

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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21 August 2015 Name.....

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

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2015 General Knowledge-a-thon.

Children have completed their testing programme and will now be able to collect their sponsorship money. Adults will be available next week in our school library from 8.30am to collect donations and sign off sponsor cards. I will report on progress towards our target in our next newsletter.

IMPORTANT ENROLMENT INFORMATION **2016 ENROLMENTS**

Manurewa Central School has an enrolment scheme that has been put in place by the Ministry of Education in order to reduce overcrowding in classrooms.

The enrolment scheme is administered by our Board of Trustees according to strict government regulations. Part of this process involves a ballot for places when there is a shortage for everyone wishing to enrol.

The Ministry of Education has set the first ballot date for 2016 as Wednesday, 21 October 2015. The application closing day for this ballot is Wednesday, 14 October 2015.

Children who are currently enrolled do not have to reapply. However, **younger brothers and sisters of current students who live out of our zone must make an application.**

If this applies to your family please call in at the school office and complete a form as soon as possible.

This is very important as young siblings who are not in the ballot are unlikely to be enrolled when they turn five.

The Ministry of Education is very strict on this matter. Once your four year old sibling is in the ballot, he/she will have a priority placement.

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

At our last Board of Trustees' meeting I presented our mid-year reading data for students who have been at school for 1, 2, and 3 years.

These results are outstanding.

After one year at school 70% of students are working at or above National Standard.

After two years at school 78% of students are working at or above National Standard.

After three years at school 85% of students are working at or above National Standard.

This compares very favourably with the Government target of 85% of New Zealand students achieving at or above by 2017.

I am once again pleased that there is no significant difference across ethnicities. Maori, Pasifika, Asian, European all achieve highly – which is as it should be.

EFFORT BRINGS MORE REWARD

We have received results of the spelling examinations run by the University of New South Wales. Well done to everyone who participated and special congratulations to the following students.

Spelling

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6	Robin Dhaliwal
Year 5	Sumsijah Prabakaran

Credit Pass (Top 35% of NZ students)

Year 6	Aviu Aviu, Jasmin Holden-Whiu, Riya Kumar, Ella Lupan, Yashika Prakash, Chetna Singh.
Year 5	Mehar Kaur, Eva Perese-Wood, Tiana Thomson, Thea-Rose Willcocks.

MANUREWA SCHOOLS DIVERSITY CHOIR

Our school choir has been working hard to prepare for the Diversity Festival next Tuesday, 25 August at 7.30pm in the Vodafone Events' Centre. Students from across Manurewa will be performing in what will be a spectacular night of entertainment. Tickets are available at the school office on Monday morning before 9am or may be purchased at the door on Tuesday. Cost \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Parking is free that night.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Over recent months, our school has been working with an independent emergency management specialist company, Harrison Tew Consultants. The staff and students have all undergone training on how to respond to any emergency which may occur at the school, whether it be lock down or evacuation.

Recently our school conducted a lock down exercise which involved all of the staff and students. As expected our students and staff responded calmly and quickly and in a manner which would allow them to be as safe as possible should an emergency occur.

Can I please take this opportunity to advise all of our parents/caregivers that should you hear of an emergency, lock down or evacuation occurring at the school, please monitor the website which will provide updates on the situation as it affects our school.

FAREWELL TO MRS MATICH

On Wednesday this week our Board of Trustees and school staff, past and present, farewelled our long standing and highly skilled administration officer Mrs Gail Matich. Many kind words were shared recognising the contribution Gail has made to our school for nearly 37 years. Gail's last official day at work will be Friday, 28 August. On a personal level it is hard to imagine life without Gail's administration skills and her special way with people. However, we all wish Gail all the very best for a long and happy retirement. We also know that Manurewa Central will always have a special place in Gail's heart.

