

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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

You will have noticed in the last newsletter that I commented on the current introduction of national standards in school assessment.

At that time I noted that the introduction of these standards has been criticised for being unhelpful, unnecessary and largely unworkable.

While I continue to have major concerns at the impact these standards will have on students, teachers and parents they are now a legal requirement. Consequently our staff continues to balance the needs of our students with the new requirements.

One of the things we have done is to revise our written reports to parents. These reports will show how your child's achievement compared with others of their same year group across New Zealand in reading, writing and maths for Years 2 to 6. Year 1 children who are yet to be comprehensively assessed will receive a report with comments only.

Teachers of children in Years 3 to 6 will report on achievement in all curriculum areas. Importantly we have included sections on application and development in key competencies (from the NZ curriculum) as well as our school values.

The main purpose of this report is to give you information about your child's learning and enhance the home and school partnership in developing your child. It will also provide you with the chance to celebrate success with your child.

An opportunity will again be available to meet your child's teacher to discuss the contents of the report and I urge you to do so. Interview day is Thursday, 1 July from 3.30pm. The reports will be evaluated in Term 4 and changes made as necessary.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Work has just been completed on classroom 24 which completes the development of extra teaching areas around our school. Heat pumps have been placed in twenty three classrooms and we are about to fit four more electronic smartboards in classrooms. This will bring the number of smartboards across the school to 21. I thank our Board of Trustees for their foresight in providing these resources for our children.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to everyone who ran in the interschool cross country team last week. Many hundreds of runners took part from Manurewa schools and special congratulations go to these top ten finishers.

Boys Year 4 – Kanwar Lubana 6th
Year 6 – Jacob Kett-Marshall 3rd

Girls Year 5 – Rosa Young 3rd
Bobby Jo Lushai 8th
Year 6 – Angela Kett 3rd
Jewel Harvey 7th

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS

Learning maths in school today is basically about two things.

The first is learning to understand what numbers are and how they relate together. The second is learning to use numbers to solve simple maths problems.

Once children understand how basic addition, subtraction and multiplication work they need to learn basic facts and time tables off by heart. You will see from your child's homework what timestables are required at middle and senior school levels. If uncertain please check with your child.

As always it is very important that your child has success and enjoys their learning. This is very true as they learn to work with numbers.

FILES OF WORK

Students in Years 3 to 6 will bring home their file of work today. This is an opportunity for you to see first hand the work your child is producing in class. Over time you will see progress as the file comes home at various times of the year.

This is also a time for you to celebrate the work with your child and to make a positive comment at the front of the folder.

Thank you.
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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 18 Interschool rugby
- 24 – 28 School art week

JUNE

- 4 Next newsletter
- 7 Queen's birthday. School closed

JULY

- 1 Parent interviews
- 2 Term 2 ends at 3pm.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Laysha Harrison-Ngati, Mark Anderson, Amritpal Singh Bhatti, Keira Miller and Quilaryn Breach, Levi Gwynne.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

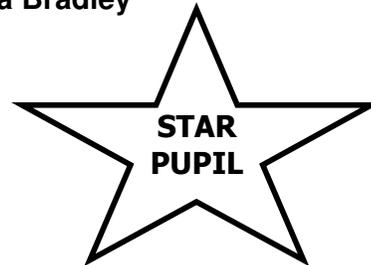


MAY

- 15 Revanda Peniamin
- 15 Mitchell Piskulic
- 16 Chanel Cribb
- 16 Ryan Mead-Flower
- 17 Aidan Hunt
- 17 Nehaal Naidu
- 17 Elijah Tavita-Jackson
- 17 Ilaisaane Tuiaki
- 18 Lauryn Conlogue
- 18 Jaycob Kett Marshall
- 18 Victoria Touli
- 19 May Dong
- 19 Daniel Maka
- 19 Daylahn Walker-Hemana
- 21 Riya Kumar
- 21 Faith Nuku
- 21 Harrison Taylor
- 22 Parambir Singh
- 23 Noah Faust
- 23 Angela Kett
- 24 Darshika Deo
- 24 Valeti Lousiale
- 25 Mya Talaimanu
- 27 Philippe Benedito
- 28 D'Cody Mortensen
- 29 Samuel Bates
- 28 Sam Ward
- 29 Darius Te Wharau
- 31 Madison Denton-Priest
- 31 Jaspreet Kaur

JUNE

- 1 Harkirit Dhaliwal
- 1 Faamanu Fuilala
- 2 Archana Bala
- 2 Waikura Henare
- 3 Lana Bradley



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

- R1 Tiana Thomson
- R2 Hannah Banatu
- R3 Ariana Tewhiu
- R4 Rhyan Kett-Marshall
- R5 Muna Vette
- R6 Jaswin Kaur
- R7 Josaia Lesimaikimatuku
- R8 Joshua Bun
- R9 Valeti Lousiale
- R10 Nathan Delany
- R11 Mikala Hope
- R12 Ashleigh Montgomery
- R13 Alexis Kaing
- R14 Potusa Fuilala
- R15 Itomi Toluta'u
- R16 Kanwar Lubana
- R17 Faith Taelangi
- R18 Quinn Motuliki
- R19 Prabjit Kaur
- R20 Zoe Nelson
- R21 Seanna Lesimaikimatuku
- R23 Aviu Aviu

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

Room 1 has had fun on the field blowing bubbles.

Bubbles pop, bubbles float in the air. I can see the classroom in the bubble. Bubbles look like balls because they are round.

Boston Smith

Bubbles pop, bubbles spin up in the sky. Bubbles are round and colourful. Bubbles fly in the wind.

