

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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15 November 2013 Name.....

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

Summer is here and teachers are working to get all our students in hats during school breaks. Please ensure your child has a named hat to wear outside. This will help keep everyone safe on summer days.

END OF YEAR

We have a number of traditional and very enjoyable school events listed between now and the end of the year (listed below).

Our end of year assemblies are particularly well attended and I ask that visitors be seated before 9.30am as it is very difficult to enter the auditorium once the programme starts.

Space is limited and young children should not attend if possible. These assemblies are designed to acknowledge our children and recognise their special achievements throughout the year.

We will have staff available to assist with seating and do our best to accommodate everyone. Please note the dates below and do remember to bring a cushion.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2014

Over the next month pupil evaluations will be considered and class lists drafted for 2014.

Class organisation for next year will continue as for this year. Children in Years 3 to 6 will continue to be in mixed classes with a two year range in each room. This arrangement provides younger children 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 usually placed with a new teacher each year. This allows pupils to

experience a range of teacher strengths and interests as they move through their years at school. In exceptional circumstances, however, a child may be placed with the same teacher for two years.

All classes across the school are 'mixed'. This means there is no "top class" and all classes are expected to meet similar levels of achievements.

When children begin school at 5 they are placed in a reception class with Mrs Tombolato (Room 1). Children are eventually grouped according to their reading progress and move to a Year 1 classroom when ready. After at least two years at school children are classified Year 3 and move to the middle school.

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 help this process please contact the appropriate teacher by the end of November. These are Mrs Griffin (junior school), Mrs Sowden (middle school) and Miss Lindsay (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 class placement as this is ultimately the responsibility of the school.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

You can help us plan for next year by letting us know if your child is not returning in 2014 (apart from Year 6 of course).

Also if your child is going overseas and not returning for the first day of school on **Tuesday, 4 February**, you need to inform the

school in writing. Children who simply do not turn up at school have to be removed from the school roll and consequently lose their place at school.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to the many parents who completed our parent survey last term. We had a return rate of 53% which is pleasing.

The survey results were separated into Maori and non-Maori to meet the requirement for us to specially consult with and obtain feedback from our Maori whanau.

The results show that responses for these two groups are very similar.

Overall the results are very positive and supportive of the school and the programmes in place for your children.

Interesting results include:

- ❖ The majority of parents send their children to our school because of the quality of the teaching programmes.
- ❖ The vast majority of respondents believe the school's learning programme is balanced.
- ❖ Around 95% of parents feel well informed about their child's achievement.
- ❖ Approximately a third of parents thought the Board of Trustees should consider a uniform, a third thought they should not and a third didn't mind either way.
- ❖ Pleasingly a large majority of those responding thought their children were happy, safe and able to learn successfully at school.

Our school staff and Board of Trustees are considering the outcome of the survey and will take the results into account when planning for next year and beyond.

If you would like a copy of the collated results please simply ask at our school office.

STAFF RESIGNATION

The end of 2013 will see a significant change for our school as we farewell Mr Kevin Hunt from our teaching staff. Mr Hunt has served our school community for 43 years which is a remarkable contribution and one unlikely ever to be repeated.

During that time Mr Hunt has taught around

1500 students in his class and has influenced thousands of others.

We will miss his expertise in mathematics and literature and his love of sports. Mr Hunt is well known in school and out for his sports' coaching skills. Manurewa Central is always a force to be recognised when our teams have Mr Hunt coaching them. Our swimming teams in particular have achieved amazing success.

Mr Hunt has always been a pleasure to work with and all of us at Manurewa Central wish him a very happy and enjoyable retirement.

Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- 21 'Safety at Home' a presentation by the Manurewa Parenting Hub.
- 25 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 27 Bible in School. Last day for 2013.
- 29 Middle School (Years 3 and 4) final assembly
- 29 Student files of work home (Years 3 to 6).
- 30 Saturday. Manurewa Santa Parade.