Thank you

L. Thew - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- 24-31 General Knowledge-a-thon money to school library from 8.30am
- 25 Interschool Cross Country at Mountfort Park
- 25 Music Festival performance at Vodafone Events' Centre 7.30pm.
- 26/27 Middle school visits to Nanaksar Temple
- 31 Tongan Language week begins.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Reading Together first workshop
- 4 Student Files of Work home (Years 3 to 6)
- 7 Board of Trustees' meeting
- 9 Reading Together workshop #2
- 11 Next newsletter
- 16 Reading Together workshop #3
- 23 Reading Together workshop #4
- 25 Term 3 finishes

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Helen Leota, Kayden Hoverd, Lovedeep Karda, Prabhveer Brar, Rubyanne Tione, Georgina Odicho, Gurkeerat Singh, Prabhleen Kalsi.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

AUGUST

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| 21 Hare Hemopo | 21 Preston Cooper |
| 22 David Emmanuel | 24 Darcy Puru |
| 25 Nadia Merioui | 26 Anishna Chand |
| 28 Masin Ormsby-White | 29 Saurav Davendran |
| 29 Monty Singe | 29 Shawneqwa Pemberton |
| 30 Kaitlyn Tanoa'i | 30 Losalini Quna |

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 Jasmandeep Kaur | 1 Amneet Grewal |
| 1 Aydhen Hohepa-Bromwich | 1 Ashley Chand |
| 1 Caydn Rupapera | 4 Peter Tatola |
| 4 Kingston Jack | 5 Danielle Tara |
| 5 Shahana Ali | 6 Phoenix Tobeck |
| 7 Emeth Casey | 7 Reeve Rameka |
| 9 Temaleti Tatola | 9 Ekamjot Singh |
| 9 Tyson-Luca Gardiner | 10 Marcus Muiaa |
| 10 Mikaere Gwynne-Takamore | 10 Zane Walker Prujean |
| 10 Kaiila Stanley | |



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

R1 Ethan Head	R2 Micah Ennion
R3 Munis Ahmad	R4 Mathew Tai-Rakena
R5 Urvi Bavaji	R6 Asher Diack
R7 Ekamjot Singh	R8 Kdeniya-Maraj Nicholas-Mackay
R9 David Knowles	R10 Chloe Alexander
R11 Kash Martin Singh	R12 Mehar Kaur
R13 Sehaj Kaur	R14 Aidan Koh-Limatau
R15 Daniel Kako	R16 D'Troyt Cowley
R17 Teleise Solomona	R18 Inise Malewa
R19 Ashton Woodhouse	R20 Talita 'Ake
R21 Tyrone Smith	R22 Ataahua Waaka-Iraia
R23 Manaaki Thomson	

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We went to the zoo! This week we learnt how to write a thank you letter.

Dear Mrs Cooper, thank you for taking us around safely at the zoo. I learnt that meercats are like lifeguards. I hope you learnt more at the zoo too. *Joshua*

Dear Mr Baker, thank you for looking after me at the zoo. I learnt that orangutan boys and girls have different faces. I enjoyed looking at the orangutan. *Mikaere*

Dear Laura, thank you Laura for helping me at the zoo. I learnt about the red panda. He was climbing the tree. I enjoyed going to the zoo with Room 2 and you. I like learning with Laura. I felt happy at the zoo. *Chloe*

ROOM 4

The Junior School visited the zoo last week. We had lots of fun and learned a lot.

I smelled animal poo, I heard animals squawking, I saw elephants playing I felt excited and happy, I wish I had a giraffe The best bit was seeing the elephants.

Te Aroha

I smelled the zebras, I heard the macaw, I saw hippos in the mud. I felt excited, I wish I was a tiger. The best bit was the meerkats. *Shayil*

ROOM 6

We were incredibly lucky to win a free trip to the zoo.

The seals were having lunch. They caught the fish in their mouths. *Chloey*

The otters were relaxing in the sun. *Asher*

The penguins were hiding under the boat to keep warm. *Donny*

Thank you The Warehouse and Ritchies for our amazing zoo adventure.

ROOM 8

We all went to the zoo. It was amazing. The tiger had stripes to camouflage itself. *Kdeniya*

The elephants were having fun stomping in the warm water. *Bahra*

I saw a lovely flamingo. It had ballerina legs.

