

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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11 December 2009 Name.....

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

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have completed most of our end of year events. Thank you to the many people who were able to support our first two assemblies, visit our athletics days and enjoy our school carols' evening.

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

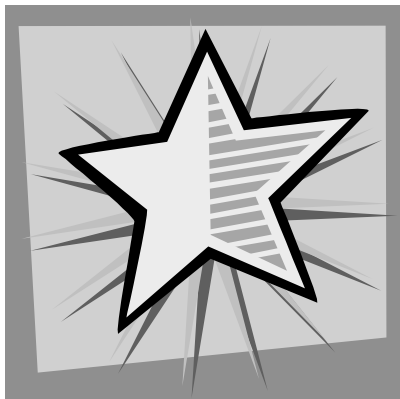
We have two more senior school functions next week.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

This is for families of Year 6 students who leave us this year. It will be held on Monday, 14 December at 6pm.

SENIOR PRIZE GIVING ASSEMBLY

Family members of pupils in Years 5 and 6 are invited to this event on Thursday, 17 December at 9.30am. We ask that visitors be seated by 9.30am and please remember to bring a cushion. This is a formal assembly not suited for pre-schoolers.



READING MATERIAL

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



MANUKAU LIBRARIES' SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This exciting programme known as "Mission Possible" runs from 14 December 2009 to 22 January 2010. This programme will be very helpful in ensuring your child's reading skills are maintained over the holidays. It could also encourage a lifelong involvement with books and libraries.

This programme is highly recommended as is the usual library visit and lots of home reading. This will ensure your child does not stop their reading development over the summer break.

Enrol now at any Manukau library but be quick as places are limited.

STAFF CHANGES

At the end of this year we farewell Rachelle Baker (Room 7), who is moving on promotion, to Mission Heights School after 8 years with us. In January, Tracy Fowler (Room 15) and Richie Rudman (Room 23) will be getting married and moving to New Plymouth together.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and parents I thank all three teachers for the substantial contribution they have made to Manurewa Central during their time at our school. They will be missed but I know they will continue to grow professionally and have every success in their new positions in their new schools.

PREPARING FOR 2010

School opens for 2010 on Wednesday, 3 February at 9 o'clock.

Children will assemble in their 2009 classes and will be given their new classrooms for the year. It would be helpful if children could bring a pencil on the first day.

School stationery purchases will again be possible through the school. Cost for next year is expected to be about \$30 per child.

The school donation for 2010 remains at \$40.00 per child (\$10.00 per term).

While our school does not have a school uniform we do expect pupils in Years 3 to 6 to wear shorts for physical education and sport. (Shorts stop above the knee) Apart from this sport requirement all children are simply expected to come to school in practical clothing that is sensible for a day at school.

During the summer months everyone is expected to wear a hat when outside. The first six weeks of the year involve swimming which is a required part of the physical education curriculum for all levels. Please ensure children have swimming togs and a towel for these lessons.

With regard to children's clothing you can help us greatly (and yourself) by naming all clothing that is likely to be removed at school. This includes hats, sweatshirts, jackets, shoes etc. Every year I am disappointed at the amount of lost clothing that we are unable to return to owners. Names on clothes would help greatly.

FINAL NEWSLETTER

I would like to finish by thanking you all for the support we have received during 2009. A special thanks to families who have been connected with our school for many years and have their youngest child finishing. Thank you for your long support!

We have certainly completed another successful year in the proud history of Manurewa Central School and I acknowledge the efforts of our staff and Board of Trustees.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer break and look forward to working with you in 2010.

Thank you
L Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 14 Year 6 students' graduation evening 6pm
- 15 Junior school Teddy Bears' picnic
- 17 Years 5 & 6 prize giving assembly 9.30am
- 17 School closes at 3pm for summer holidays.
- 24 Dental clinic closes.

JANUARY

- 5 Dental clinic opens. Parents are welcome to enrol pre-schoolers from this date.

FEBRUARY

- 2 School office opens.
- 3 First day of school

Term Dates for 2010

- Term 1 Wednesday, 4 February – Thursday, 1 April
- Term 2 Monday, 19 April – Friday, 2 July
- Term 3 Monday, 19 July – Friday, 24 September
- Term 4 Monday, 11 October – Thursday, 16 December

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

DECEMBER

12 Taia Luteru	14 Shannon Foy
14 Lyric Heta	15 Dominique Doolan
15 Zane Raana	15 Leli Tuiaki
16 Sofia-Moana Taelangi	
16 Callum Douglas	18 Jennifer Taufa
19 Phillip Mano Le-Mamea	
20 Samuel Adlington	20 Jarrel Baldovino
20 Vinal Prasad	20 Valerie Wong
21 Salesi Langi	22 Charm Harvey
23 Kayla Rahman	24 Gabrielle Davies
24 Tynesha Scott	25 Lloyd Baladad
25 Jeremiah Mene	27 Courtney Ngaau
28 Rahiri Maihi	28 Alisha Salmon
28 Izaak Tele	29 Navshina Moeen
29 Nicholas Smith	29 Madison Sturt
29 Jinling Zhang	30 Chloe Edds
30 Shontelle Fenwick	



