

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Name.....

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

2nd Inise Malewa
3rd Simran Kaur

Term 4 is already half over and we have only five busy weeks until the end of the school year.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Between now and 16 December we have a number of traditional and enjoyable school events to which you are invited.

Among these are three end of year assemblies that are special and always well attended. Dates follow later in this newsletter and I suggest you put these in your calendar.

These assemblies are arranged to acknowledge our students and recognise their achievements throughout the year. It is a special time for our children and you are warmly invited.

Please note the dates below and please remember to bring a cushion.

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

Our annual speech contests have been completed and this year's finalist all reached a very high standard. Special congratulations go to the following winners.

Year 6 1st Eva Perese-Wood
 2nd Sophia Baker
 3rd Kay Graham & Jennifer Zeng

Year 5 1st Joshua Diack
 2nd Phoenix Matano Mauigoa
 3rd Davina Aviu & Mamia Marsh

Year 4 1st Casey Drake
 2nd Abbey Husband
 3rd Tavita Moses

Year 3 1st Nirmitt Singh
 2nd Elle Funaki
 3rd Sophie Drake

ESOL 1st Gurvind Dhaliwal

EFFORT BRINGS MORE REWARD

Congratulations to the following students who achieved excellent science investigation results.

Overall Winners

Year 4 Abbey Husband

Year 5 1st Lachlan Smith
 2nd Ariana Faaiuasoa
 3rd Braithan Forster

Year 6 1st Thea-Rose Willcocks
 2nd Eva Perese-Wood
 3rd Jadyn Wordsworth

Distinction Winners

Chance Tavita-Jackson, Joshua Diack, Nehemiah Vavau, Isaac Botuyan, Brendon Tse, Madison Turner, Sofia Baker, Brooke Maiava, Sophie Glover, Siobhan Paku, Taparia Engu.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our four hui and contributed to the review of our school vision and values.

Your views will be considered alongside those of our students and staff and incorporated in our 2017 Charter draft for Board of Trustees approval. Once accepted I will report back to you in 2017.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT

At our Board meeting recent reports were received on special needs, staff professional development and Term two student attendance patterns.

Of particular interest was a Ministry report on student attendance. Our attendance rates are very good with no significant differences across ethnicities. I am certain that good attendance helps our students achieve highly.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017

Over the next month evaluations will be considered and class lists drafted for 2017.

Class organisation from Years 3 to 6 will continue to be in mixed classes with a two year range in each room. This arrangement provides younger children in the group with the opportunity to work with and learn from their older classmates. In time they become the older role models and have the opportunity to take a leadership role.

As a rule children are placed with a new teacher each year. This allows pupils to experience a range of teacher strengths and interests as they move through their time at school. In exceptional circumstances a child may be placed with the same teacher for two years.

All classes have a range of ability, interests and achievement levels. This means there is no "top class" and all classes are expected to reach similar levels of achievement.

When children begin school at 5 they are placed in a reception class with a programme designed to settle them quickly to school routines and learning programmes. Children are eventually grouped according to reading and writing levels and move to a Year 1 class when ready.

Each year classroom placements are decided by our experienced teachers who know children very well. Consequently most placements are straight forward. However, staff will discuss individuals with parents when necessary.

If you have information about your child that you think would be helpful please contact the appropriate teacher by the end of November. These are Mrs Griffin (junior school), Mrs Sowden (middle school) and Mrs Dibben (senior school). The school number is 269 0250.

Please note that contact is only necessary in special cases. Parents are not able to request a particular placement as this ultimately is the responsibility of the school.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 2017

You can help us plan for next year by letting us know if your child is not returning in 2017 (apart from Year 6 of course). Also if your child is going overseas and not returning for the first day of school on Wednesday, 1 February you must inform the school in writing. Children who simply does not turn up at school have to be removed from the school roll and consequently lose their place at school.

Thank you
L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES



NOVEMBER

- 16 Reading Together session 3 6pm.
- 24 Tama Toa competing at Manurewa South School supported by Te Aho Tapu.
- 25 All school library books returned.
- 30 Bible in school finishes.