Delorus

I like the Tasmanian devils because they have sharp claws and black fur. *Tyson*

The hippos were lazy. They were laying in the gooey mud. *Summer*

ROOM 10

Every Wednesday we go into Room 7 for buddy reading. We share a reading book together then work on a follow up activity. This week it was animals with houses on their backs. Next week it will be cats. We all look forward to learning together. *Abigail & Nathan*

ROOM 12

The World of Maths Roadshow came to visit Manurewa Central. Who knew that working with a koala sanctuary, working out a population explosion and sending Mr Bean tumbling down a ramp would be seen as maths? Hands on and intriguing games make up this show. They were fun, totally interactive and an exciting way of learning. We think this roadshow should come and live in Room 12.

Jasmin and Jess

ROOM 14

We have been doing Koru art that represent our families. These are really bright and colourful, they are now hanging in our classroom.

We have also been working really hard on our research about Tsunamis, Earthquakes and Volcanoes. There are so many amazing things to learn about this topic. Did you know that Rangitoto is a dormant volcano it isn't actually extinct?

COMMUNITY NEWS

We are preparing our speeches at the moment. Soon some of the members of the senior school will be competing in the speech finals with the Year 6 winner earning themselves the Cooper Cup.

ROOM 16

We have been learning about prefixes. In our buzz groups we had to find what our prefixes meant and some words that start with that prefix eg. 'tri' means three, tricycle, triangle, triathlete. We each had to make a card with our prefix on it then Mrs Armitage recorded us talking about our prefix and took a photo of our card. Now when we look at our card through the Aurasma app on an iPad we can see our video. Come and have a look at our prefixes in our classroom.

ROOM 18

We are enjoying learning about Earth and the other planets. We came up with questions that we wanted to find out and we get to watch some interesting videos and read some interesting space books. We have answered lots of our questions and have all made lots of new learning. At the ICT room we get to research some of our tricky questions and go on some interactive websites. We watched what it's like in the International Space Station. It is awesome!

We are also enjoying the maths and language challenges on the Skoolbo app.

Sheneah and Alyssa

ROOM 20

Every Friday we have an arts rotation. So far, we have learnt some drama, how to do the sasa and how to use rakau sticks. We have also learnt about different types of music, like brass band, country and opera. We particularly enjoyed listening to and watching Sol3 Mio. They sing beautifully but are funny as well. Did you know that they are New Zealanders?

ROOM 22

This week, together with Room 23, we have explored VOLCANOES and the many things that happen under our wonderful and mysterious Earth. Half of the class looked at what makes a volcano and the interesting things that occur; while the rest were actually making a volcano. As to what will happen to the volcanoes that are being built?? That's classified and TOP SECRET.

EXPECT A TRAIN

KiwiRail and TrackSAFE are asking whanau and caregivers to talk to their children about staying safe around the railway.

Children need to know:

- the new electric trains in Auckland are faster and quieter
- trains can come from both directions at any time, and in quick succession.
- to stay alert, remove headphones, look both ways for trains and always wait for the bells and lights to stop before crossing the tracks.
- the only safe and legal place to cross tracks is at a designated level crossing.

Check out tracksafe.co.nz for practical tips on how to stay safe around the railway – there's even a free downloadable simulator – experience being a train driver!

What's on @ Central Hub

Rangoli Patterns - Wed 26th Aug

Come and join us while we learn to make these beautiful and vibrant Indian designs. Everything provided and all welcome.

Fussy Eating - Wed 2nd Sept

Got a fussy eater on your hands? Take heart, you're not alone! Come along and decorate your own special plate and learn some new strategies. Gold coin donation for the plate. Everything else is provided and all welcome.

Bread Dough Jewellery - 9th Sept

You will not believe how easy this is! Join in the fun while we create individual pieces using this unusual technique. Everything provided and all welcome.

Sessions run each Wednesday of term time from 9-12 in the speech therapy room (behind room 12).

Also, don't forget to return the Central Hub survey to Mrs Dibben by the 28th August to go in the draw for a New World voucher.