JANUARY

1 Param Saini	2 Max Groves
2 Michael McRae	2 Lauryn Seiuli
3 Maile Guttenbeil	4 Divikesh Prasad
6 Bhavina Singh	6 Luke Stainthorpe
7 Aaron Bradley	7 Rocky Manu Saute
9 John Chen	9 Prateek Shahi
9 Israel Wharawhara	10 Samantha Brooks
10 Jewel Harvey	10 Madison Harvey
11 Shubhashri Waalke	13 Jasmine Kaur
13 Peter Toalima	15 Caroline Meha
15 Leonie Te Whiu	17 Mathew Edds
17 Alayna Fa'aati	19 Avikesh Prasad
19 Henry Vu	20 Jordan Coneybeer
20 David Kako	21 Bailey Samuels
22 Brandonn Lloyd	22 Cherie Rimaha
23 Darren Toluta'u	24 Savana Browne
25 Garry Singh	26 De Vonte Manuel
30 Montana Henare	30 Kritesh Kumar
30 Jasmin Singh	30 Pinder Singh
31 Briar Payne	

Community Notices

Have fun and make new friends in the school holidays. We have an amazing variety of activities for children 5 to 14 years. Join us weekdays from 7 December to 29 January for: Circus skills workshop. Young Entrepreneurial Ventures, indoor rock climbing and outdoor laser skirmish to name a few. Please enrol early to secure a place in these popular programmes. Visit www.parnell.org.nz or phone Parnell Trust 379 2095 ext 9724, email pf@parnell.org.nz

Children's Art School – Visual Art Studios, Faculty of Education. 2010 January Holidays Workshops are being held 18 – 21 January, Mixed media or 25 – 28 January Paint 9 – 12pm and Clay 12.30 – 3.30pm.

Term 1 2010 Art classes for children Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7 – 13 years 4-5.30pm. Saturdays 9+ at 9am and 5 up at 11am. Begins Saturday, 6 February. For more information phone Chris Gunnell 623 8858 or email c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz



Year 6 Valedictions



Room 10

- Tessa:** Being a councillor I was rewarded by having lots of fun and learning the responsibility of leadership.
- Ezrah:** I put a lot of effort into being responsible at camp and was rewarded by being named as a 2009 councillor.
- Izaak:** It was a rewarding experience representing the school at Young Leaders' Day and the ANZAC parade.
- Haylee:** Our netball field day showed how lots of practice and effort can help you enjoy and win games.
- Laura:** I enjoyed being a librarian especially shelving books and keeping the library tidy.
- Cathy:** I loved putting effort into my writing in the writing club and producing great stories.
- Chloe:** Being a house vice captain was rewarding, putting lots of gear out for children to play with.
- Navana:** I put lots of effort into my Saturday hockey games and became much more skilled.
- Ciaran:** I was always enthusiastic in my dancing and singing.
- Cherie:** I enjoyed being in whanau and especially in the poi.
- Kritesh:** I put lots of effort into my cricket bowling skills and was rewarded with lots of wickets.
- Tricia:** I put effort into learning and singing lots of songs and performing in the Kids for Kids' choir.
- Yarnis:** I enjoyed being in the choir and I had to put in lots of effort to learn the songs off by heart.
- Abhinav:** I played in the softball team and I worked hard to help the team win games.
- Sinead:** I worked hard all year and was rewarded with being given extra responsibilities and being involved in groups.

Room 11



This is a time to remember and reflect on my wonderful memories of being a student at Manurewa Central School.

I still can remember my first day of school going into Room 1. I was scared and nervous but after a while I settled in and felt welcomed.

There are many special memories of my time here. I'll share just a few that have a special place in my heart.

Being in Room 7 with the lovely Miss Baker our class had the opportunity to be part of illustrating a children's book. It was great drawing the pictures and working with a real author. I still have my own personal copy of the book which I am very proud of and will keep forever.

Of course going to Chosen Valley Camp is a highlight for anyone in the senior school. Two years of camp was awesome. I was lucky that one year my Dad came as a parent helper and it was cool having him on camp. At camp I learned about teamwork and being independent.

It has been an honour representing my school in the Kids for Kids' choir and interschool netball team. I enjoyed learning all the songs that Mrs McHaffie-Green and Miss Fowler taught us and would like to thank them for giving up their time to teach the choir to the highest standard. Playing netball was fun and our team did well at the field day.

Showcasing pupils' talents was a great experience. We performed for our families and friends. I was in whanau, dance, choir and Chotae Bache. I loved performing in all of the items and our hard work paid off as at the end of each performance we got great comments from family and friends who loved the show. We are so lucky to have teachers who are very talented in the arts. Thank you.

