



MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

We finish the school year tomorrow and we only have one prize giving assembly left for the year.

Thank you to everyone who has attended our athletic sports, Tama Toa examination and celebration of our end of year assemblies and our Year Six Graduation Evening.

Thank you also to our students and their teachers who have performed for various community groups and for our assemblies over the last few weeks. They have all been outstanding and enhanced the mana of the families and school they represent.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our formal senior school prize giving tomorrow. Please remember to be seated on time as the ceremony begins at 9.30am and it is difficult to enter the auditorium once the programme has begun.

STAFF CHANGES

It is with mixed feelings that I farewell a number of our staff. On one hand I wish they were staying but on the other hand I wish them success as they move on to other exciting opportunities.

Miss McHugh has taught at our school since 2005 and is moving to Papatoetoe East School. Lynley has contributed across Manurewa as well as within our school and her experience will be missed.

Ms Turner also began here in 2005 and has been a tower of strength in the middle school where she has supported her team extremely well. Lois is moving to Maungatawhiri School next year.

We also farewell Mrs Keene, Mrs Paitai and Mrs Yeoman. Although their time with us has

been shorter they have had a significant impact and we thank them for that.

Three of our support staff finish at our school this week. They include Mrs Judith Henry, Mrs Leigh Miller and Mr Tamati Paniora. We thank them for their contribution to our team.

Finally I acknowledge the long service given to our school by Mrs Ann Kendall. Ann is taking a well-earned retirement after teaching at Manurewa Central and also contributing as a Board of Trustees member and chairperson. I am also delighted that Ann has been recognised by the Manurewa Principals' Association with a distinction.

Ann may be leaving, however, I know she will always feel part of the school she has helped develop to such a high level.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our Year 4 prize winners for 2016.

Sowden Cup – Boys Tavita Moses

Sowden Cup – Girls Casey Drake and
Maya Seymour

Arts Cup Wiremu Connelly and
Maraia Lunjevich

PREPARING FOR 2017

School opens for 2017 on **Wednesday, 1 February at 9 o'clock**. Children assemble in their 2016 classes and will be given their new rooms for the year. Please ensure your child brings a pencil to school that day.

Stationery purchases will be available from school. Children will bring home a stationery list with an expected cost of around \$40.00.

Our Board of Trustees has kept our school donation to \$40 per child (\$10 per child per term) which is equivalent to one dollar a week. This contribution can be donated at any time.

Our school does not have a uniform, however, students in Years 3 to 6 are expected to have

shorts for physical activity. All children will require swimming togs for the first six weeks of school. Sun hats are necessary in Terms 1 and 4.

Apart from these requirements all students are expected to come to school in sensible and practical clothing ready to learn and participate in school activities.

LAST NEWSLETTER

Our final newsletter for 2016 contains selected valedictions from a number of Year 6 students who complete their time with us this week.

These stories remind us of the important part school plays in the lives of our young people. School, however, is a partnership and I thank you all for the strong support the school receives from the community.

Special thanks to whanau whose youngest child finishes this year. A number of you have worked closely with us over many years. You will be missed.

May I wish you all an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to working with you in 2017.

Thank you
L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 16 Senior school final assembly at 9.30am
- 16 School finishes on Friday at 3pm with a short assembly for students. Please ensure your child remains at school until 3pm.

School opens for 2017 on

Wednesday 1 February.

Happy Birthday



To people who have a special day about now.

DECEMBER

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| 16 Holle Mason | 17 Shaaz Othman |
| 18 Darius Bell | 18 Navya Sharma |
| 20 Sukhpreet Kaur | 22 Kamryn-Ginny Rogers |
| 23 Tyrone Smith | 23 Cody Puru |
| 23 Madison Turner | 24 Logan Samupo |
| 24 Sophie Glover Makata | 25 Nivish Chand |
| 25 Liam Leslie | 26 Demetri Carson |
| 27 Ceraphina Fuimaono | 27 Kdeniya-Maraj
McKay-Nicholas |
| 28 Abigail Mirko | 28 Mexia Vaioleti |
| 29 Patrisha Chand | 30 Hector-Jack Saute |
| 31 Sophie Smith | 31 Ataahua Waaka-Iraia |
| 31 Paige Dixon-Williams | 31 Jessica Kaur |

JANUARY

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| 1 Vivan Kumar | 3 Keren Prasad |
| 4 Christopher Martin | 5 Ryley Gifkins |
| 6 Kash Martin-Singh | 6 Guneet Kaur Jassi |
| 7 Karla Collins | 8 Jovaniaah-Storm Potatau |
| 8 Manaaki Thomson | 10 Leaia Faalafi |
| 10 Athina Shaba | 11 Sofia Baker |
| 11 Maddison Young | 12 Shanya Kumar |
| 12 Aiislin Jorgensen | 13 Vinayak Sharma |
| 13 Tea Lundon | 15 Maraia Lunjevich |
| 15 Gurleen Dhesi | 16 Latara Ailao |
| 18 Michaela Spyve | 19 Freedom Tonga |
| 19 Setareki Bai | 21 Kiran Gill |
| 21 Maria Pearse | 22 Mary-Anne Leslie-Nua |
| 22 Ryan Bhan | 22 Riya Bhan |
| 23 Kaleb Hati-Ross | 23 Karlos Hati-Ross |
| 23 Alisha Sardana | 23 Mikayla Tarai |
| 26 Nehemiah Vavau | 27 McKenzy Martin |
| 28 Jayden Foliaki | 28 Alexander Tai-Rakena |
| 31 Ashleigh Cooper | 31 Jeremiah Faavae |

