

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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23 July 2010 Name.....

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

Thank you to the many parents who attended parent teacher interviews at the end of Term 2. Around 300 meetings were held and teachers will now follow up matters discussed.

Please remember that the teaching staff is available to discuss children's progress at any time of the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance. This can be followed up with a meeting with the team leader or the principal if necessary. Questions can usually be answered quickly or an appointment can be arranged if necessary.

This year we trialed a new student report format. We will be reviewing this new form over coming weeks. As part of this process I will send home a short questionnaire to gain your feedback on the new form. When this arrives please consider the questionnaire and return it to school. We really need your feedback to get our report right for you.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-A-THON FUND RAISER.

This major fundraising activity of the year begins next week with information coming home on Monday.

We ask that you assist your child with sponsorship and learning the answers to a wide range of interesting and sometimes challenging questions. The big testing day is Thursday, 5 August and I will keep you informed as to progress once sponsorship money comes in after that.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS (ICAS)

Every year selected senior school pupils are given the opportunity to participate in five academic competitions run by the University of New South Wales.

Well done to all of our pupils who attempted these difficult tests that are conducted under strict examination conditions. The first results have been received and I congratulate the following pupils who were particularly successful.

COMPUTER STUDIES

High Distinction (*Top 1% of NZ students*)

Year 6 Alexis Kaing

Distinction (*Top 10% of NZ students*)

Year 6 Abdul Rahman Khalaf

Year 5 Monisha Narayan
 Luke Stainthorpe

Credit (*Top 30% of NZ students*)

Year 6 Tyler Dance

Year 5 Benjamin Tse

SCIENCE

Distinction (*Top 10% of NZ students*)

Year 6 Alexis Kaing

Year 5 Lauryn Conlogue
 Luke Stainthorpe

Credit (*Top 30% of NZ students*)

Year 6 Abdul Rahman Khalaf

 Samantha Oh
 Vishay Prasad
Year 5 Monisha Narayan
 Benjamin Tse

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN ACHIEVE AT SCHOOL

The following suggestions are based on studies reviewed by John Hattie, Professor of Education, Auckland University.

- Do whatever you can to ensure your children go to school regularly and stay at school as long as possible.
- Listen to your children when they talk about what they are learning and doing at school. Encourage these discussions by showing interest.
- Ask about interesting and fun things that happen at school. Encourage children to share these things.
- Value effort, sticking to a task and learning the basics. Evidence shows children from families who value effort have a head start.
- Enjoy being involved with your children.

Thank you.
L Thew – PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

- 26- 30 Maori Language Week
- 26 General Knowledge-a-thon begins
- 26 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm

AUGUST

- 2 & 4 Middle school visits to MOTAT
- 3 ICAS English competition
- 3 Interschool netball
- 4 General Knowledge-a-thon sponsorship forms returned to school
- 4 Parent support group meeting 1.30 – 3.00pm Manurewa Central School
- 5 General Knowledge-a-thon testing
- 13 Next newsletter
- 17 Manurewa Schools' Performing Arts' choir festival 7pm TelstraClear Events' Centre
- 23 School art display opens
- 27 Pupils' files of work home (Years 3-6)

Term 3 finishes on Friday, 24 September.

Term 4 runs from 11 October to 16 December.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently
Drew Knight, Cade Cumming-Mitchell,
Chloe Wijohn, Togia Ikifitu.

Happy Birthday

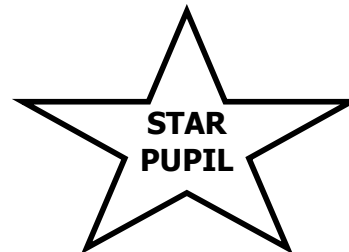
To people who have a special day about now.

JULY

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| 25 Kervin Guttenbeil | 26 Drew Bishop |
| 26 Deken Gillard | 27 Zoe Nelson |
| 28 Mary Marwan | 29 Karen Phung |
| 29 Ramina Zaya | 30 Gurleen Kaur |
| 30 Taumatina Natini | 30 Sukhdev Sukh |
| 30 David Zhang | 31 Manmeet Singh |

AUGUST

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| 5 Waitangi Park | 6 Richard Cole |
| 7 Chloe Groves | 7 Wayne Guttenbeil |
| 7 Alza Puthenpurackal | |
| 7 Dedrick Sione | 8 Vincent Alexander |
| 8 Abdul Rahman Khalaf | |
| 8 Christian Lilo | 9 Lyric Hemara |
| 9 Alexis Kaing | 10 Patrick Aishow |
| 10 Ruben Zinsli | 12 Shivanshu Sharma |
| 13 Victoria Black | |



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 Fabian Solomon | R2 Yaqob Demeke |
| R3 Connah Pihama | R4 Tai Time |
| R5 Israel Wharawhara | R6 Benjamin Burman |
| R7 Faith Ropati | R8 Solomone To'a |
| R9 Lloyd Baladad | R10 Zryus Tejpal |
| R11 Gracie Bruce | R12 Thomas Wingfield |
| R13 Maelesa Chester | R14 Maddison Simmonds |
| R15 Shivnil Lal | R16 Jaydah Croft |
| R17 Waikura Henare | R18 Sam Megson |
| R19 Harsimran Hundal | R20 Ramina Zaya |
| R21 Luke Liu | R23 Blake Allen |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We have had a lovely holiday. Our teacher helped us make a poem using the words from our brainstorm.

H appy times

O n the go

L ooking for cool things to do

I nside or outside, we don't mind

D rawing, playing, watching TV

A lways smiling and having fun

Y es please, McDonald's for tea

S oon they are over but that's ok. We know there are more to come.

