public are welcome to attend.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

These are a very important part of our home/school communication.

You can expect a newsletter every three weeks usually on a Friday. Newsletters contain important information, dates for your calendar and classroom news. The classroom news provides an excellent overview of the many exciting activities and programmes happening at school. Newsletters are placed on our school website [www.macent.school.nz](http://www.macent.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 am sure you will find our newsletter interesting and informative.

**Thank you.**

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# **IMPORTANT DATES**

## **FEBRUARY**

- 13 Meet the Teacher evening 7pm.  
Parents of children in Years 5 and 6.
- 20 Board of Trustees' meeting 6.30pm.
- 23 Senior School (Yr 5 & 6) school swimming sports.
- 27 Senior school outdoor education week begins.

## **MARCH**

- 2 Middle school swimming sports
- 2 Next school newsletter
- 6 Interschool swimming sports
- 7 Bible in School begins
- 9 Junior school swimming carnival
- 16 Swimming pool closes.

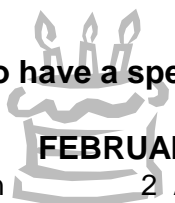
Term 1 ends on Thursday, 5 April.

# **Welcome**

***To pupils who have joined us recently***  
Ayaan Baksh, Joshua Diack, Elijah McKay, Nehemiah Vavau, Simrat Kaur, Kamryn-Ginny Rogers, Remini Vitale, Rhea Deo, Ashleigh Solomann, Jess Deng, Dwayne Reid, Iroam Westlake, Andrew Tali, April Samuelu, Taylor Paul, Roko Rabici, Karla Collins, Sophie Glover Makata, Zabi Mubarak, Mary Leslie-Nua, Ashleigh Cooper, Athana Shaba, Mohit Gulati, Zarah Edinberry, Pearl Tejpal, Darius Westlake, Phillip Andrews, Plaksha Ummat and Rhythm Matthews.

# 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 Isaiah Sola          | 5 Willy Jin         |
| 6 Zenith Ross          | 6 Courtney Nelson   |
| 6 Gurleen Singh        | 6 Vika Sina         |
| 6 Plaksha Ummat        | 7 Jesse Hannah      |
| 7 Joseph Hannah        | 7 Khaine Park       |
| 7 Conor Scott          | 8 Jaydis Lambert    |
| 10 Chloe Chong         | 10 Daniel Kako      |
| 12 Sartaaaj Nagra      | 12 Peter Palelei    |
| 12 Mia Puru            | 12 Gulab Yadav      |
| 14 Hannah Banatu       | 15 Jamiel Te Wharau |
| 18 Gabrielle Salazar   | 18 Ranvir Singh     |
| 18 Thea-Rose Willcocks | 19 Khushi Rayat     |
| 20 Gaurav Sahota       | 20 Quinn Motuliki   |
| 21 Harleen Bhathal     | 21 Ganeev Sethi     |
| 22 Jaspreet Sahota     | 23 Alysha Hannah    |
| 25 Leighton Croft      | 25 Zyprus Snowden   |
| 26 Kristy Kumar        | 27 Jasroop Gill     |
| 27 Jason Martin        | 28 Mark Ball        |
| 28 Jaswin Kaur         | 28 Fusi Vaioleti    |

## MARCH

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| 2 Gauravpreet Singh | 2 Stavrow Karimo |
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*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 Sophie Glover Makata   | R2 Corrina Rota-Leggan |
| R3 Odisho Shemshon        | R4 Roko Rabici         |
| R5 Kaya Graham            | R6 Campbell Allan      |
| R7 Demetri Carson         | R8 Thea Rose Willcocks |
| R9 Sumsijah Prabakaran    | R10 Jaydah Croft       |
| R11 Bradley Wingfield     | R12 Jinling Zhang      |
| R13 Alesha Kant           | R14 Faith Taelangi     |
| R15 Max Richards          | R16 Zane Hills         |
| R17 Helen Asiata          | R18 Jorja Thomson      |
| R19 Wiremu Tonga-Harrison | R20 Priyanka Chand     |
| R21 Jamal Todd            | R23 Ariana Faaiuasoo   |
| R24 Braithan Forster      |                        |

# ROOM NEWS

## ROOM 1

We are all very excited because we can go swimming in the afternoon. We are learning to put our heads under the water and blow bubbles.

I like swimming because I can go under the water and float. *Zarah Edinberry*

I can put my head under the water. All I have to do is cover my mouth and hold my nose.

*Sophie Glover Makata*

I like to be a shark in the swimming pool. I make fins with my hands. *Josiah Diack.*

## ROOM 3

Our holidays were exciting. We have been busy writing about all the wonderful things we did. Although it was fun being at home we are happy to be back at school. We have been busy writing lots of interesting information about ourselves. We love this term because we swim four times a week.

