

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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23 March 2012 Name.....

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

As you are aware our swimming programmes have now concluded for the summer of 2011-2012. Our interschool swimming results from 6 March were outstanding and placed us as the top performing school at this event. (Check out the report later in this newsletter).

We congratulate our swimmers not only for their swimming ability but for their attitude, behaviour and self-management skills. We also acknowledge the skill of Mrs Jane Logan, an ex-parent who continues to coach our pupils, our squad which has trained at 7.30am every Friday and Mr Hunt and Mrs Sowden for their work at lunchtimes. Finally to all parents who have provided support, our grateful thanks. Your children's swimming skills are something to be proud of.

We congratulate the super swimmers who all succeeded in swimming 200 metres. Well done to Xanthe Paku, Bradley Wingfield, Tanisha Kaokao, Tori Harris, Sienna Lesimaikimatuku, Deja Toloi, Sam Ward, Denise Falelogi, Stanley Brabazon, Kallani-Jayde Rogers, Brooklyn Baker, Tyson Uluheua, Divikesh Prasad, Jasleen Kaur, Rachel Douglas, Jamal Todd, Owen Bouttavong, Precious Te Whata, Tamati Peters, Leonie Renata Green and Jevaon Croft.

PUPIL LEADERS

At this time of year we name our Year 6 pupils who have been assigned leadership responsibilities for the year. Our congratulations go to these pupils...

School Councillors

John Chen, Jaydah Croft, Kervin Guttenbeil, Prabjit Kaur, Aimee Lew, Moishna Moeen, Ursula Te Wharau and Isabella Van Stipriaan.

House Captains

Sophie Fraser, Tori Harris, Harsimran Hundal, Dilraj Maan, Anjali Mistry, Jasmin Singh, Kevin Tran and Jinling Zhang.

Computer Monitors

Moishna Moeen, Vika Koloto, Faith Taelangi, Leilani Loloa, Jasmin Singh, Charnny Bun, Anjali Mistry, Ganeev Sethi, Tori Harris and Prabjit Kaur.

Librarians

Aaron Lew, Deja Toloi, Julia Lemoa, Kevin Tran, Jack Yarrall, Aimee Lew, Rocky Manu Saute, Preeti Mala, Aayah Al-Abri, Dilraj Maan, John Chen, Tara Wanoa, Savanah Konia, Isabella Van Stipriaan, Navneet Dhaliwal, Harsimran Hundal, Dylan Maaka, Zenith Ross, Matthew Dennis, Sarah Marshall, Jaydah Croft, Sophie Fraser, Rachel Douglas, Luke Liu and Kerina Tiai.

SCHOOL WIDE STUDY

The current unit of study across our school is entitled "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle." In our enquiry approach classes will look at facets of the health, social studies and science curricula with the ultimate outcomes being related to our contribution to the sustainability of life in New Zealand for future generations and also on a more practical level to reduce the waste generated in our own school.

How can families help? Please talk with your children about their studies in class, any research that they may be conducting over the seven weeks, or together explore ways as a family that you could make a difference. e.g. a reusable plastic bag instead of plastic film in lunchboxes.

Within this study our junior children will be focussing on our worm farm, Years three and four will be looking at composting including a possible trip to the Botanic Gardens and our senior pupils will visit the Visy Recycling Centre as part of their recycling study.

CLASS AND TEAM PHOTOS

PhotoLife Studios will be in our school on Monday, 2 April to take class photographs plus our school leaders. No specific times for individual classes can be given. In due course photographs will be available for purchase if desired.

ANZAC DAY

The school will be closed on Wednesday, 25 April for ANZAC Day observation. During the morning our pupil leaders and members of our school staff will march in the community parade that ends in a ceremony outside our main school gates.

We would welcome additional support from our school families at the cenotaph. Please feel free to join us.

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.

