

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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12 April 2013 Name.....

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

Only one week remains of this term and it is hard to believe one quarter of our school year has flown by. We have had a very successful term with great class trips, exciting outdoor education experiences, stunning outdoor art, interesting school visitors and a tremendous range of sporting opportunities.

I am especially delighted that our students are achieving so well academically. Our recent teacher/parent interviews were successful, our Reading Together workshops were enjoyed by all and our Duffy assembly highlighted literacy. These events all combine to support the work done by classroom teachers at school and whanau support at home. Well done to all of us!

## PROPERTY REPORT

Our Board of Trustees has a number of property matters underway. These include a new shade cover between Rooms 13 and 14, an upgrade to our school speaker system and a project to replace the middle school toilet block. This upgrade will include space to enable a replacement pool filtration system to be set up. We are also introducing wireless internet capability across the school.

These improvements will further enhance the facilities available to your children.

## ANZAC DAY

25 April is a special day. This year ANZAC Day falls in the first week of our school holidays. However, our pupil leaders and members of our school staff will march in the community parade that ends in a ceremony outside our main school gates.

As always we welcome additional support from our families at the cenotaph. Please feel free to join us.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ELECTIONS

Our school has enjoyed positive and supportive board support for many years. 2013 is the year for board elections. If you would like to put your name forward for possible election onto our board please collect a nomination form from the school office. Nominations are now open and close on 16 May. Voting takes place between 21 and 30 May.

## STAFF CHANGES

At the end of this term two of our support staff finish at our school. We thank Ros Petherbridge and Stacey Hall for their contribution to our students and wish them well in the future.

**Thank you.**

**L Thew – PRINCIPAL**

# IMPORTANT DATES

## APRIL

- 15 Board of Trustees' nominations open
- 16 Interschool swimming at Sykes Road
- 17 School cross country
- 19 School closes to end term 1 at 3pm
- 25 ANZAC Day.

## MAY

- 6 School opens for Term 2
- 10 Next newsletter
- 16 Nominations close for Board of Trustees' elections
- 18 Saturday morning hockey begins
- 21 Interschool cross country
- 21-30 Voting for Board elections

## JUNE

- 3 Queen's Birthday. School closed
- 5 Board election results
- 10 First meeting of new Board of Trustees

Term 2 ends on Friday, 11 July.

# Welcome

## To pupils who have joined us recently

Juzmin Taanuu, Lucian Cuming, Charizma Antonio-Paulo, Samuel Logo, Aliyah Kneebone, Dania Sadiq, Sam Allan.

R9 Roko Rabici

R11 Lafina-Eve Leslie Nua

R13 Komaljit Kaur

R15 Rhys Stanley

R17 Levi Gwynne

R19 Mereani Uludole

R21 Lily Husband

R24 Guvind Dhaliwal

R10 Taumatina Natini

R12 Jasmine Kaur

R14 Sam Megson

R16 Mia Puru

R18 Olivia Polglase

R20 Jennifer Zeng

R23 Lachlan Gifkins

# Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.