## ROOM 5

Happy New Year! For the past two weeks Room 5 has been getting to know each other. We have discovered that we work really well together. Swimming started last week and Room 5 has embraced swimming lessons. It is a shame that the weather hasn't been very summery for us.

## ROOM 7

We have been very busy learning our maths, poetry, classroom treaty, reading, swimming and being responsible and caring. Our class loves doing calendar maths.

## ROOM 9

Everyone in Room 9 is excited about the learning adventures we are going to have and the new friends we will make this year. We are sharing lots of things about ourselves and making pictographs to record information like our favourite ice-cream and what pets we have. Nathan is good at climbing tall trees at the park and at the beach. Kaiila is good at making cupcakes with her mum, with pink icing on.

## ROOM 11

What an amazing start to 2012. We have got excellent new school councillors and new monitors for lots of things.

Swimming is really fun in our school's pool. We actually learn but have fun. We have 2 very interesting swimming experts. They are Mrs Logan and Mr Hunt. We have been doing lots of maths. We like doing quarters and thirds and we even like doing family of facts.

### **ROOM 13**

We have already completed a piece of artwork in Room 13. The art is up on the wall and it looks really colourful. Swimming has started and we have senior school swimming sports soon. Our student teacher has been working with a swimming group and she has worked to improve our kicking and freestyle stroke.

Our Smartboard is up and working and we know we are going to have a lot of fun with it over the year. We have been looking at different sites to help us with our learning. We can find a site to use and capture it with the camera and save it on the Smartboard. It is a lot of fun. *Aaron Lew and Alesha Kant*

### **ROOM 15**

We have been making a lot of new friends. We love swimming. It is our favourite thing to do. We have all made a book for the first week of school – it was so much fun. We can't wait for the rest of the year. *Steffi Webb-Butler & Evaine Falelogi*

### **ROOM 17**

We have been learning about bar graphs and tally charts. We drew ourselves on a piece of cardboard that is a shape of a person to go on our monitor charts. Miss Campher is our student teacher. She teaches us fun games and cool things. *Larizza Melendrez*

### **ROOM 19**

Room 19 expects to have a great year. We will work hard but have fun learning too. Our self portrait artwork is starting to look great but it all takes time if you want to produce the very best. We have started cooking already and last Thursday each group made chocolate self saucing pudding. It was delicious but very filling. Reading recipes and then making something is very exciting.

### **ROOM 21**

During our first week at school, we've been getting to know each other. We already think our class is the best. We've started swimming and are focussing on our breathing and

keeping our body long and streamlined. Our shields are underway and looking great. They show lots of things about our personalities. Next we will be writing about our goals for term 1 and our long term goals for the year.

### **ROOM 23**

Room 23 children are settling in well to their new classroom. They are enjoying swimming four afternoons a week and are in groups called the starfish, squid or penguins. The children are learning lots of new maths, alphabet and busy activities. A few favourites are stamping spelling, making a roll, rainbow words and memory.

## **Community Notices**

### **MANUREWA PARENTING HUB MEETING**

Wednesday, 15 February 1.00 to 2.45pm at Manurewa Central School. Come and discover the range of services this wonderful group provides.

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### **CLENDON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

Registrations 9 and 16 February 6-8pm  
11 and 18 February 10am – 12pm. Boys and girls from 5 years up. New Manurewa Sports' Centre – off Weymouth Road. Phone Stephen 267 5624 for information. New players require birth certificates.

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### **HELEN O'GRADY CHILDREN'S DRAMA ACADEMY**

Students from 5 – 17 years. Enrolling now for Term 1. Phone Debbie 836 0233 for information.

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### **MANUREWA JUNIOR SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

Tuition in a range of instruments available on Saturday mornings at Greenmeadows Intermediate between 8.30 – 11.30am. Suitable for students 7 years up. Fee \$65. Contact [mjism@greenmeadows.school.nz](mailto:mjism@greenmeadows.school.nz) or phone 269 5673.

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### **MANUREWA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB**

Registrations for grades 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> held at clubrooms, Gibbs Road on 11 February 10 – 4pm, 13 and 16 February 5 – 7pm. See [www.manurewaafc.org.nz](http://www.manurewaafc.org.nz) for more info.

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### **FARM DAY, 18 MARCH**

A free, interactive fun event for children to experience life on the farm. Suitable for children of all ages. Address: Bellavista Farm 66 Biddick Road, Karaka. [www.farmday.org.nz](http://www.farmday.org.nz) for information.