DECEMBER

- 2 Year 6 Graduation evening
- 6 Junior school final assembly 9.30am (Years 0 – 2).
- 6 Next newsletter home
- 9 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm.
- 11 Student individual reports home.
- 13 Senior school prize giving assembly (Years 5 and 6).
- 13 School closes at 3pm to begin summer break.

School opens for 2014 on Tuesday, 4 February.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Jakree Putsoi, Gursimar Kaur, Rickard Peniamin, Vijayata Karda, Urima Mataafa, Andrew Nuamaan, Louisa-Belle Linaker, Kody Clothier-Tepania, Jasmeet Saini, Rosa Marsh, Tyler Jack, Leyton Murphy, Sylahs Bartley.

Happy Birthday

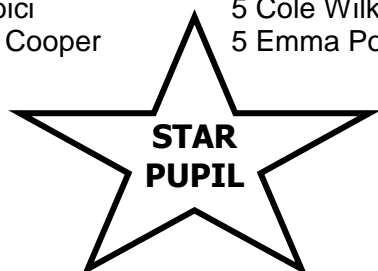
To people who have a special day about now.

NOVEMBER

16 Nathan Do	16 Deahni Finau
17 Dakota Muir	17 Braithan Forster
18 Jasmin Holden-Whiu	18 Mamia Marsh
19 William Do	19 Saneh Kaur
20 Jin Hui Wang	21 Courtney McAnally
22 Jennifer Zeng	23 Chance Tavita-Jackson
23 Jadya Wordsworth	23 Tau Tuipulotu
25 Christian Solo	27 Jaxon Haskell
28 Rhyan Kett-Marshall	28 Inise Malewa
30 Jayda Dalton	30 Skye Jenkins

DECEMBER

1 Rosa McQuoid	1 Nicholas Cook
2 Ebonie Lambert	4 Sean Menke
4 Jane Rabici	5 Cole Wilkinson
5 Christian Cooper	5 Emma Polglase



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

R1 Charlotte 'Ake	R2 Jane Rabici
R3 Gurshan Singh	R4 Komal Bavaji
R5 Jaxon Haskell	R6 Komalpreet Kaur
R7 Karla Collins	R8 Vinity Quayle
R9 Teleise Faafeu	R10 Mikayla Haare
R11 Corilee Boylan-Small	R12 Ryan Garrick
R13 Remini Vitale	R14 Kaea Totorewa-Tauranga
R15 Antony Chester	R16 Madisyn Martin
R17 Ella Lupan	R18 Aidan Koh-Limatau
R19 Logan Cook	R20 Ashleigh Solomann
R21 Jonathan Kumar	R22 Ayveah Mizziebo
R23 Tavita Moses	R24 Jesse Grass

SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS

The children in Years 3 to 6 recently completed science investigations as part of our science programme within the school.

An investigation starts with a question that the learner wants to conduct a fair testing process with leading to an answer that may prove useful in our daily living. E.g. Which battery lasts the longest for my remote control toy? Which snail bait is most effective around my lettuce plants? Which brand of felt pen lasts the longest?

In Years 5 and 6 our investigation is preparing for moving to intermediate school. Hence a step-up in the science involved, following the model that is provided and then an increasing standard of presentation must be reflected in the overall investigation.

Manurewa Central School would like to thank Mr Stephen Courtney of The Professionals (Northcrest) for his sponsorship of the two senior school science investigation winners. Fifty dollars each went to Sam Ward (Year 6, Room 12) and Elijah Tavita-Jackson (Year 5, Room 13) who undoubtedly have enjoyed their prizes.

Our grateful thanks to Stephen and The Professionals for their willing sponsorship of our school.