## APRIL

13 Nathan Kumar

16 Daniel Zhang

21 Isaac Botuyan

22 Ezekiel Ah Ching-Lava

22 Ezara Tataurangi-Burr

23 Danny Ge

24 Nathan Nuku

26 Linda Du

26 Tangaroa-Jack Marsh

27 Zayden Scott

27 Irerhanna Tuaato

28 Vinity Quayle

15 Tiana Thomson

19 Jackson Beaven

21 Lucas Honey

22 Kasanita Langi

23 Komal Bavaji

24 Tomilea Bourke

25 Taitusi Hafoka

26 Subnoor Kalsi

27 Taylor Paul

27 Sanuj Sharma

28 Paul Auva'a

28 Deprey Rimunui-Fasitua

29 Amritpal Bhatti

30 Emmanuel Banatu

30 Gurtek Singh

29 Jonathan Kumar

30 Joana Malewa

## MAY

2 Alesha Kant

5 Kalepo Faafeu

6 Brendon Tse

7 Mere Aria

9 Aniket Chopra

11 Joshua Bun

2 Alexxus Tonga-Ngatai

5 Keira Miller

6 Shemaiah Foti

8 Amanda Nair

9 Steffi Webb-Butler

11 Jashandeep Jaura



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

R1 Jesse Grass

R3 Tanishka Chetty

R5 Kaleb Hati-Ross

R7 Muhammad Zabhi

R2 Jayda Dalton

R4 Alexxus Tonga-Ngatai

R6 Trinity Dephoff

R8 Amneet Grewal

# ROOM NEWS

## ROOM 1

Watching the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly has been an exciting experience for everyone in room one.

The caterpillar came from the egg and he turned into a chrysalis. Then he turned into a beautiful butterfly. *Rehan Mohammed*

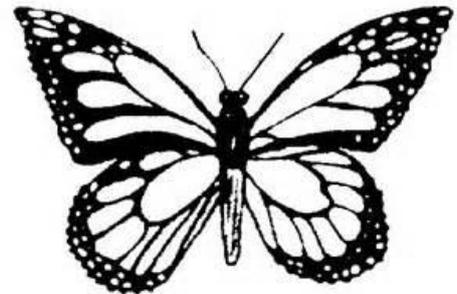
The caterpillar is munching and crunching the leaves because he is so hungry. He is getting so fat. *Pure'Jae Punga*

The caterpillar was upside down on the tree because he was turning into a chrysalis. He is going to be a Monarch butterfly.

*Tyrone Smith*

## ROOM 3

We have had our first Duffy assembly. Our special role model was the Butterfly Lady. She told us that "It is cool to read and reading lots of books will take us on an amazing adventure." Reading makes me feel great, happy and clever. *Wiremu Connelly*



## ROOM 5

The children did some exciting things in the Easter holidays.

My family and I went camping at a church.

*Davina*

In the Easter holidays my family and I had an Easter egg hunt at the beach.

*Tony*

On my birthday everybody gave me chocolate Easter eggs.

*Odisho*

### **ROOM 7**

This week we went to the Duffy assembly. There was a butterfly lady there. She read us a story about a donkey and a horse. There were lots of people wearing butterfly t-shirts. We can't wait to share our lovely Duffy books with our families.

### **ROOM 9**

We all loved our art week and sculpture walk. We made an enormous dog with boxes, papier-mâché and paint. During the sculpture walk he guarded the staffroom. Someone gave him a bowl of water and Room 4 gave him a bone. Boxer is living in the library now. Perhaps he reads books about dogs at night.

### **ROOM 11**

This week we have been learning about New Zealand history. First of all we did atlas work and looked at New Zealand. For this our first task was to find the capes like Cape Reinga. Next we had to find out about early settlers like the sealers, the whalers and the people who worked in the gumfields. Did you know that Abel Tasman arrived in 1642 but sailed away without setting foot in New Zealand? Captain Cook found New Zealand in 1769.

For the Duffy assembly we had to decorate the Duffy book box with butterflies because our visitor is passionate about butterflies. Our visitor's name was Jacquie Knight.

*Clayton and Madison*

### **ROOM 13**

Mr Hunt has been working with us at lunchtime to help improve our swimming skills. He has been helping us to get faster and faster. Next week Manurewa Central School great swimmers will be competing against Hillpark. We can't wait until we compete.

In our class we have been working hard to get our art completed and up on the wall. We have created collage fish with coloured paper. We have put weaving on the fish to make them stand out. Once the fish were finished we used black PVA glue to go around the edges. We also made colourful seaweed for the fish to swim in and out of. The fish look really effective on the back wall. *Trizon & Apoiniva*

### **ROOM 15**

We have been doing a lot with report writing. We are learning how to plan our ideas and how to organise them.

