

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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22 August 2014 Name.....

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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Well done to everyone who contributed to our 2014 General Knowledge-a-thon. The total has reached a very generous \$5939.45. Thank you also to our helpers who gave their time.

I have especially enjoyed seeing the joy on children's faces when they tell me how many questions they got correct and the pride they have in giving their sponsorship money to help their school.

Our locally raised funds are used to improve equipment and resources for your children. Everyone who has seen our students' amazing art, watched their sporting skills or talk about their computer skills will understand just how helpful these extra funds are.

We will continue to collect sponsorship money next week. I am hopeful we can have it all in then and I will let you know of our grand total.

FRUIT AND MILK IN SCHOOLS

Every day we offer all children milk to drink and fruit to eat. We believe this is very worthwhile to help our children grow and learn. Please discuss this with your child and encourage their regular participation in these worthwhile initiatives.

IMPORTANT ENROLMENT INFORMATION 2015 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 2015 as Wednesday, 22 October 2014. The application closing day for this ballot is Wednesday, 15 October 2014.

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 79% of students are working at or above National Standard.

After two years at school 84% of students are working at or above National Standard.

After three years at school 86% 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 also pleased that there is no significant difference across ethnicities. Maori, Pasifika, Asian, European all achieve highly – which is as it should be.

These results can be enjoyed by all including family members who support their children's learning, school staff who deliver programmes and our Board of Trustees who provide resources and support.

Effort does indeed bring reward and combined effort brings great reward.

MANUREWA SCHOOLS' MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our school choir has been working hard to prepare for the Harmony Music Festival next Tuesday, 26 August at 7.30pm in the Vodafone Events' Centre.

Over 500 students will be performing. Tickets are available from the school office at \$10 per adult and \$5.00 per child on Monday morning before 9am or there may be door sales. Parking is free that night.

L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- 26 Music Festival performance
- 26 Interschool Cross Country

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Junior school folk dancing
- 4 Parent working bee
- 5 Student files of work home (Years 3 – 6)
- 8 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 11 Chai and Chat afternoon
- 12 Next school newsletter

Term 3 finishes on Friday, 26 September at 3pm. Term 4 begins on Monday, 13 October.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Rocquel Jennings, Sosaia Langi and Jonny Gatoloai.

Happy Birthday



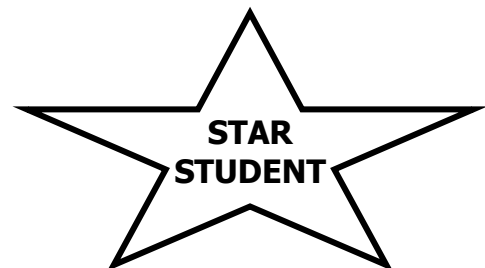
To people who have a special day about now.

AUGUST

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| 22 Ezra Taitoko | 22 David Emmanuel |
| 24 Darcy Puru | 25 Antony Chester |
| 26 Anishna Chand | 26 Vanessa Chau |
| 26 Jonny Gatoloai | 28 Masin Ormsby-White |
| 28 Kamenieli Aria | 29 Elyn Basilio |
| 29 Shawneqwa Pemberton | 29 Saurav Davendran |
| 29 Monty Singe | 30 Kaitlyn Tanoa'i |
| 30 Taylor Maskell | 31 Owen Bouttavong |

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 Caydn Rupapera | 1 Amneet Grewal |
| 1 Jasmandeep Kaur | 1 Ashley Chand |
| 1 Aydhen Hohepa-Bromwich | 4 Kingston Jack |
| 4 Peter Tatola | 5 Danielle Tara |
| 5 Shahana Ali | 5 Divneel Prasad |
| 6 Phoenix Tobeck | 9 Tyson-Luca Gardiner |
| 9 Ekamjot Singh | 9 Temaleti Tatola |
| 10 Zane Walker Prujean | 10 Kaiila Stanley |
| 11 Ribhav Sharma | 11 Sister Tonga-Ngatai |
| 11 Tanveer Bhatti | 11 Paramveer Brar |



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

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| R1 Tanurit Kaur | R2 Mathew Kiriona |
| R3 Nishtha Saxena | R4 Israel Wilson |
| R5 Alesana Alesana | R6 Ashley Chand |
| R7 Vyaansh Permal | R8 Tanishka Chetty |
| R9 Khloe Scott | R10 Taylor Maskell |
| R11 Kevin Zeng | R12 Owen Bouttavong |
| R13 Aria Kamenieli | R14 Elijah Miller |
| R15 Tamati Peters | R16 Daniel Kako |
| R17 Shawneqwa Pemberton | R18 Karla Collins |
| R19 Brooke Maiava | R20 Cody Puru |
| R21 Nathan Do | R23 Phoenix Key |
| R24 Arush Garg | |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We made butter with Miss Kett and Mrs Nguyen. We put some cream in a jar screwed on the lid and we shook it and shook it and shook it so hard that the runny cream changed into butter. It was yummy!

ROOM 3

We are learning interesting facts about solids, liquids and gases. We labelled the everyday objects in our classroom as solid, liquid or gas. For our science experiments we are learning to make butter and sherbet. Why do bubbles float? Why are bubbles colourful?