J Lindsay
ACTING PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

27 Interschool cricket field day

APRIL

2 Class and team photographs taken by PhotoLife
5 School closes for Term 1 at 3.00pm
9 – 20 School holidays
25 ANZAC DAY. School closed
26 School cross country (Years 3-6)
27 Next newsletter

Term 2 concludes on Friday, 29 June.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Sukhpreet Kaur, Rhys Stanley, Arizona Aumau, Phakchira Smith, Amneet Singh Grewal, Diyari Delaiverata, Sarrah Bibi, Rhylee Peita, Khloe Scott, Zeplyn Snowden, Shama Goundar, Lavinia Dangen, Tony Julian.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

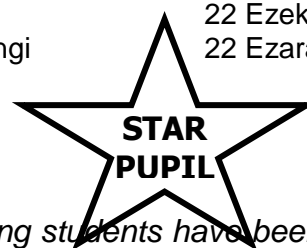


MARCH

24 Sam Megson	25 Summer Tamihere
26 Priyanka Chand	26 Faith Tauelangi
26 Kerina Tiai	27 Kendra Rangitulia
27 Jamal Todd	28 Chloe Alexander
28 Divyesh Chang	28 Dylan Taufu
28 Muna Vete	29 Kurt Grass
29 Damian Rippingale	30 Boston Smith
31 Hannah Du Preez	

APRIL

2 Brooke Maiava	2 Odisho Shemshon
2 Lepani Uludole	2 Nerissa Vavau
3 Aliyyah Ali	3 Ayianna Seymour
3 DaeshanTairaoa-Williamson	3 Hyson Witehira
4 Joshua Wong	5 Bailey Fountain
5 Leilani Maka	5 Larizza Melendrez
5 Zane Moran	7 Laysha Harrison-Ngati
8 Lachlan Smith	9 Sapphire Raana-McCafferty
9 Sanjay Wanoa	10 Vinesh Kumar
10 Netani	12 Gabrielle Adams
Lesimaikimatuku	
13 Nathan Kumar	15 Tiana Thomson
17 Luke Liu	22 Ezekiel Ah Ching-Lava
22 Kasanita Langi	22 Ezara Tataurangi-Burr



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

R1 Darius Westlake	R2 Mamia Marsh
R3 Andrew Tali	R4 Taylor Paul
R5 Jennifer Zeng	R6 Tiana Thomson
R7 Theon Pearse	R8 Brodey Goodall
R9 Devahrny Shelford	R10 Levi Bowden
R11 Gabrielle Adams	R12 Kevin Tran
R13 Moishna Moeen	R14 Linda Du
R15 Faith Ropati	R16 Jin Hui Wang
R17 Sammy Malhotra	R18 Zellas Uatisone
R19 Taylor Maskell	R20 Gurleen Singh
R21 Melody Husband	R23 Brooke Maiava
R24 Susana Malawi	

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We were very proud and excited when our parents came to watch our swimming carnival. Most children were able to walk across the pool pushing a ball with their chins. Some children floated across the pool with a flutterboard while others were able to glide without support. At the end we all hopped into the pool and danced the Hokey Tokey. We had lots of fun.

ROOM 3

We have been busy learning about the natural resources in our country. Some of them are our beaches, parks and our mountains. We are learning to keep them clean. The sun makes me feel happy and gives me energy to play outside. *Andrew Tali*

ROOM 5

We thoroughly enjoyed our junior swimming carnival. It was a hot, sunny day and even Mrs Simpson didn't mind getting splashed too! We have been busy competing self-portraits and our display of collaged insects is now up in the cloakbay.

ROOM 7

We have been learning all about caterpillars and butterflies. We have monarch caterpillars on the swan plants by the ESOL room. We watched them as they got bigger and bigger then they made a cocoon. In the cocoon they turned into butterflies. They look beautiful flying around our school.

ROOM 9

We are scooter-riding stars. We have been learning about verbs for written language. Here is some of our scooter inspired writing.

I can zoom around the big playground and crash!
Devahrny

I can swoosh over bumps on my pink scooter.
Sister

I speed around the corners and I whizz under the trees.
Dwayne

I ride through the whole school and past Room 9 and up onto the concrete. *Joshua*

I zig-zag around the cones and zoom over the grass.
Jason

ROOM 11

Term 1 has been amazing and we have learnt so much. I am very excited about being a house captain and achieving the 200 metres swim, which is 8 lengths non-stop of freestyle and backstroke at the Sykes Road pools.

