

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

CLASSROOM UNIT STUDY TOPICS

All classes will complete their inquiry study regarding "Reuse, Reduce, Recycle" over the next week. Classes have had a range of inquiry from composting to our school worm farm to conducting an audit into our school waste.

As a school we consciously try to model what we expect of our students. For example, our caretaker donates all metal to the Tamaki Sports' Academy, we have recently delivered two loads of our e-waste to be recycled, we chip and compost our school garden waste and contribute as much paper waste as possible to Full Circle Ltd which reimburses us for the weight of paper collected from us. We hope that the learning that has occurred in the classroom has been taken by our children into their homes. Please talk with your children about what your family could do at home to make a difference.

Room ten conducted a 24 hour audit recently of our school's practices under the guidance of an Auckland Council waste management officer. Here are some of their findings ...

Non-divertible waste (i.e. How much waste our school sends to the landfill)

Total daily waste	27.05kg
Waste that <u>could</u> have been diverted (recycled or composted)	22.3kg
Waste requiring landfill disposal	4.7kg

Diverted resources

(recyclable paper/card) 7.5kg

Compostable materials (Food scraps and paper) collected daily for compost and the worm farm 3.45kg

The Room 10 students have made these observations . . .

- Children are not putting enough effort into sorting food scraps.
- The biggest contributors to our waste going to the landfill are chip packets and snack bar wrappers.
- Our dental clinic contributes over 1kg of our daily waste.
- A considerable number of zip-lock bags are being thrown away containing uneaten food.

We all need to make an increased effort for the greater good of our environment, don't we?



SCIENCE WEEK

During the week of 28 May – 1 June our classes will be involved in a week of science learning. During this week the children will be conducting a range of experiments all designed to motivate and stimulate interest and learning in science.

Perhaps your dinner table discussions during this week could centre around what your child has been involved in with science in his/her classroom?

MANUREWA PARENT HUB

Are you aware of the assistance that you can seek from the Manurewa Parent Hub? The Parent Hub operates from Manurewa South School (39 Tawa Crescent, Manurewa) and has another centre at Manurewa Intermediate School (76 Russell Road, Manurewa). All activities and information are free of charge. You can request support regarding Plunket, WINZ, IRD, counselling or budgeting. Maybe you'd like to attend fitness and health sessions or take your pre-schoolers along to 'buzz time'. Sessions are fun, practical and interactive.

The Parent Hub has sessions coming up at our school shortly. These are

- Carleen Morris “Communicating with your teen and pre-teenager” on Monday, 21 May 1.00 – 2.45pm in Room 22.
- Carleen Morris “Respectful Parenting” on 30 May and 6 June, 6.30 – 8.30pm in the school staffroom.

Registrations are essential and can be made at the school office or by phoning Linda (Parent Hub manager) on 0274 864 150. These sessions are free for all parents, grandparents and caregivers.

Please check out the Manurewa Parent Hub website www.parentinghub.org.nz and enter the draw to win a \$50 grocery voucher for your family.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Last week our Years 4 – 6 cross country squad competed in the interschool cross country field day at Mountfort Park. Our children acquitted themselves especially well. In the overall standings Manurewa Central School came second, fifteen points behind Reremoana School. Special congratulations go to these placegetters . . .

- Rangī Waenga (Second place) Year 4
- Alex Kett (First place) Year 4
- Gareth Mirko (First place) Year 5

Our success as a school continues our successes in swimming (first place) and cricket (first place in the Memorial Park section). We congratulate every one of our children who represented our school for their attitude, behaviour, sportsmanship and ability. Well done to you all.

SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOLS

Our school is fortunate to have the services on Tuesdays of Sonya Panapa, a Social Worker in Schools (SWIS) employed by Family Works Northern. Sonya’s role is to assist the children and families of our school in whatever ways she 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. Sonya can be contacted on 027 563 1091 or through our school office.

WEBSITES FOR CHILDREN’S LEARNING

Below please find some suggestions for families to use for the benefit of children’s learning.