ROOM 5

Food glorious food has been our study topic this term and we have been identifying healthy foods and foods that are only sometimes healthy for us.

Pumpkins ruled in Room 5! We sketched them, ate them and have planted seeds in pots to see if we can grow our own healthy food.

ROOM 7

We have been very busy this term. We are learning our five times table and adding 5 more to any given number. We are enjoying folk dancing and calendar art. Room 7 love coming to school because it is so fun!

ROOM 9

We have written winter poems. Here are some of our ideas.

Winter sounds like trees growling in the dark.

Tear

Winter looks like sugar frost on the sad trees.

Zyrus

Winter smells like pumpkin soup at my nana's home.

Ashton

Winter tastes like hot cocoa before bed. *Dania*

ROOM 11

We have been doing our food, glorious food posters for our unit. We needed to come up with a question that we could research on the computer or in books. Then we needed to make our poster

colourful and ensure that the information on it answered our question.

We all had to research a lot for our general knowledge test which was on Wednesday. Some questions were a bit difficult and some questions were easy. We hope we have fundraised a lot of money for our school.

Tomilea, Rhys and Revanda

ROOM 13

We have been doing a variety of things. For art we have started our calendars. We were inspired by Thomas Barbey. He makes surreal artwork. First we choose an old calendar background. Then we looked through magazines for large items that would look surreal. We showed them to Mrs Brown before gluing them on. We made a large version to go on our walls. They look amazing.

On Tuesday Mrs Moss, our student teacher, talked with us about the New Zealand Government and the elections. We talked about MP's, MMP's, democracy, how elections work and we talked about a monarchy. It is a slow steady topic, as there are many things to talk about. But you are most welcome to see artwork and learn more off the pictures and facts we have on Thomas Barbey.

Steffi Webb-Butler

ROOM 15

We have started writing our election speeches. We have written about what we would do if we were voted principal and write it in an interesting manner (unlike some politicians!) Then we say our speech in front of the class and the two people who get the top votes will say their speech again in front of the senior school. Whoever gets the most votes gets to be principal for the day!

We have also started on our calendars. Mrs MacLeod divided our piece of paper into 8 sections. Then we decorated it with bright, colourful patters like Romero Britto. Our calendars are looking great, definitely worth putting on the wall for a whole year.

Larizza Melendrez

ROOM 17

We have been continuing to enjoy our topic about food. Last week we were lucky enough to have a visit to the temple. We learnt lots of interesting information about the Sikh religion and culture and were all given a delicious meal of roti, rice and chickpeas. In the classroom we have been learning about food from other countries and religions too. This week we made the kiwi favourite hokey pokey!

ROOM 19

What an exciting time we have had over the past few weeks.

Our visit to the temple was amazing. We experienced another culture by observing and learning about some of the Sikh customs. The tasty food they provided us with for lunch was spicy, but delicious. The children in Room 19 who attend the temple felt very proud too.

Our classroom has been a hive of activity as we try to complete our calendars. There is paper everywhere, but hopefully the finished piece of art will be spectacular. We have based it on something we are very good at doing. Can you guess what that might be?

ROOM 21

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Nanaksar Golden Temple. We learned about the Sikh religion, what happens at the temple and we also experienced an Indian vegetarian meal. We look forward to going again.

Room 21 had our own 'interclass cross-country' competition. We have all trained really hard to improve our fitness, so we all ran well. Our year 3 winners were: Sheneah, Braithan and Nehemiah. Year 4 winners were: Nathan, Tiana and Kulneet.

ROOM 23

We are learning all about bubbles. Did you know that

- bubbles are made up of air
- the outside is called the 'skin'
- a bubble will always be round no matter what shape the wand you blow through is
- when light shines through a bubble it creates rainbow colours.
- the longest bubble was 32 meters long using a bubble wand, dishwashing liquid, glycerine and water.

ESOL SENIOR TRIP

Recently, 11 Year 5 and 6 English as second language students went on a fabulous trip to the Auckland International Airport and then to the Homai Guide Dog Centre.

At the airport we were lucky enough to talk to a pilot who answered all our questions. We saw the new A350 plane and watched an interesting slide show all about the jobs people do around the airport. There were so many planes taking off and landing. It was a very busy day at the airport with people from all over the world arriving to see our beautiful country.

At the airport we learnt about the sniffer dogs that check people's bags for food and drugs. Did you know that they even have dogs that can also sniff out large amounts of money, that's amazing.
Riya Room 12

In the afternoon we headed to the Guide Dog Centre in Homai. Our guide, Susan, showed us a DVD about how guide dogs help sight impaired people in so many ways. Did you know that guide dogs are allowed to go into shops, restaurants and even on planes around New Zealand? Our highlight of the trip was meeting the gorgeous puppies. They were so cute but we were not allowed to touch them which was very hard for us!

We got to meet a guide dog in training. His name was Guinness and he was wearing a white harness. We learnt that you shouldn't pat a guide dog when he is working.

Kalepo Room 14

Community Notices

Hippy Programme

A pre-school programme that assists parents to prepare children for school (3 – 5 years). Enrolling now. Phone Susan 027 2408318.

Sahaayta

Counselling and social support service. Meeting for South Asian men and women 23 August 2014 3 – 5.30pm at Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road Manurewa. Phone Sahaayta 280 4064 for registration and information.