Last week and this week most of our school has been talking about "reduce, reuse, recycle" and we have been talking about taking bottles from home and bringing them to school for school projects. *Tori Harris*

ROOM 13

We have been focusing on a particular artist named Pablo Picasso. We have been creating art based on his paintings. We drew our faces and used pastels to create interesting shapes. Our work was based on his cubism period. We have also been writing interesting facts about him.

Our new unit study topic is "reduce, reuse, recycle." We have been talking about what we could do to reuse, what we could do to recycle and what we could do to reduce our rubbish. People already have some great ideas to keep our environment clean and tidy.

Seanna Lesimaikimatuku

ROOM 15

We found out lots of interesting facts about pollution using our Smartboard. We learnt that car fumes can be bad for our bodies and can make you sick. We also found out that we need to keep recycling so that we can keep our world clean and beautiful.

Dylan Taufu and Max Richards

ROOM 17

Recently, Room 17 has been learning about how to hook in the reader and to make our writing interesting. In art, we are looking up patterns from our cultures and copying them out to make a poster all about us.

Next week, Miss Walker is leaving to go to Ireland for the world championship in Irish dancing. We are so excited about talking to Miss Walker on Skype while she is away in Europe!
Larizza Melendrez

Community Notices

ROOM 19

Even though the weather was not the best we all enjoyed swimming in the pool. A lot of children can now swim the length of the pool without stopping.

We are looking forward to showing our parents our files of work because we think they are fabulous. Each week in Room 19 we cook something different. We have already made pancakes, rice bubble crackles and bread. We put butter on our bread that David, Iroam and Nishchal made.

We are all looking forward to learning more about reducing, recycling and reusing over the next five or six weeks. We hope to be more aware of the need to take care of our home, school and environment.

ROOM 21

We have had a terrific swimming season. Although the water temperature has got very cold lately we are sad that swimming has finished. We have all really improved this season and Harkirit is especially proud because he can now float on his back holding 2 litre milk bottles. Nearly everyone is able to kick correctly and most of us are close to using our arms correctly. Jamal and Muna went to the inter-school competition and both did very well.

ROOM 23

We're heading towards the end of term one and hasn't it just flown by? The Room 23 children are working really hard and know all the routines in the classroom. We are particularly enjoying using the Smartboard for calendar maths, writing stories and 'Letter Getter.'

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

On a bright sunny Tuesday the swimming team from Manurewa Central School went to Manurewa High School to race other schools. In our events we had heats, semifinals and finals. There were 22 people representing our school. It was easy to recognise us in our green school swim caps.

In the six relays Manurewa Central won 3, came second in two events, and third in one. Well done Manurewa Central School.

Bradley Wingfield

PARADICE ICE SKATING

School holiday fun at Paradise – Learn to ice skate or play ice hockey. Learn new skating skills. Enjoy the fun games and activities during the public session. Classes for beginner to advanced skaters from 6 years plus.

Holiday programme 9am – 12 noon. 1 hour instruction and 2 hour supervised public session. 10 April – 13 April \$82.99, 16 – 20 April \$99.99. All fees include admission, equipment hire and tuition. Contact Paradise on 273 2999.

Faculty of Education (Epsom Campus)

April Holiday Workshops –

It's the Year of the Dragon. 10 – 13 April Painting and Clay classes, 16 – 19 Sculpture and Paint/mixed media.

Term 2 2012 Art Classes for Children

7-14 years Monday – Thursday 4-5.30pm
Saturdays 9am and/or 11am. 5yrs up at 11am.
Begins Saturday 28 April. Email
c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz or phone
623 8858.

NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES' HUB opens in Manurewa

Mondays – Thursdays 9am – 2.30pm
(School terms only)

Manurewa Intermediate School and Manurewa Parenting Hub are pleased to announce the opening of our Community Services' Hub in the old dental clinic at Manurewa Intermediate School, 76 Russell Road, Manurewa.

Free services available for families include:
Budgeting, Strengthening Families, Parent Support, Work and Income, Plunket, Public Health Nurse and IRD. To make an appointment: Phone/text 021 08286018 or just call in and have a chat.