- Literacy and numeracy games for Years 0 – 2 children <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1>
- Alphabet activities for younger children <http://www.starfall.com>
- Science websites
 - www.sciencekids.co.nz
 - www.hhmi.org/coolscience/forkids
 - www.sciencemadesimple.com
 - www.sciencewithme.com
- Mathematics/Numeracy for Years 3 – 6
 - <http://www.kidsnumbers.com/>
 - <http://www.coolmath.com/>
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ks2bitesize/>

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As you are aware, we do our best to follow up all school absences wherever possible. We ask families to phone our absentee line (2690250, press 1 to record an absence) when children are not going to be at school.

If you prefer to make a free telephone call, the Manukau Truancy Service will pass on messages to us. Please phone 0508 TRUANT (0508 878 268). This is a free phone service NOT a text service.

J Lindsay
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 21 Carleen Morris “Communicating with your teen and pre-teenager” session (1pm)
- 24 Young Leaders’ Day (School Councillors)
- 25 “Hiwi the Kiwi” performance
- 28 Science Week commences
- 30 ‘Respectful Parenting’ meeting (6.30pm)

JUNE

- 4 Queen’s Birthday. School closed.
- 6 ‘Respectful Parenting’ meeting (second session)
- 8 Next newsletter
- 8 Pupil reports distributed
- 28 Parent/teacher interviews
- 29 School closes for Term 2 holidays.

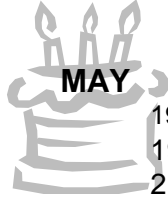
Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Zayden Scott, Ravi Chandra, Nirari Chiba, Emmanuel Banatu, Samiuela-Tonga Tuita, Deztynee Nikolao, Alexxus Tonga-Ngatai, Brendan Soi, Aniket Chopra, Cameron Kiriona.

Happy Birthday

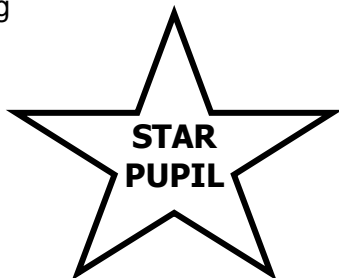
To people who have a special day about now.



18 Victoria Touli	19 Mataalofa Amituanai
19 Trinity Dephoff	19 May Dong
19 Daniel Maka	21 Riya Kumar
22 Jason Chen	22 McKenah-Roze Dalton
24 Darshika Deo	24 Jusdeen Samupo
25 Ashleigh Solomann	27 Jayda Wijohn
28 Caitlin Cottee	28 D'Cody Mortensen
28 Sam Ward	31 Ramin Zaya
31 Madison Denton-Priest	

JUNE

1 Harkirit Dhaliwal	1 Faamanu Fuilala
1 Siobhan Paku	3 Lana Bradley
4 Alistair Stowers	6 Kanwar Lubana
6 Dilraj Maan	7 Willie Dong
7 Zivana Hafoka	7 Tori Harris
7 Srishti Kumar	7 Jagrith Narayan
7 Shundil Prasad	8 Gurparteeek Benipal
8 Kevin Zeng	



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

R1 Casey Drake	R2 Elijah McKay
R3 Sarrah Hassan	R4 Pearl Tejpal
R5 Terina-Lee Te Whiu	R6 Zivana Hafoka
R7 Anishna Chand	R8 Karanbir Singh
R9 Kulneet Grover	R10 Kervin Guttenbeil
R11 Preeti Mala	R12 Shannon Foy
R13 Seanna Lesimaikimatuku	R14 Malama Ieremia
R15 Joana Malewa	R16 Summer Tamihere
R17 Sean Menke	R18 Avikesh Prasad
R19 Tomilea Bourke	R20 Bhavandeep Kaur
R21 Chetna Singh	R23 M'Kenah-Roze Dalton
R24 Courtney Nelson	

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We are learning how to reduce the rubbish we put in our rubbish bin and how to recycle paper. We visited Mr Ferguson's shed with our paper recycling bin and he showed us how to sort the paper. He opened an enormous green paper bin and put our paper in it. He told us how a big truck comes to take the paper to a factory to make recycled paper.

ROOM 3

We are learning to reduce, reuse and recycle our food scraps and rubbish. Worms like to eat fruit and vegetables. They do not like the sun and the rain. They lay eggs. Ten worms come out from one egg. *Nehemiah Vavau*

ROOM 5

There are so many beautiful coloured leaves on the trees in autumn. Room 5 has been playing with them in the playground and writing exciting stories about them. We have been learning to add adjectives and similes to our writing. Levi Gwynne described their movement as "sounding like crunchy chip packets."