DECEMBER

- 2 Middle School assembly 9.30am
- 2 Next newsletter
- 5 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 7 Year 6 graduation evening 5.30pm
- 9 Junior school final assembly 9.30am
- 9 Student reports home.
- 16 Senior school prize giving 9.30am
- 16 School closes to end the year 3pm

School starts for 2017 on Wednesday, 1 February at 9am.

Happy Birthday



To people who have a special day about now.

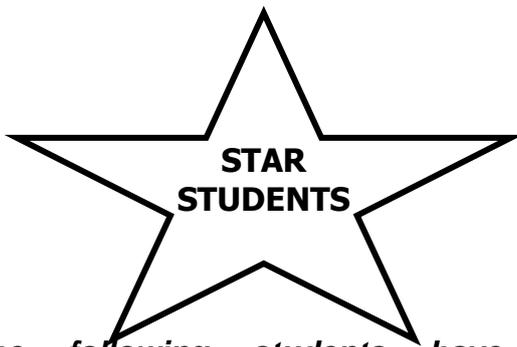
NOVEMBER

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| 11 Sreyneang Sok | 11 Lachlan Gifkins |
| 11 Te Arahia Cookson | 12 Eva Perese-Wood |
| 12 Bhakti Tiwari | 12 Joshua Diack |
| 12 Harman Sidhu | 13 Mohit Gulati |

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| 13 Akash Singh | 14 Noah Afakasi |
| 14 Juliani Te Pou | 14 Sacha El-Hawat |
| 14 Mena Paul | 15 Caleb Cottee |
| 15 Dylan Prasad | 15 Harleen Malhi |
| 15 Kingston Ah-You | 16 Nathan Do |
| 16 Deahni Finau | 17 Dakota Muir |
| 17 Braithan Forster | 18 Mamia Marsh |
| 18 Raahil Kumar | 18 Mehrab Singh |
| 21 Courtney McAnally | 21 Ekamanreet Kaur |
| 22 Jennifer Zeng | 22 McKenzie Funaki-Sterling |
| 23 Chance Tavita-Jackson | 23 Jadya Wordsworth |
| 25 Christian Solo | 25 Paras Mahey |
| 26 Nathan Husband | 27 Harlem Jacob |
| 28 Will Toelau | 28 Inise Malewa |
| 30 Jasleen Malhi | |

DECEMBER

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| 1 Logan Ward | 1 Rosa McQuoid |
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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.

R1 Peyton Wilcox	R2 Anjandeep Kaur
R3 Ishmeet Kaur	R4 Jade Te Whiu
R5 Freedom Tonga	R6 Te Ariki Waara
R7 Horeen Horeen	R8 Filisi Leslie-Nua
R9 Prabhdeep Kaur	R10 Dakota Muir
R11 Bronson Brown	R12 Phoenix Matano Mauigoa
R13 Ethan Luong	R14 Daman Kumar
R15 Anishna Chand	R16 Tarandeep Singh
R17 Labron Gwynne Asoava	R18 Amber Lal
R19 Mena Paul	R20 Sahib Singh
R21 Abby Cooper	R22 Jaimie-Rose Palmer
R23 Taylor Baker	R24 Eliezer Hukiavave

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently
 Reyansh Palanni, Nylah Coldicutt and
 Mikaera Ropata.

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We made butter at school. First we poured the cream in the jar. Then we shook it up and down, it was fun. We counted to ten and we passed the jar around to the person next to us.

The cream turned into butter! I like butter!

Kylah Brittain

ROOM 4

We wrote stories about our fabulous folk dancing!

On Tuesday, we did the pukeko stomp. I like wiggling my bottom and flapping my wings. My mum came to see me.

Liana

We did the pukeko stomp with my friends. We shook our tail feathers and we flapped our wings.

Charlotte

Yesterday we did the pukeko stomp. We were shaking our tails. Then we stepped to the left then we stepped to the right.

Lele

My mum and dad came to watch me do the pukeko dance.

Fane

ROOM 6

We have been learning about how to be safe when crossing the road. It is important to stop, look and listen for cars before you cross the road.

