

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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10 May 2013 Name.....

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

Term two is well underway and on behalf of our school community I welcome all new students and whanau to our school. This past week we have enrolled 5 new students which brings our current roll to 543.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for positions on our school's Board of Trustees. Four parent representatives will be elected by our parent group. Nominations close next Thursday, 16 May.

Voting takes place between 21 and 30 May. All parents and guardians will be sent voting papers. If you would like to discuss the role of Board members please do not hesitate to phone our current chairperson, Chris Ward on 021 2491646. Chris would welcome your call.

READING TOGETHER

We will be running another series of workshops on home reading this term beginning on Wednesday, 22 May. There are four meetings that will start at 6pm and finish at 7.30pm. We do run a crèche for children to assist parents. These workshops are both successful and popular. If you are a parent of a 5 or 6 year old and would like to attend, please phone Mrs Sandy Griffin on 269 0250.

THANK YOU

We thank student leaders and school staff who represented our school on ANZAC Day. Our students did us all proud as they marched in the parade and laid a wreath on the cenotaph outside our memorial gates.

HELPING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

One of the best things we can do for our children is to help them learn resilience. However, in our desire to be helpful we can sometimes reduce rather than build resilience. Here are some helpful pointers to assist

children to become more independent.

1. Let your child make decisions and take responsibility for problems they can solve themselves. Getting ready for school is a good opportunity for children to be responsible.
2. Give children choice but not too much. This stops them from taking the easy option or avoiding difficult situations. For example going to school every day is non-negotiable even when it is a sports' day or when homework has been forgotten.
3. Don't let children give in too easily. Parents can let children give up on learning or a leisure activity too easily. Research shows that resilient learners link success with effort and don't give up because something is difficult or their team is not winning or they are not enjoying something for the moment.
4. Try to develop independence early. For many reasons today's children have less freedom than those of past generations. This can hinder their ability to assess risk. Look for ways to enable children to be independent, take risks and be responsible for the outcomes.
5. Be realistic about pressure to always perform. This is the flip side of number 3 above. Expectations are important but if they are too low they are easily met, too high and children give up, too much and children become anxious. It is best to help children learn what is important and when.

Overall the message should be that you will always be there to support your child and this includes letting them make their own decisions whenever possible.

Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 16 Nominations close for Board of Trustees' elections
- 18 Saturday morning hockey begins
- 21 Interschool cross country
- 21 Board elections. Voting papers distributed.
- 21-30 Voting for Board elections
- 22 Reading Together workshop #1
- 30 Board elections. Voting closes.
- 31 Junior school cross country
- 31 Next newsletter

JUNE

- 3 Queen's Birthday. School closed
- 5 Board election results announced
- 10 School cultural celebration week
- 10 First meeting of new Board of Trustees 6pm.
- 19 Life Education programme begins

JULY

- 1 – 5 Maori language week
- 12 School closes to end Term 2

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Chloe Morrison, Rhys Tagi, Simran Singh, Xavier Knowles, Sophia Drake, Zoe Cortes.

Happy Birthday

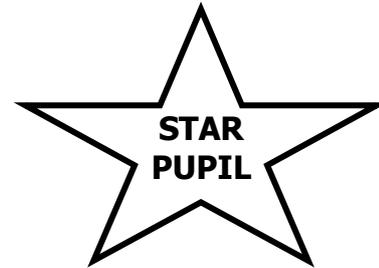
To people who have a special day about now.



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| 13 Dtroyt Cowley | 13 Levi Gwynne |
| 13 Grace Park | 14 Gurleen Kaur Grewal |
| 14 Maya Rameka | 15 Revanda Peniamin |
| 15 Fabian Solomon | 16 Alyse Allan |
| 16 Cameron Kiriona | 17 Kaya Graham |
| 17 Aidan Hunt | 17 Roko Rabici |
| 17 Elijah Tavita-Jackson | 18 Ammon Seiuli |
| 18 Victoria Touli | 19 Mataalofa Amituanai |
| 19 Trinity Dephoff | 19 May Dong |
| 19 Daniel Maka | 19 Simran Singh |
| 21 Riya Kumar | 22 Jason Chen |
| 22 M'Kenah-Roze Dalton | 24 Darshika Deo |

