

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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24 March 2016 Name.....

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

Thank you to the many parents and caregivers who attended our teacher and parent meeting this week. Around 370 interviews were arranged to discuss children's achievement, next learning steps and ideas on how we can work together to ensure progress this year.

I remind parents that you do not need to wait for an interview time to meet with your child's teacher. If you have a matter to discuss please phone the school to arrange a meeting time.

READING TOGETHER

Thank you to parents who attended our series of meetings on home reading. It was an enjoyable group to work with and we had a successful and fun time together.

A key message from our group is that home reading should be enjoyable and successful. Stressed adults or upset children do more harm than good and it is best to avoid reading at this time.

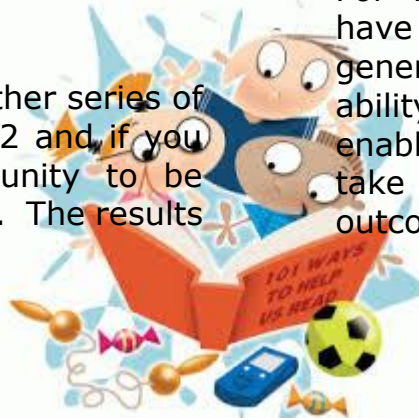
I thank Mrs Sandy Griffin for her excellent facilitation, Mrs Theresa McCreight for her children's crèche and Mrs Charlotte Smith for assisting with photography.

We will be advertising a further series of Reading Together in Term 2 and, if you have not had the opportunity to be involved this is your chance. The results are amazing.

HELPING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

One of the best things we can do for our children is to help them learn resilience and independence. However, in our desire to be helpful we can sometimes reduce rather than build resilience and independence. Here are some helpful pointers to assist children.

1. Let your child make decisions and take responsibility for problems they can solve themselves. Getting ready for school is a good opportunity for children to be responsible.
2. Give children choice but not too much. This stops them from taking the easy option or avoiding difficult situations. For example going to school every day is non-negotiable even when it is a wet day or when homework has been forgotten.
3. Don't let children give in too easily. Parents can let children give up on learning or a leisure activity too easily. Research shows that resilient learners link success with effort and don't give up because something is difficult or their team is not winning or they are not enjoying something for the moment.
4. Try to develop independence early. For many reasons today's children have less freedom than those of past generations. This can hinder their ability to assess risk. Look for ways to enable children to be independent, take risks and be responsible for the outcomes.



5. Be realistic about pressure to always perform. This is the flip side of number 3 above. Expectations are important but if they are too low they are easily met, too high and children give up, too much and children become anxious. It is best to help children learn what is important and when.

Overall the message should be that you will always be there to support your child and this includes letting them make their own decisions whenever possible.



Thank you
L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES



MARCH

30 School opens after Easter.

APRIL

- 5 Class and Team photographs
- 8 Student files of work home for parents viewing (Years 3 to 6)
- 11 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 15 Next school newsletter
- 15 School closes at 3pm to end term 1.

MAY

2 School opens for Term 2.
Term 2 ends on Friday, 8 July.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Rory Willocks, Jorawar Singh, Bhavesh Singh, Simran Virk, Paras Mahey, Cassidy Wilson, Bella Gardiner.

Happy Birthday



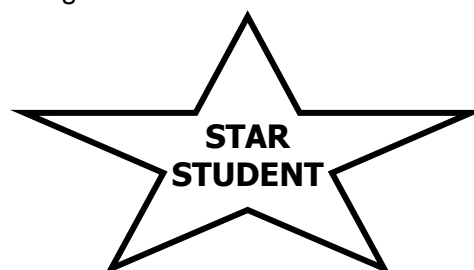
To people who have a special day about now.

MARCH

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| 24 Lucian Green-Cuming | 26 Summer Honey |
| 26 Sam Logo | 28 Divyesh Chand |
| 29 Yousif Shaba | 30 Boston Smith |
| 31 Om Tiwari | |

APRIL

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| 1 Esheeta Kumar | 1 Kathleen Duggan |
| 2 Odisho Shemshon | 2 Nerisa Vavau |
| 2 Brooke Maiava | 3 Hyson Witehira |
| 4 Casey Drake | 5 Taranvir Singh |
| 5 Leilani Maka | 5 Abbey Husband |
| 5 Bailey Fountain | 5 Teleise Solomona |
| 6 Isabella Messine | 8 Lachlan Smith |
| 8 Ashlynn Mulley-Wilson | 9 Jackson Wordsworth |
| 9 David Knowles | 10 Jared Chen |
| 11 Anisha Bangar | |



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 Mehrab Singh | R2 Aston Burrell |
| R3 Ishmeet Kaur | R4 Tanvi Thakur |
| R5 McKenzie Funaki Sterling | R6 Libby Toft |
| R7 Shayil Norman | R8 Paityn McCown |
| R9 Jackson Wordsworth | R10 Madison Franklin |
| R11 Courtney Nelson | R12 Thea-Rose Willcocks |
| R13 Trinity-Reine Spence | R14 Roko Rabici |
| R15 Jemimah Miller | R16 Tyson-Luca Gardiner |
| R17 Gurashish Singh | R18 Esheeta Kumar |
| R19 Maraia Lunjevich | R20 Caydn Rupapera |
| R21 Jerome Rakoia-Brown | R22 Mikaere Gwynne-Takamore |
| R23 Iosefa Tusani | |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We have found lots of cicadas in the bush walk. We were interested to learn more about them. We know that cicadas are insects, the girls make a clicking sound and the boys sing. Some cicadas live under the ground for 17 years. We drew the life cycle of the cicada.