Mya Petursson

Bubbles fly and they pop on the grass. Bubbles are like diamonds because they are shiny in the sky.

Ansh Raj

Bubbles spin. Bubbles go floating in the air. Bubbles look like circles. Bubbles pop.

Tai Time

ROOM 3

We have been busy learning about the different places in our school and our community. Our favourite place in our school is the ICT room. We are learning to use the mouse and to log on and log off. We play different games. We also put our headphones on and listen to stories and rhymes.

Mrs Burman, Sebastian's mum, was awarded as the 'Caught Being Good Mum.' She does lot of interesting activities with her children and also looks after lots of other children.

ROOM 5

We have been discovering lots of interesting places which make our school special. The monarch caterpillars in our classroom have now all turned into chrysalises or gone back to the swan plants to eat and eat and eat. We are watching the chrysalis hanging from our very high ceiling to see when it may hatch into a beautiful butterfly.

Room 5 children are great mathematicians. We solve number problems quickly and accurately every day.

Our Duffy books for term 2 have arrived and we are so excited. We can hardly wait until we get them!

ROOM 7

On Tuesday afternoons Room 7 is joining Room 8 to learn some folk dances. One is

called "Carnavalito" and another is "Follow the Leader." We have fantastic fun.

We learnt about Anzac Day and wrote the names of the men on the cenotaph at the school's front gate.

ROOM 9

Last week we were lucky to have a guinea pig to stay. Chubby Cheeks belongs to Sinead and he provided lots of inspiration for great story writing. He loved to eat celery, carrots and special pellets. He had a lovely cage.

We have been really enjoying folk dancing with Room 6. Ms Brodien has been a fantastic help coming up with many exciting dance movements.

ROOM 11

This term we've been working on kiwiana objects. We have designed posters for buzzy bee, fish'n'chips, L&P, Watties' tomato sauce and many more. Come and have a look at our wall. It looks great!

We started Grasshoppers' tennis two weeks ago. We've learnt how to hit the ball correctly and our partners had to catch it.

We have been doing narrative writing. We wrote stories about a character called Joe. Most of us wrote scary stories. We are now learning to put our stories into paragraphs.

We have had a wonderful term so far.

Christian Lilo and Mitchell Piskulic

ROOM 13

It was a beautiful day for the middle and senior schools' cross country. We did our best to run and get points for our houses.

We also did our Grasshoppers' tennis. The tennis coach was teaching us tennis skills. While the coach was teaching us we were practising hitting the ball and listening to what he was saying. It was fun learning the tennis skills.

We are also doing our research about the things which relate to New Zealand. We are working hard with our research and we are hoping to get them finished then you are welcome to look at our wonderful research.

Archana Bala

ROOM 15

Buzzy bees, pavlova, marmite, jandals and hokey pokey ice cream are some of the New Zealand icons we've painted in art. These are known as "kiwiana". As part of our topic work we've learned about our place in New Zealand. We've located special places and landmarks on the maps and we've also learned some facts about the icons that have shaped what New Zealand is today. We have enjoyed learning about our place and about the cool "kiwiana" icons.

Jade and Victoria

ROOM 17

WOW! We have been having a lot of fun every week with our exciting Grasshoppers' tennis. We are practising how to bounce the ball with our tennis bats and how to stand when we hit the ball.

Room 17 has been learning all about New Zealand and things that are native to New Zealand. We learnt how to locate places on a map. It was really hard at first but we are getting better.

For art we are learning about lines, colour and texture. It was fun doing the squiggly lines but the best part was painting in the different sections.

ROOM 19

Have you ever heard of Leilanski the Spy? Room 19 children have written some super spy stories. Did you know that spies are everywhere in Room 19? They slink and skulk around in their special spying clothes.

We are also researching different countries around the world. We are asking questions and trying to find the answers using books and the internet to help us. We are sure our projects will look fantastic when they are finished.

ROOM 21

We have been studying about landscapes in New Zealand. We know 20 new places in New Zealand. Some of the places are famous for Maori culture and tourism. Some places are the main cities of New Zealand. Christchurch is famous for the gardens. Wellington is the windiest city. The Southern Alps are famous for Mount Cook. Auckland is called the City of Sails.

Cape Reinga is famous for the lighthouse and where the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean meet.

ROOM 23

Children are having a very busy time this term. We write stories in our books every day. We are learning to picture plan and write a matching story. Some of us can leave spaces between words and include fullstops. We have also been doing some visual art based on the artist Eric Carle. We did paintings and scratched patterns into the paint. We have made poppies with the scratchy paper. Poppies are special for ANZAC Day.



Duffy Books Update

We are delighted and privileged to be a Duffy School again this year. Manurewa Central's Duffy books are sponsored by the Perry Foundation, Scholastic Books and our Board of Trustees. Kids in Homes, Caught Being Good and book offers are all part of the Duffy book programme.

Each week one student from each class is awarded a 'Caught Being Good' book. Children love getting a special book to take home and read with their family.

Mums are getting CAUGHT BEING GOOD too. For Mother's Day a mum from each of the junior, middle and senior schools was presented with a Duffy book "Mum Caught Being Good". Congratulations to Benjamin and Sebastian's mum, Sharon Burman – Junior School, Sam's mum, Suzanne Megson – Middle School and Nathan's mum, Marie Ward – Senior School.

To find out more about Duffy books, you may like to check out their website, www.booksinhomes.org.nz

Barbara Brodien –
Duffy Books Co-ordinator

STOP PRESS: Board Election Results

Congratulations to successful candidates Jane Beattie, Ross Burr, Chris Ward and Reuben Wharawhara. Our thanks to the other candidates who put their names forward as well.