- 24 Jusdeen Samupo
- 25 Esther Lemoa
- 26 Izaeliyah Tuaato
- 28 Caitlin Cottee
- 29 Alesana Alesana

- 24 Sarina West
- 25 Ashleigh Solomann
- 27 Tear Andrews
- 28 Sam Ward



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 Rehan Mohammed | R2 Luke Eramiha |
| R3 Genesis Tabora | R4 Malachi Tagi |
| R5 Tony Julian | R6 Sahil Sandhu |
| R7 Pearl Tejpal | R8 Hector-Jack Saute |
| R9 Subnoor Kalsi | R10 Tanveer Bhatti |
| R11 Clayton Kea | R12 Suraj Singh |
| R13 Zoe Nelson | R14 Arabella Pearse |
| R15 Jasleen Kaur | R16 Victoria Touli |
| R17 Chloe Chong | R18 Fariha Mubarak |
| R19 Yashika Prakash | R20 Dylan Ross |
| R21 Arshpreet Kaur | R23 Inise Malewa |
| R24 Nicole Mahangchai | |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

Autumn Stories

In autumn the red leaves fall from the trees. I like to throw them in the air. *Layken*

I like to eat pumpkin soup in autumn. I like the red and brown leaves. I like to wear my jumper. *Masin*

In autumn I like to jump in the leaves. I like to eat apples and feijoas. I like to wear my cardigan to keep me warm. *Kingston*

In autumn I like to eat red apples for a snack. In autumn I like to wear warm clothes. In autumn the leaves change colour and fall to the ground. *Maraia*

I like the autumn colourful leaves that are red, brown and yellow. I like to jump in the puddles. I like to eat apples in autumn. *Courtney*

ROOM 4

When crossing the road it is important to stop, look left and right. When I am in the car

coming to school I must always wear my seatbelt. It will keep me safe if the car crashes. We have also learnt that it is dangerous to cross the road between parked cars as it makes it more difficult for the cars driving past to see us and we must always use proper crossing places especially when leaving school.

ROOM 6

Holiday Stories

I didn't marry a goat. I didn't balance a coconut on my head. I didn't wear silly clothes. But... I did play with my cousin. *Kaitlyn Tanoa'i*

I didn't go to sleep doing a handstand. I didn't have breakfast with a dinosaur. I didn't jump up onto the sun. But... I did go to a Vietnamese café. *Anaru Thomson*

ROOM 8

We wrote about what we didn't do over the holidays ...

I didn't go in a submarine to see a mermaid.

Maya

I didn't sail on a pirate ship and walk the plank.

Esheeta

I didn't go in the jungle and fight a bear and jump off its back.

Shawneqwa

ROOM 10

Did you know? Although the term "ANZAC" only officially means the soldiers who fought in WWI it was later decided that the day should also remember those who served in WWII. These days it also includes the men and women who have served in later wars. For example, Vietnam and Korea and peace keeping operations such as Bosnia, Bougainville and East Timor. *Lest We Forget.*

ROOM 12

It is nearly winter but we would not have known it this week when we ran our cross country races. We huffed and puffed around the course three times and we were so hot. It was really great to see everyone involved even though at times the hot weather made it very challenging. It is really good to be given a band after each lap is completed because then we want to go faster to get the next one. However, the best part of all is seeing the finishing chute with all of the brightly coloured cones. When you get to that point you can feel very proud of your efforts!

ROOM 14

We have just come back from our super holidays. There are a lot of fun things coming up; the senior school has our writing club with Mrs Scott in a few days, ICAS competitions and our cross-country. What I'm really looking forward to is the Duffy Theatre on Wednesday. Did anyone go to the ANZAC parade outside our school these holidays? For Room 14's ANZAC work we made paper poppies. They look magnificent! *Arabella*

ROOM 16

We have used Google maps to find where we live and to find cities in New Zealand. We have been playing mapping games to help us learn about using a compass, grids and a key or legend. Children can access these links through our wiki, at home.

<http://mcmiddleesc.wikispaces.com> There are also links to spelling and maths' games.