We have also made 'history cubes' to show important New Zealand events. Come and see them when they are on display.

### **ROOM 17**

Would you like to hear what Room 17 did at Howick Historical Village? When we got to Howick Village we played spot the difference. We had to spot the things that you would not find in the 1840's to 1860's. For example, things that are plastic, bright or electric. My favourite part of the trip was when we played with the old fashioned toys because it got my hands moving.

*Nikhil Kumar*



### **ROOM 19**

What a wonderful time we all had at Howick Historical Village. We learned so much about how people lived over a hundred years ago. They had to go to the toilets outside, even if it was wet and cold. At the school the teacher was very strict and scary, because she had a big cane. It was fun making butter using a churn and playing with the olden day wooden toys.

We continue cooking every Thursday, and last week we made doughnuts dipped in sugar and cinnamon. (Mr Thew loved them.) This week we are having something healthy because we are making fruit smoothies. We will have to measure the ingredients ourselves and use the blender.

Holidays are coming and Mrs Sowden has told us we can have a break from all our hard work.

*Kasanita, April and Kaveni*

## **ROOM 21**

Kia ora. We have nearly reached the end of our first term and it has been very busy. The middle school has been on a wonderful trip to Howick Historical Village and Room 21's main focus was to make comparisons between our modern lives and the lives of children who lived at the village a long time ago. We discovered that our lives are a lot different in many ways. However, we also discovered that some of the games are different but children loved to play as much then as they do now.

## **ROOM 23**

Wednesday was an exciting day for us... we had a Duffy assembly. Everyone got two books to take home. They are so special and we get to keep them.

# Community Notices

## **Nathan Homestead Out of School Care Programme**

There are currently positions available in our CYF approved After-School Care programme. Children are transported by taxi from school. WINZ subsidies are available to those eligible. Phone 267 0180 or contact [Susanne.fala@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Susanne.fala@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) for more information.

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## **UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND ART CLASSES**

### Holiday Workshops

Painting; 21 – 24 April  
Mixed Media and clay; 29 April – 2 May

### **Term 2 classes**

7 – 15 years Monday – Thursday 4 – 5.30pm  
5 yrs up Saturdays 9.00 &/or 11am.  
For more information contact [c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz) or phone 623 8858.

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## **FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Mountfort Park. For youth aged 11 – 17 years.  
Phone 0800 346675 or visit [www.korustrust.co.nz](http://www.korustrust.co.nz) for registration, venue times and further information.  
Enjoy basketball, dance competitions, touch, fun workshops, water wars and more. Heaps of prizes to be won. Free lunches.

## **A DAY WITH TEDDY**

The Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra presents an interactive concert for families with children aged 2 – 6. This is a great opportunity for your students with young siblings to experience the orchestra and sing-along, dance-along and conduct-along together.

Songs to delight include 'She'll be Coming Round the Mountain', 'Here we go Round the Mulberry Bush' and 'Teddy Bears' Picnic'. What a thrill to sing them accompanied by a full orchestra! During our day we also hear such wonderful orchestral items as 'The Swan' from Carnival of the Animals and 'Comedian's Gallop' by Kabalevsky.

A Day with Teddy will be at 10am and 11.30am at Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau on 22 April. All tickets \$15.00. Book at [www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz) or phone 966 1743.

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## **SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOLS**

Our school is fortunate to have the services of Mr Shyam Grover, a Social Worker in Schools (SWIS) employed by Family Works Northern. Shyam's role is to assist the children and families of our school in whatever ways he can.

This can be help with accessing counselling, budgeting, WINZ, IRD, grief and loss, parenting advice, children's behaviour etc. This is a free service to the families of our school. Shyam can be contacted on 0212443835 or through our school office.

**A vacancy has arisen at our school for a teachers' aide.**

**No experience necessary.**

**Further information from, and applications to, the Deputy Principal.**