ROOM 7

We are learning to recycle paper, food scraps and packaging. We know the correct bins to put them in. Paper goes in the green paper bin, food scraps go in the orange bucket which is for our school worm farm and cling wrap and packets go in the big green stand up bins. Our classroom is also full of fantastic artwork.

ROOM 9

We are learning to use similes in our writing. Last week we went for an autumn walk. Here are some of our similes.

Autumn leaves look like red lipstick and when we stand on them they make a crunchy noise like a cracker. They smell like wet paper.

Rileigh

Autumn leaves feel like soft feathers. *Joshua*
Autumn leaves look like chips in a packet spinning down on the ground and on the grass.

Kulneet

ROOM 11

This term has been a great term so far. We have been learning about reduce, reuse and recycle.

On Thursday, 3 May Room 10 collected all the rubbish to show us how much rubbish we make in one day. A lot of our rubbish needs to go to the worm farm instead of the rubbish bin!

Deja, Hosea, Preeti

ROOM 13

We have been focusing on reduce, reuse and recycle. We have been split into groups and have been looking at how the school uses paper, power, food, water and plastic. We have been doing a survey on whether classrooms use these things wisely.

In class we have drawn huge rubbish bins with pictures inside them. We then decided on whether these things could have been reused, recycled or reduced. We also had a trip to Visy to see how our rubbish is recycled. There were huge conveyor belts with an optic eye. This eye scans the rubbish and tells the computer how it is to be sorted. Plastic is blown into the gaps. Metals are separated using a huge magnet and glass, which is heavier, drops to the bottom into its own bin. We have learnt a lot from our trip. *Anjali Mistry and Alesha Kant*

ROOM 15

This term, Room 15 went to the Botanical Gardens. When we went there we learnt how to make a worm farm and a compost heap. Did you know that when leaves get old they look like skeletons?

ROOM 17

We have been learning about how to reduce, reuse and recycle our rubbish. We went to the Botanical Gardens and found out how to compost and build a worm farm to help us do this. We have published our poems and they are up in our room. They look great. Now we are presenting them to the class. We feel a bit nervous.

ROOM 19

Our trip to the Botanical Gardens was exciting. The best part was when we learnt how to make a worm farm. We also learnt about herbs and their uses and how to make and use compost. Did you know that microbes and bacteria and little insects make their own special compost?

We have been busy cooking and we made delicious pizza. The cheese was all runny and gooey.

Over the next five weeks we are looking forward to having our student teacher Miss Wheeler, helping in the classroom.

ROOM 21

For the past few weeks Room 21 has been working on their poems. We have already started presenting them. Our posters are looking stunning and we even have some already stapled up. We have been working on our 'reduce, reuse, recycle' superhero story. We are children or animal super heroes trying to make the planet more green. We have had a wonderful week so far.

Kevan Lew & Jasmine Rota-Leggan

ROOM 23

Room 23 is as busy as ever with lots of learning taking place every day. We are welcoming Miss Kings to our class. She is our new student teacher for 5 weeks. We have just started folk dancing and are looking forward to learning a variety of dances to music.



Good news from Duffy Books in Homes.

Last term Dr Ben Carson, an eminent American neurosurgeon was invited to New Zealand to talk to children and teachers in Duffy schools about his life and how becoming a reader transformed his life. While in Auckland, Dr Carson was the guest speaker at an amazing fundraising evening. Money raised at the evening has been shared between Starship Children's Hospital and Duffy schools.

"Gifted Hands", a movie about the remarkable life of Dr Ben Carson tells of his early struggles at school, his mother's belief in him and how he has become one of the leading neurosurgeons in the world. We are proud and privileged to be one of the schools sponsored by Dr Ben Carson.

Mum Caught Being Good Award

Congratulations go to Suzanne Megson, (Sam Room 13), Fiona Sutherland, (Tamati Room 18), Kathleen Paku (Xanthe Room 16 and Siobhan Room 7), Xana Kenney (Christian Room 23 and Brooke Room 18). Books sponsored by Scholastic and Manurewa Central School have been presented to each mum. *Barbara Brodien Duffy Co-ordinator*