ROOM 4

After a restful holiday we are ready to work hard this term. As part of our flight unit we are going to be flight engineers. We will be designing and making our own kites. Hopefully if the weather is good and windy we will be able to take them on to the field to fly them. We promise to make them very colourful.

ROOM 6

We are painting dragons. The dragons have wings, claws, long tails and fire and smoke spurting from their nostrils. We hope they are completed for our art exhibition in Week 6.

ROOM 8

We had a wonderful holiday. We thought about what holidays are for and these are some of our ideas.

Holidays are going to the snowy mountains making a snowman and posing for a photo with him. *Fazil*

Holidays are for sleeping in late and not waking up to a terrible alarm. *Steffi*

Holidays are days for baking with your mum, baking rich chocolate cake. *Victoria*

Holidays are staying up late in the living room watching TV and snuggled under my mum's blankets. *Khaine*

Holidays are for shopping for new white fancy shoes that are just for church. *Nathan*

Holidays are going to different countries and towns to explore new places. *Sarah*

ROOM 10

Do you know what a penny farthing is? It is a bike with a wheel that is small like a farthing and another wheel that is big like a penny. People got on to the bike using a ladder because the seat was so high up. The reason why they put a big wheel is so every time you pedalled your bike you would go a long way. On the penny farthing bike it did not have a chain like bikes today.

Jessica Taufa

ROOM 12

We visited MOTAT to look and learn about simple machines. Up a big ramp were lots of bicycles including a penny farthing with one huge wheel and one tiny wheel. It was named after the old English money. A ride on the old tram meant we saw how a lever can act as a brake. The Victorian Village had a blacksmith working there. He used lots of simple machines to make steel objects from heating steel in a very hot fire and cooling them in water.

Wayne and Valerie

ROOM 14

We have been learning about wheels. Did you know that wheels are just about the most important thing in the world? The reason for this is that without wheels it would be hard to tell the time, go to places, make electricity and move heavy objects up, down, forwards and backwards. *Melissa*

ROOM 16

We are all excited about starting a brand new term. We are still learning about electricity and magnets from last term where we had lots of fun experimenting with circuits. We learnt the important things a simple circuit needs. They are a resistor, a conductive pathway and a power source! We are also looking forward to our MOTAT trip in Week 3.

Kirstie Scotson & Jasmin Singh

ROOM 18

Electricity learning was spectacular. We learned so much about circuits. We learnt that with more bulbs and less cells the bulbs will get very dim. If you do it the opposite way with more cells and less bulbs they will get very bright. BUT BEWARE! Too many cells will burn the bulbs out!

Quinn, John & Bailey

ROOM 20

Holidays are times to relax
Only teachers and children have school holidays
Lots of people go overseas
I love visiting my friends
Days are spent playing and having fun
All of us like to swim at the beach when it's hot
You can stay up late. Some of us have breakfast in bed

HOLIDAY CAMP SPONSORED BY MANUREWA PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION AND BIRTHRIGHT NZ

During each school holiday break five children from Manurewa schools are selected to participate in a camp programme at YMCA Camp Adair at Hunua. These places are fully sponsored by the Manurewa Principals' Association in conjunction with Birthright New Zealand. Schools can nominate pupils and a subcommittee then allocates spaces in an equitable manner. The rationale for the camp is to recognise the role of grandparents in raising grandchildren or to provide a camping experience to children who may not otherwise have that opportunity.

Manurewa Central School was fortunate to have Montana Henare (Year 5) attend the July holiday camp. Montana participated in a range of outdoor experiences during her time at Camp Adair.

If you would like to discuss the possibility of your child (8 – 11 years only) being nominated for a future camp please feel free to register your interest through the school office with Miss Lindsay, our deputy principal.



A special "Thank You" goes to Linda Biggs, Vicky Critchley, Laurene Murtic, Yvonne Johnson and Kokoi Aviu, from our Parenting Hub group who read their favourite book and gave out Duffy Books to classes at the end of Term 2. We know our students really enjoyed listening to the

stories and sharing their enthusiasm for reading.

Congratulations to Nigel Spyve, Room 13, who is a prizewinner in the Duffy "Cool to Read" poem competition. The competition is part of the special celebrations to mark Duffy's 15th birthday. Well done Nigel. Thank you to everyone who wrote a poem for the competition.

Community Notices

The Parenting Through Separation programme will now be available at Manurewa Intermediate School for all parents whose children attend schools in the region. The highly regarded programme was developed by the Ministry of Justice to support parents in a relationship break up to achieve the best outcomes for their children. The programme is free to all parents who are in the process of separating or considering separation.

The programme will be delivered by psychologists from Triple P New Zealand Ltd, a new provider recently appointed by the Ministry of Justice. A lawyer from the Family Court will contribute to the programme. The Parenting Through Separation programme will be run twice over the term to enable parents to attend individually.

Manurewa Intermediate School: (9.30-1.00)
August 5, September 2, October 21,
November 18, December 9. To register call Triple P New Zealand Ltd 09 579 1794.

ASPIRE PERFORMING ARTS' SCHOOL

Aspire Performing Arts' School is taking registrations for Term 3. We run dance and music lessons in Papakura and Manukau. Our fees are extremely affordable at \$80 for dance and \$100 for music for a term of lessons. This term if you sign up with a friend, you receive \$10 off your term fees. For more information please contact Jessie Nansen on 294 6675 or 0273310666 or email aspireperformingarts@gmail.com for enquiries or registrations.