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ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

My class and I went to the auditorium to do some singing. My favourite song is Away in a Manger. We are learning to sing new songs because we are going to perform for the parents. *Maraia Lunjevich*

We are learning to sing new songs at school. My favourite song is The Selfish Shellfish. We are learning songs because we are going to sing to the mums and dads. *Kingston Jack*

ROOM 4

We have been working really hard during maths to learn our basic facts. Did you know that $2+3$ is the same as $3+2$? Both equal 5. Also $5-2=3$ and $5-3=2$. This is known as a family of facts. We are learning all about time. We know the difference between daytime and night-time. We can read o'clock times and half past. We start at 9:00 in the morning and finish at 3:00 in the afternoon.

ROOM 6

Room 6 has been doing fireworks' art. We used coloured pastels to do the art. I used green, silver, gold, light blue, purple, maroon and orange. It looks like a rainbow whirlpool. One looks like a three legged lion. The other one looks like a weapon. The whirlpool looks like the sun with lots of prickly horns. *Gurtek Singh*

ROOM 8

Room 8 has been forming and writing questions this week. We asked questions of animals and superheroes.

Lion - Do you hunt in the day or night? Are you related to a tiger? *Khloe*

Tiger - Are you terrified of lions? How do you defend yourself? *Vanshika*

ROOM 10

They're wheeling around the school, they're zooming, they're speeding, they're racing, jumping and flying. Everyone is on their skateboards, scooters and rollerblades on a nice sunny day going crazy. It must be Wheels' Day! This is the day when kids bring their special wheels from home to have fun with at school. There are heaps of stunts going on so you have to be extra careful when turning, flipping and skidding around the place. Wheels Day is such a fun day. *Alayna*

Fa'aati

ROOM 12

This term room 12 is creating the school newspaper, "The Central Star Times." This has made the classroom very messy with cut paper all over the floor, and bits and pieces spread all over the classroom! We have worked hard finding out all the information and decorating all the pages. Thursdays are chaos. At morning tea time the newspaper team is running around like headless chickens trying to finish the newspaper. On Friday we have to catch up on all of our school work and we have to plan our next newspaper. It is very challenging but fun!

Anihira and Sinead

ROOM 14

The Year 6's are now looking at our graduation. We will be having a wonderful dinner at Greenmeadows Intermediate School at 5.30pm on 2nd December. We will all be wearing nice formal clothes to the dinner. We are all very excited.

ROOM 16

We are using painting techniques that we learnt earlier this year like stipple and dot painting. Our calendars are going to look fabulous. We hope you will order them. *Ormy and Damian*

ROOM 18

We have been doing lots of fun things in class. Ms Alsari created a virtual classroom for us on

Bitstrips and we all got to create a cartoon version of ourselves. We have been making comics about our weekend and things happening at school. There are some really funny ones that we printed in our room.

Eva and Kaya

ROOM 20

Last Friday a representative from Watercare came to our school to teach us about what they do. Did you know they are responsible for ensuring that the water which comes to our homes is fresh and clean? We learnt how to filter dirty water and make it clean. What do you think would be the best filter – sand, bark, paper towel or cotton buds?

ROOM 22

The children in Room 22 wrote stories about the concrete truck.

The concrete truck tipped the concrete in the bucket. *Ayden*

I can see a green concrete truck outside.

Leolofi

I saw a big truck and it is pouring concrete.

Pure Jae

ROOM 24

We have been doing science experiments in our classroom. We have been learning about rain, where it comes from and where it goes when the sun comes out! These are our ideas. "Rain is magic stuff. It doesn't really disappear. It gets sucked up into the sky. The clouds store the water and when they are full, it rains again." Science is so much fun!

Community Notices

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME MIND LAB

– 69 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket

The Mind Lab offers an exciting choice of programme options for the school holiday summer break. Fancy yourself as a programmer, a game developer, a visual effects' expert or an inventor of robots? Enter The Mind Lab - a world of creativity and discovery. Bookings can be made on-line through our website www.themindlab.com, or over the phone 09 964 4444.

AUCKLAND LIBRARIES' DARE TO EXPLORE

Reading programme run at the public library from 9 December to 19 January. This is a free programme for children aged 5 – 13 years. Visit www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz for more information.