We also have a class blog where you can see some of the things we have been doing in class. <http://mightymancent16.blogspot.co.nz/>

ROOM 18

We have been learning about the continents. We have learnt there are seven continents and we can name them and point them out on a world map. We have also been practising how to link and write like grown-ups. We did cross-country this week. We were lucky to have a sunny day to do it, because it has been a very wet week! *Genesis and Chetna*

ROOM 20

Last week we ran in the school cross country. Some of us enjoyed it, others found it challenging and a few of us wished we didn't have to do it! Despite our different points of view we know it is good to participate in physical activity like this because it helps us to stay fit and healthy. Exercise also makes our brain function well and that means we can learn more. What are you doing to keep fit?

ROOM 24

We are excited to be back for term two.

"We are excited to have new people in our classroom." *Ayden*

"I like drawing pictures to display in my new classroom." *Tyron*

"School is a great place to be." *Nicole*

GARDENIER FAMILY DONATION

Last year Manurewa Central School was exceedingly fortunate to be sent a large financial donation from the Gardenier Family currently living in The Netherlands (Mr Gerrit and Mrs Alison Gardenier and their sons John, Peter, Thomas and David).

The Gardenier boys attended our school as five year olds moving through the school until the family emigrated to The Netherlands for Mr Gardenier's employment. As a family they continued to maintain contact with our school updating us on the boys' schooling, out of school pursuits and ultimately university achievements.

The Gardenier Family donation came with no stipulations. However, when pressed, they wanted us to understand that the co-curricular opportunities that our school provided to their sons gave them experiences that helped to shape their futures. For example, a visit from the Manurewa High School concert band gave John the desire to learn to play the trumpet, an instrument that has led to involvement in orchestras in several major cities worldwide.

With the family's thoughts in mind our school has chosen to subsidise several opportunities for our current children to enjoy. The first of these was to host the Manurewa High School band late last year. The group has several ex-Manurewa Central School students, most of whom will accompany the band to Hawaii later this year. A donation has been made to support the touring costs of these students. In the coming weeks we have arranged a performance from a renowned percussion group for our children to enjoy. The cost for your children will be subsidised from the Gardenier donation. Finally as the year progresses, we aim to source another experience for our children to participate in.

As a school we are extremely humbled by the generosity and kindness shown to us by Gerrit and Alison and their sons. For the longstanding staff in our school we always shared in the academic success that the boys achieved. Let us in return acknowledge that educating children is a partnership between families and schools and that when this partnership flourishes, outcomes for children are always pleasing for all involved.

To Gerrit, Alison, John, Peter, Thomas and David we all offer our heartfelt thanks.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Yr3	Boys	Girls
1 st	Jaydis Lambert	Mereani Uludole
2 nd	Slade McKay	Keira Miller
3 rd	Sanuj Sharma	Elyn Basilio

Yr4	Boys	Girls
1 st	Blake Allen	Revanda Peniamin
2 nd	Jonti-Armani Graham	Bhavandeep Kaur
3 rd	Harman Singh	Joana Malewa

Yr5	Boys	cHLOEGirls
1 st	Rangi Waenga	Evaine Falelogi
2 nd	Peter Willis	Alex Kett
3 rd	Tamati Peters	Sophie Moana Taelangi

Yr 6	Boys	Girls
1 st	Bailey Nom Noo	Leilani Faaiuasoa
2 nd	Tanraj Bains	Jusdeen Samupo
3 rd	Nicholas Singh	Denise Falelogi

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

One day in April the best swimmers of Manurewa Central School had a competition against Hillpark at the Sykes Road pools. The best swimmers from each school swam in the medley. Leilani came first in the girls' medley because she is a fantastic swimmer. Everyone had fun and there were excellent results in freestyle and backstroke. Hillpark, however, seemed to be better than us at breaststroke. Ariana, Bradley and Leilani were the only people from our school to win at breaststroke.

There were many exciting relay races but our school managed to win most of them. When the results were added up, we had more points than Hillpark. This was the end of a really enjoyable day. *Jusdeen and Clayton*

Community Notices

DUTCH CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Free class for children with a Dutch nationality. Focus on Dutch language and culture. Programme is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Education. Mondays 3.15pm to 5.15pm, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Manurewa. For more information phone Sabine 473 4268 or email dutchschool@xtra.co.nz