I went to push the button so that I can cross the road when the traffic light is red.

Te Ariki

Always cross the road with Mum or Dad so that you don't get hit!

Liam

Me and Mum are waiting for the cars to stop.

Darius

ROOM 8

We have been learning about orangutans.

The orangutan fur looks like fire. Bushes and trees are crashing down because people are cutting up the forest. I wonder if their territory will be destroyed.

Addison Dupree

I see two orangutans with spiky hair. I can see them playing. I can hear the orangutans shouting loudly. I wonder if the orangutans are fierce or gentle?

Karel Te Pou

Orangutans have spiky orange fur and big black eyes. Orangutans can hoot like owls. I'm worried about orangutans because people are cutting their trees down.

Alisha Sardana

ROOM 10

After a whole term of busyness and hard work with our production, term 4 has been a time to get back into lots of school work. But in Room 10 we still do lots of art.

In term 4 we have a new artist to study called Piet Mondrian who creates simple pictures using horizontal and vertical lines, squares and rectangles. He always paints on a white background and only uses red, blue and yellow colours.

ROOM 12

Have you heard about The Central Star Times? This is a school newspaper that is being produced by an editorial committee based in Room 12. It will be produced every week until the end of week 9. All the classes have a copy so make sure you have a look. Hopefully some of the students at our school will enter the colour competitions! We have found it really challenging to meet the deadlines but we feel really pleased with the final editions. Our Christmas edition will be filled with heaps of Christmas fun which we are really looking forward to.

Editorial Committee

ROOM 14

It's the end of all the chaos with our science investigations. Yay! Room 14 is doing a fun activity called "let's end the year with a bang!" There are 30 names in 30 balloons. Each day someone's name gets popped then the class has to write a positive message to her/him.

Anaru, Karlos and Sheneah

ROOM 16

We have been enjoying researching New Zealand birds. We have recorded notes from New Zealand Birds website. We then used those notes to write facts about our chosen bird on Google slides. When finished we will share our research on our class blog.

ROOM 18

On Thursdays we have been doing tennis lessons with instructor Daniel. He taught us some skills to play tennis and how to play properly. We have been doing our tennis lessons at 10am and we've had 4 lessons in total. On the last lesson we got to play a game of tennis. We hope that he comes back next time for another lesson. We have been enjoying ourselves with Daniel learning tennis skills.

Malachi Tagi

ROOM 20

We are busy learning about native birds. We have discovered that many are endangered. Predators like cats, rats, stoats and weasels

have killed and eaten eggs, chicks and adults. There are very few kakapo left and conservationists have relocated the survivors to islands where they can flourish.

ROOM 22

We had a strong look at writing similes – comparing ideas with items and experiences that we thought were very similar. Here's a few examples:

The sky is like a blue lava lamp.

Kauri Hetaraka Preece

The sky is like an upside down pool.

Joshua Engu

The clouds are fluffy like cotton candy and full of water.

Jamima Aviu

ROOM 24

We are learning about how to be safe on the road and at home and at the beach. We wrote persuasive letters to Mrs Griffin to ask if we can make some safety signs for the playground. Please come and read them in our room. We are also learning how to retell stories we read or watch. Our favourite stories are the "Fixed fairy tales"

ARMISTICE DAY

Have you ever wondered what the white crosses at the memorial mean? Well the school councillors and house captains got the chance to place the name white crosses into the beautiful flower garden near the front gate.

We do this to remember Armistice Day. The crosses represent the 28 men from Manurewa who went to war and unfortunately failed to come back to their families.

The wonderful people who gave us the opportunity to plant the crosses in the soil where Graham Dolan who was past president of Manurewa RSA, Ross Gallagher the operations manager from Auckland Council and finally Stella Cattle, Project Manager of the World War One Committee. Armistice Day is commemorated on the closest Sunday to 11th day of the 11th month and at the 11th hour. This is when we hold a moment of silence, because that's when the treaty was signed.

So we should always remember that these brave men fought for us 100 years ago.

Nerisa, Jemimah, Jennifer and Eva