Going to the hockey field day just a couple of weeks ago was cool. I have never played hockey before and I was so happy when I was chosen to give it a go. I learned how to play the game and I really enjoyed playing against the other teams. Hockey is a lot of fun.

Well these are a few of my special memories of being at this school as there are many more I can share. My time here has come to an end and I want to say THANK YOU to all the teachers I've had and the friends I've made along the way. I feel sad saying goodbye as I move on to intermediate next year. It is time to move and I'll always remember our school motto "Effort Brings Reward". I plan to continue to put all my effort into everything I do at my new school and be rewarded. I hope to make all my teachers at this school proud of me.

Olivia Becher

Room 12



I am standing in the present and as I look back at my memories at Manurewa Central School from Year 1 in Mrs Tombolato's class to Year 6 in Ms McHugh's class, there are certainly some great thoughts that stand out.

Meeting awesome friends like Sarah Bracewell and at Year 2 being introduced by Miss Baker to the arts are both highlights. No wonder I am so involved in all of the groups around the school. These early influences have really allowed me to grow into the person that I am today. Years 5 and 6 are especially the best years I will remember.

Miss Lindsay and the senior school have allowed me to grow and keep growing by giving other students and me the resources and encouragement we all need so that we can put in the extra effort and get the rewards. Opportunities like whanau leadership and being house captain for Kaka have made me better prepared for my future than I thought I would be.

I will remember the best days of my life at Manurewa Central School for ever.
Hiki Ikavuka

Room 13

My time at Manurewa Central School is coming to an end. This year has been the best year as I have tried lots of new things like finally going on the flying fox at Chosen Valley!

Some of the highlights at this school include representing the school at sports' days like soccer and hockey. The best thing that ever happened to me at this school was being named as a house captain. I guess that shows effort really does bring reward.

Mrs Brown has really helped me a lot in my moving on to intermediate school. She has helped me with my reading and spelling. I have enjoyed the work she has given me as some of the activities were fun. Others were challenging and it made me think hard about the questions.

Mr Hunt has helped me a lot with my maths and I really have improved. I will always remember the school library and the great range of books inside it. Every time I went there I always found a book that I enjoyed.

I would like to say thanks to Mrs McHaffie Green for helping me with my hockey skills. You have done a great job. Of course a very special thanks to Mr Thew and Miss Lindsay for running the school smoothly the whole time that I have been at this school.

Lastly I would like to thank my parents for helping me with my schoolwork at home and teaching me new strategies to work things out. I never would have got through primary school without you.
Ryan Waterworth

Room 14



When I first walked into Room 1 as my first class, I was excited. I knew this school would be fantastic as I had heard some wonderful stories from my older brother.

I can remember going to Ambury Farm in the junior school, touching and feeding all the animals although some of the chickens weren't very fond of me! I also loved the middle school as you could do a lot of fun things. I had the main part in the end of year production. I had fun acting the part but it was hard learning the lines though.

When I started being a Year 6, I was nervous and excited at the same time. Camp was awesome fun! Though, not the parts when I fell off the confidence course and when I had a bit of a collision with Chantelle of which the consequence was falling into the pond! Not a very fun time then.

I enjoyed being part of the many cultural dances including 'Showcasing Our Pupils' Talents. I was in whanau, choir, ABC, Go West dancers and rakau. I enjoyed learning the new Maori songs and actions. I especially loved dressing up in the costumes.

At Saturday hockey I loved winning. I wasn't too keen on waking up early on a beautiful Saturday morning but after a while I got used to it. I think making all the friends I have now has been the best thing. They have been helping me all my school life. I don't know what I'd do if they weren't by my side. People such as Chantelle and Maile have been ever so great to me.

Tears start rolling down my cheeks as I remember I'm leaving this year. But before I go, I'd like to thank all my previous teachers for their support and also my friends for supporting me and for just being my friends. As I go, I will always remember our school motto and song, Effort Brings Reward.
Chloe Edds



Room 15

On your marks ...get set...go! What? Is the race starting? Oh no, I'd better start running. This is what it has been like for the past six years, like running a race in my life.

I imagine walking past Manurewa Central School in 20 years' time, thinking about all the things I have been involved in. When I heard my name get called to go into Room 15 and had to line up behind Miss Fowler, I was excited to start my last year at this school. I've learnt many things in my time here.

On my first day in the senior school I was scared that lots of teachers would growl at me if I did the wrong thing. I learnt that teachers aren't like that at all, only if you do something really wrong.

Someone told me that there was a camp coming up, and I got really excited. Camp is all about making new friends, being brave and doing things you haven't done before. When asked if we wanted to sleep in a tent, I said I would and my other two friends said they would too. It's all about going out of your comfort zone when you are in the outdoors.

I will always remember the school motto of "Effort brings reward" and it will always be in my heart. So that's the end of my race. My journey at Manurewa Central is done and I feel like I have won!

Jennifer Zhang



Happy Holidays