ROOM 4

I saw a tiger shark at the beach. It bit me on my leg! *Liam*

I am looking at the rainbow in the sky. I like rainbows. *Kahlia*

I am going to see the green flowers in the garden. My mum likes flowers. *Presley*

Happy potato is playing with happy lemon and a robot. *Logan*

I am having a dress up party at my house. I am going to be a princess. *Mexia*

ROOM 6

On Tuesday we were scientists. Mr Barron showed us how to make green slime. We were even allowed to put glitter in it. We had to mix and mix and mix for two minutes and then mix some more. Our arms got sore – but it was worth it. It looked like green jelly and was squishy and wobbly in our hands.

ROOM 8

We have been learning swimming skills this term.

I am a squid. First I sit dive into the pool and the water is really blue. I like to swim on my back. It is a blue and cold pool. I like swimming and splashing in the pool. The pool looks like a big 'L' shape. My friends were in the pool with me. *Paityn*

I am a squid. I like swimming. I can do a sit dive. I can swim backwards.

Billie-Jane

ROOM 10

One day early in term one Mrs McHaffie made an unexpected announcement that Room 10 was going to buddy up with a junior class in Room 7. Every Wednesday we go to Room 7 and do some fun activities with our buddies and I really enjoy it. Skye and I chose a buddy called Kathleen. She is a kind and independent girl who loves to learn new things.

On the first day after we had chosen our buddy we got warmed up introducing ourselves to each other. The next time we talked about frogs and coloured in a spotty frog. The following week our buddies showed us how well they could read. We all really enjoy learning with and helping our buddies.

Sofia Baker

ROOM 12

We have finished our class korowai. The back is woven with strips of paper that contain statements to encourage a positive classroom.

Being reminded to treat others the way you want to be treated and not interrupting others are important messages.

While the weaving was being done the class created feathers that contained designs significant to us. Our message on the top of our korowai is "He waka eke noa" which translates as a canoe which we are all in with no exception.

It seems a good message to have when we are looking at how our ancestors travelled to New Zealand. *Thea-Rose and Abigail*

ROOM 14

This week we are learning how to make triorama. A triorama is a pyramid shaped object that is 3D. It includes drawings that have to be cut out to be put on the surface of triorama. The drawings are based on our Outdoor Education (that we did last week). We also published our recount on the iPads. So basically it's a 3D picture. They are now hanging on our ceiling – you're more than welcome to take a look at these amazing objects. *Brendon and Gurtek*

ROOM 16

Our wild hair portraits are almost finished. They look bright, colourful and beautiful. We learnt that red, blue and yellow are the primary colours. We chose a primary colour and it's opposite colour on the colour wheel for our face and hair. Soon you will be able to see them in our classroom and on our class blog. mcent16.blogspot.co.nz Please visit our blog and leave a comment on our work.

ROOM 18

We have all been learning how to create some beautiful published work on a computer. We all know how to put colourful borders, titles and pictures to make our work interesting. We have been writing about our friend and we used descriptive language to describe them. We have learnt a lot about each other.

Bible in schools has started and we've all met our bible teacher and think she is very nice.

ROOM 20

Last Friday we had our swimming sports. Some people demonstrated how to kick on your back, using a flutter board. We all participated in a variety of races. Some of us did the running or flutter board race. Other people swam a half or full length of freestyle and backstroke. We all enjoyed showing our parents how much our swimming has improved.



ROOM 22

These last few weeks we have been looking at the lifecycle of a cicada. Seeing so many nymph shells clinging to some of the trunks of our own school trees has inspired our interest in a very unique insect. There are some parts of the cycle that we found amazing and interesting and other parts really strange. We look forward to investigating the Cicada life cycle in more detail.

Thank you to those families that have returned their Updating School Records Sheets. If you have not sent this back to school yet, please do so as soon as possible

Congratulations

To the winners of the School Council Easter Raffle

1 st	Venya Sharma	Rm 19
2 nd	Vitorah To'afa	Rm 11
3 rd	Elyama Tchikha	Rm 6

Community Notices

Counties Manukau Rugby School Holiday Programme

Year 5 to Year 8 students 8.30am – 3pm \$38 a session. Manurewa Rugby Club. 20 and 27 April. Register on line at www.steelers.co.nz visit Junior Rugby section.