Year 6 Valedictions for the Newsletter

When I first walked into Manurewa Central School, I suddenly realised that pre-school was over. No more naps, no more snacks, no more playing for hours. It was all gone and my new learning journey was about to start. Looking back I can't believe that I have been here for 6 years. A big thank you to all my teachers.

Brooke Maiava

Saying hello to a new school as a Year 1 was not easy. Everyone was a stranger. But gradually I made friends, got to know the teachers and routines and started to love this school. My favourite memories are sewing, cooking and high tea in the middle school.

Madison Franklin

I can still remember my first day of school in Room 17. I was scared and nervous but after a while I settled in and felt quite welcomed. There are many special memories of my time here but I'll share a couple that have a special place in my heart. I loved performing to friends and family in Chotae Bache and our hard work paid off as we got great comments. I have enjoyed my work as a senior student. Some activities were fun and others were challenging which made me think hard. I feel sad saying goodbye but it is time to move on to intermediate school. I'll always remember our school motto "Effort Brings Reward".

Riya Prasad

It was my first day at school. I didn't know what to do, who to trust and how to do it. However, I have really enjoyed my time at school and the fun trips I have been on including: outdoor education week, the zoo, Vodafone Events Centre, and visiting all the other different and exciting places. I also enjoyed the different sports we play such as rugby, volleyball, classroom PE and athletics day. But sadly my journey at Manurewa Central School has come to an end. It has been a very special place in my life and I will never forget our main words: respect, integrity, diversity and excellence.

Kiran Gill

Man can you believe it? It's 2016 and we're all grown up. It feels like yesterday that I was screaming as an infant begging my mum to take me home! It's been quite an adventure to be honest from Year 1 all the way to Year 6 and I'm quite sad and yet proud to be ending my adventure at this school. I will always remember "Effort Brings Reward".

Ryan Guo

When I first started at this school, I wasn't that confident in myself but a friend taught me how to balance school work, be a friend and make new friends. My parents were probably the biggest influence on me. They told me, as long as you try your hardest, you've made us proud. I finally believed in myself. I know I've had my ups and downs with my teachers and my friends, but I've realised that to be a good student you just have to try your best.

Phoenix Afakasi

I remember my first day of school, walking through the big, green pointed gates. I was squeezing my mum's hand. But little did I know that behind those gates were the best teachers, many opportunities, friendly students and a truck load of fun. I am very proud of all my achievements. I have learnt and done so much during my time here at Manurewa Central School. I am very sad to leave.

Eva Perese-Wood

Through my years at Manurewa Central School I have developed a variety of qualities and skills which have helped me get where I am now. One thing I have remembered is our school values which are respect, integrity, diversity and excellence, as well as our motto "Effort Brings Reward". Ever since, well middle school, when I understood what they meant, I have lived up to those words and look where they've got me! What I enjoyed about being at this school is the range of activities and opportunities that offer extra ways to achieve. So since I am leaving I'd like to acknowledge all the people that helped me to get where I am today.

Hare Hemepo

Maritime Museum and Harbour Cruise

We had so much fun on our amazing ESOL trip. The boat was great fun, and when the sails were up it looked awesome. The museum was interesting to explore. We are so happy we got to fly to New Zealand, not travel for months in an old dark wobbly smelly boat.

Here are some quotes from the day:

I liked it when the man did bungee jumping because he said 'Hi' after he jumped. I think he was about 14. I want to do that when I am grown up too.
Mohammed

I liked the boat ride the best because it was my first time on a boat. I loved watching the bungee jumper but I was worried because I thought they were falling off the bridge. I thought they would go in the water and drown, but then I saw the harness when they bounced up. My day was 100% fun.
Lo

I know you liked looking at the boats, especially the racing boats. So did I! Pulling up the sails was hard work but fun. You were nice to my friends and made them laugh. Thank you for taking a day off work to spend it with us.

Akash

Thank you for helping and making everyone happy, and for using your day off to come on the trip. I liked pulling the sails up best of all, and watching the bungee jumpers too. I'd like to do that one day too when I'm grown up, like over 30.
Mohammad

I liked seeing the beds in the boat inside the museum but it was a little bit scary because it was dark. I wouldn't want to sleep in them.

Peter

My best bit was going under the Harbour Bridge. I thought the top of the boat's mast was going to snap. It was a bit scary but it was fine. I loved my day. It was the best trip ever!

Christine

