

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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22 May 2015 Name.....

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

I hope by now many people have been able to view our children's art and craft work on display around our school grounds.

We have a wide variety of interesting and colourful works of art placed outside for your enjoyment.

I thank our students and staff for the quality of the work and the interesting clever ideas on display. While our major focus is on literacy and numeracy it is good to remember how important the arts are in our curriculum.

AT SCHOOL ALL DAY EVERY DAY

I am pleased to report that our school attendance rate continues to be close to 95%.

This is pleasing because regular attendance at school is one of the major factors influencing children's learning. This holds true for children of all ages and is perhaps even more important for younger children when progress is very fast. Thank you for getting children to school every day and for ensuring they stay all day.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Over recent months our school has worked with a specialist company to upgrade our emergency management plan. As a result we have added a "lock down" procedure to our evacuation process. This will ensure that we are able to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances and requests from different agencies such as the Police and/or Civil Defence.

All staff and students are in the process of receiving training and extra practice exercises will be carried out in coming weeks. This will ensure that our students and staff remain safe in the unlikely event of an unexpected emergency.

SCHOOL CHARTER PROGRESS

One of our major priorities for student learning this year is written language. Teaching staff are evaluating programmes and undergoing professional development.

I am very pleased with the progress being made and teachers will be reporting on this in student reports currently being written.

Our newsletter is a good way of displaying children's writing. You will be aware of regular Room News items written by children. I also draw your attention to the student report and the excellent ANZAC poem included later in this newsletter.

Thank you
L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 25 Samoan Language Week begins
- 27 Reading Together Workshop #3 6pm
- 29 "Funtime lunchtime" run by student councillors.

JUNE

- 1 Queen's Birthday holiday. School closed.
- 3 Reading Together Workshop #4 6pm
- 8 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 10 Junior School cross country
- 12 Student Files of Work home (Years 3 – 6).
- 12 Next newsletter
- 18 Matariki celebration

Term 2 ends on Friday, 3 July at 3pm
Term 3 begins on Monday, 20 July.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Divjot Kaur, Chase Kahui, Reeve Rameka, Leighton Leevard, Ava Koh-Limatau, Amanpreet Singh, Avisia Isanejad, Arosha Isanejad.

Happy Birthday



To people who have a special day about now.

MAY

22 McKenah-Roze Dalton	24 Sarina West
25 Ashleigh Solomann	26 Elle Funaki-Sterling
26 Izaeliyah Tuaato	27 Jacy Saavedra
29 Lucy Bryant	31 Ramin Zaya

JUNE

1 Siobhan Paku	1 Christine Uludole
1 Harkirit Dhaliwal	3 Gurpartee Benipal
4 Alistair Stowers	5 Jashika Prakash
5 Joshua Engu	6 Baylee Trego
7 Zivana Hafoka	7 Jagrith Narayan
7 Willie Dong	9 Caleb Barnes
12 Viva Friend	



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

R1 Prabhdeep Kaur	R2 Navam Sharma
R3 Patrisha Chand	R4 Mateo Fatu
R5 Mikayla Tarai	R6 Serafina Va'a
R7 Mathew Kiriona	R8 Vijayta Karda
R9 Charlotte 'Ake	R10 Yashika Prasad
R11 Chetna Singh	R12 Okusitino Tuipulotu
R13 Dohnovan Dalton	R14 Melody Husband
R15 Tangaroa-Jack Marsh	R16 Shahana Ali
R17 Isaac Botuyan	R18 Masin Ormsby-White
R19 Elijah McKay	R20 Susana Malewa
R21 Alistair Stowers	R22 Paige Pratt
R23 Louisa-Bella Linaker	

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

Today Taylor brought two goats to school. We had a turn of patting the goats. The fur felt soft.

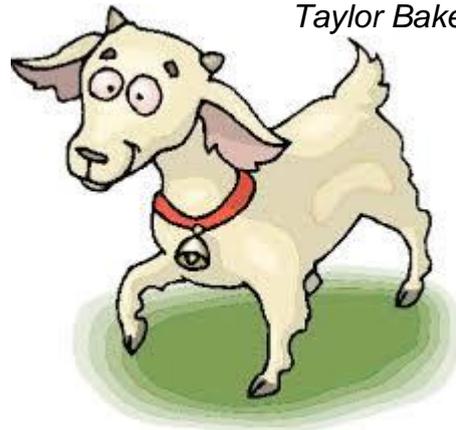
Joshua Engu

We patted Taylor's goats. They were so soft. We fed them with the bottle. When they sucked the milk the sound was funny.

Mersade Wilson

Today we brought in the baby goats. All of the classes came to pat the goats. They fed them then Milly started to jump up in the air and climb on people. I love them so much.

Taylor Baker



ROOM 4

We have been learning to use 'wow' words in our writing to make our stories more interesting.

The big billy goat boofed the mean troll into the deep pool. The goat went over the bridge to eat the juicy green grass. *Addison*

Our whole family is at home and I saw a big buzzy bee flying inside. *Jared*

ROOM 6

Room 6 just love Fridays. That's the day that Coach Manu and Coach Kiesha come to school and help us to get fitter and healthier. We have been learning how to hop and skip. The coaches show us fun games to improve our skills. Last Friday we played, duck, duck, goose – everyone kept picking Coach Manu and she was puffed at the end.

ROOM 8

What can you make with old fizzy drink bottles, paint, pipe cleaners and toothpicks? A cactus garden!

First you have to collect all the empty bottles. Next you clean off the labels and paint the bottles green. Very carefully poke holes with a needle all over the bottles. After that stick pipe cleaners and toothpicks into the holes. Finally you need to plant the cacti in a pot.

These recycled plants are bright and colourful and don't need to be watered or weeded. Do you have any rubbish that could be turned into something beautiful?

ROOM 10

We have been doing art for our unit study Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. We decided to use plastic bottles to make flowers. These have been inspired by artists like Chihuly, Yayoi Kusama, Dan Corson and Helena Roden. To make them we got a plastic bottle and cut the sides with a crafting knife, to make the petals. Secondly we got a stake, and attached the flowers, with plasticine. Next we papier mached it with newspaper and newsprint. After it had dried we painted it with two coats of white paint. When the white paint was dried we painted it bright colours. We added glitter to make them look sparkly. At the end Mrs McHaffie-Green sprayed them with clear gloss. They look stunning.



ROOM 12

Paint, paint everywhere! We had paint on our bodies, legs and even faces. What were we doing? As part of sculpture week we made Minecraft people. We used boxes; lots and lots of boxes, paint and glue. We had to tape up the boxes and then paint them over and over. Gluing them was the hardest part. The heads fell off, the legs were dangling and so we left the arms off! As well as people we had some pets with a really tall, fat and spotted giraffe. Take the time to go to the auditorium and have a look. *Sumsijah and Mehar*

ROOM 14

For ANZAC Day we looked at the impact that the war had on the people of our country. We had great fun creating our ANZAC art! We worked together in groups to create our art based around shadow art. Each group had a different silhouette to create and also created poppies in a variety of sizes. The poppies were then used to frame the silhouette. Our finished artworks are on display in our classroom. Please feel free to come in and view them.

ROOM 16

What is waste? Litter, rubbish, waste or trash. Whatever you call it, it's all the things people don't want or need. It's out of date, it doesn't fit, it's left over from lunch or it doesn't work. Rubbish is piling up all over the world but what ends up in our bins might not even be rubbish. It is plastic bags from our shopping, left over food scraps, unwanted toys or even old mobile phones. The more things people buy the more things they throw away. Forgotten – but not gone. Rubbish can break down but it doesn't happen overnight.



Banana Peel
4 weeks



Plastic Jug
1 million years



Thin plastic bag
15 years

What breaks down first? What will still be around long after we have gone?

Ashleigh Bowden and Khloe Scott

ROOM 18

We have been designing environment superheroes. We got to choose two super powers for them. We have some very original ideas. Our superhero was allowed to have a sidekick. They all look awesome!

Last week we collected tins. We cleaned, ripped labels and painted our tins. We had to come up with a design for a Tin Man. The winning design was by Kaitlyn, Layken and Trinity. Ms Alsari helped them put it together with wire and sprayed it with a shiny varnish. It looks pretty cool standing outside the staffroom.

Kaitlyn and Trinity

ROOM 20

We have been learning about recycling. We reused clear coca cola and lemonade bottles, to make butterflies. We looked at pictures of butterflies and sketched our own. We had to ensure they were symmetrical and colourful. Once we had our plan we traced them onto the plastic, coloured them with felt and painted them with nail polish. We like the way they shimmer in the sunlight.

ROOM 22

A week of dinosaurs inspired our class to create Michael Jackson who currently lives outside Mrs Kendall's office and Room 22. He is a very good dancer and is proud of the colourful patterns all over his body. But don't tell him he's all skeleton, otherwise he'll freak out!

AN ANZAC POEM "The Devils Masterpiece"

Our numbers were depleting as fast as the
enemies waves were launched
We were outnumbered by far but our soldiers
stayed staunch
Blood painted the battlefield like a dark red paint
The Devil's masterpiece was this death and this
hate.

My friends' corpses littered the ground
And tears came to my eyes as I remembered the
jokes we had all laughed about.

The white flag had been raised and from my
trench I began to run
The war was over the Devil's masterpiece was
done.

Aviu

ASTHMA 'ATTACKS' ARE ON THE RISE

With the winter approaching we are noticing an increase in asthma attacks. Cold or damp air can be a trigger for some of our children suffering this condition. It is really important that they have access to their medication before school, and in school if necessary.

If your child needs an asthma inhaler please make sure it is in school labelled with their name. Please discuss with your child's class teacher where the medication will be kept and how it can be accessed.

WRITERS' FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE

What a novelty wearing our smart Manurewa Central uniforms! It makes us feel proud and professional as the ten of us head off to the Writer's Festival. We arrive at the huge Aotea Centre in Auckland. There are hundreds of students here. Wow, lucky us – we get goodie bags with free books and information.

Morris Gleitzman starts his talk. He's a very funny Australian writer. He teaches us how to get started on story-writing and how to get really good ideas by imagining things, then basing new stories on these ideas. He is very child-friendly and takes us seriously. He asks us questions and even remembers the people sitting way up high. We all agree he is very entertaining and can't wait to read more of his famous books.

Philippa Werry is the next speaker. She is a New Zealand writer. She writes fiction and non-fiction, mostly about things that have affected our country. She speaks about ANZAC Day and the research she needs to do for her stories. She also tells us about her family who used horses and donkeys in the Great War.

It's over way too soon and we head back to school with so many new ideas. We know this has been an amazing opportunity which will help us with our own writing.

Phoenix, Ayianna, Thea-Rose, Jennifer, Tiana, Nadia, Fariha, Nerisa, Aviu and Ella (Senior School).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nanaksar Chardi Kala

After school tuition of students Years 3 to 8.
Monday to Friday, 4pm to 5.30pm. 106a Great South Road Manurewa. Phone 268 9539 for more information.