

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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25 November 2011 Name.....

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

Thank you to everyone who was fortunate enough to see performances "Showcasing our Pupils' Talents". Our students demonstrated a wide variety of skills and talent. It was a delight to see discipline and hard work combined with great enthusiasm and spontaneity. Effort certainly does bring reward!

END OF YEAR

Less than three weeks of the school year remain before we finish for our summer break on Thursday, 15 December. Over this time we have a number of special events to which you are warmly invited.

School Athletics

These are spread over several days to enable children to compete before the day becomes too hot.

Senior School (Yrs 5 & 6) Thursday,
1 December

Middle School (Yrs 3 & 4) Thursday,
8 December

Junior School (Yrs 0,1 & 2) Tuesday,
13 December

All programmes begin at 9.30am.

Year Six Graduation

Family members of students finishing Year 6 are invited to our graduation ceremony at 6pm, Monday, 12 December. More information will come home.

End of Year Assemblies

Parents and whanau are invited to attend these special assemblies. Each area of the school has an assembly on the following dates.

Middle School (Yrs 3 & 4) Friday, 2 December
Junior School (Yrs 0-2) Tuesday, 6 December
Senior School (Yrs 5 & 6) Thursday,
15 December.

All these functions begin promptly at 9.30am. Visitors are asked to be seated before that time as it is difficult to enter once the programme is underway. As auditorium space is limited I ask that young children do not attend if possible.

These assemblies are designed to acknowledge our children and recognise special achievements throughout 2011. They are part of our school tradition and are very popular. We will have staff to assist with seating and will do our best to accommodate everyone. Please remember to bring a cushion.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Pupils in Years 3 to 6 will bring home their individual Files of Work on Wednesday, 7 December.

These portfolios are an important aspect of our process for keeping you informed about your child's progress. I trust you enjoy seeing the range of work and the improvements shown throughout the year.

These files do not need to be returned as new ones will be started in 2012.

Teachers are completing student reports. These come home on Friday, 9 December. Reports show achievement against expected standards at each year level in literacy and numeracy. There is also information on next learning steps and "how you can help."

SUMMER DROP

It is common for children to experience a 'summer drop' in reading achievement while they are on holiday. There are ways, however, that parents and caregivers can assist their children and still have a fun holiday. You are invited to a meeting to discuss this next Thursday, 1 December at 1.45pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Thank you to everyone who was able to complete our school questionnaire last term. A summary of the results should come home with this newsletter. The results are very positive overall, however, I would make two key points.

1. If we have concerns about your child, for any reason at all, we will contact you. This happens throughout the school year.
2. If you have any questions about your child, or school organisation, please contact us. We encourage this and teachers, team leaders and principal are always keen to assist.

2012 CLASS LISTS

Class lists are being considered for 2012. You can help greatly by letting us know of any children not returning next year (apart from Year 6). As usual class lists will be finalised during the school break and announced next year.

SCHOOL DONATION

Our Board of Trustees has decided to keep school donations at \$40.00 per child per year for 2012. This equates to \$10 per term, or \$1 per week and the amount is tax deductible.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in 2011. Your assistance has helped the wonderful range of resources and equipment available to our students.

THANK YOU

Over the past two weeks we have had two generous donations of books to our students.

Last week Pakuranga Rotary Club donated a personal pictorial dictionary to every child in Year 4.

This week Mercury Energy donated 150 books to our children. We certainly appreciate these kind donations.

Thank you.

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Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Corrina Rota-Leggan, Komal Deo, Mamia Marsh, Braithan Forster.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 1 Senior School athletics 9.30am
- 1 Reading meeting for parents 1.45pm
- 2 Middle school (Years 3 and 4) end of year assembly 9.30am
- 6 Junior school (Years 1 & 2) final assembly 9.30am
- 7 Files of Work home (Yrs 3-6)
- 8 Middle school athletics 9.30am
- 9 Middle and senior school to Totara Park.
- 9 Student reports home
- 9 Next school newsletter
- 12 Year 6 Graduation 6pm
- 13 Junior school athletics 9.30am
- 15 Senior school (Years 5 and 6) prizegiving assembly 9.30am.
- 15 School closes at 3 o'clock for summer break.

School opens for 2012 on Tuesday, 31 January.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

NOVEMBER

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| 25 Llexis Trembath | 26 Namrata Chand |
| 27 Violet Beattie | 28 Rhyan Kett-Marshall |
| 28 Nathan Ward | 29 Ashley Prasad |
| 29 Jade Wareham | 30 Terina-Lee Te-Whiu |

DECEMBER

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| 1 Nicholas Cook | 1 John Karimo |
| 1 Rosa McQuoid | 2 Connor Hitchman |
| 2 Ebonie Lambert | 4 Sean Menke |
| 4 Faith Ropati | 4 Christian Mene |
| 5 Christian Cooper | 5 Cole Wilkinson |
| 8 Colis Magatogia | |



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

R1 Zara Smith	R2 Madison Franklin
R3 Nathan Do	R4 Anaru Thomson
R5 David Kako	R6 Gurleen Kaur
R7 Ariana Tewhiu	R8 Riya Kumar
R9 Ranvir Singh	R10 Connor Hitchman
R11 Tanisha Mika	R12 Zryus Tejpal
R13 Jasmin Singh	R14 Harsimran Hundal
R15 DeVonte Manuel	R16 Amanda Nair
R17 Tau Tuipulotu	R18 Jin Hui Wang
R19 Trizon Uatisona	R20 Tomilea Bourke
R21 Vinesh Kumar	R23 Jennifer Zeng
R24 Leilani Maka	

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We are learning about being a kiwi. In our class we talked about events that are important in New Zealand such as Anzac Day.

We march on Anzac Day. I wear a poppy on Anzac Day to remember the soldiers. *Chance*
ANZAC Day is important. We remember Australian and New Zealand people who went to war. *Jasmine*

We visited the cenotaph and made yummy Anzac biscuits.

ROOM 4

We have been learning about treasures. Treasures are things that are special. Pounamu is special to all New Zealanders. There are lots of different designs which mean different things. The twist means friendship. The koru twist represents new beginnings.

The manaia is a guardian who will protect you. We also looked at tuatara. They have been in New Zealand for almost 200 million years. They can live to a hundred and can hold their breath for one hour.

ROOM 6

We have been exploring what makes New Zealand different and special. We have written information reports about kiwi.

A kiwi is the national bird of New Zealand.

Kiwi have small pink ears and whiskers like a cat. Baby kiwi are born with feathers. Kiwi have nostrils at the end of their long beaks. Kiwi beaks grow until they are an adult. Kiwi wobble from side to side when they run.

Kiwi are an amazing New Zealand national bird that we need to protect so they will be around for many years to come.

ROOM 8

We have been working on writing descriptive sentences. These are some samples.

The spider was curious about the bumblebee, but the bee was oblivious. *Fabian*

I smelt fresh air in the bushwalk. It smelt like flowers floating in the wind. *Revanda*

The dolphin is shiny like the sun. *Jacob*

The fluttering bird was flying in the sky being free at last and enjoying life. *Aidan*

The spider leapt onto the bee. The bee tried to defend itself but the spider won. *Quilaryn*

The dress is shiny red like a bowl of cherries. *Melody*

I felt the leaves falling like raindrops from the trees. *Siobhan*

I heard tiny sparrows singing in the towering trees. *Logan*

The clouds in the sky looked like swirling milk. *Katalaina*

ROOM 10

HIGHLIGHTS

Having fun creating lots of different artwork

Incredible groups and activities you can be involved in

Giving your best for 2 nights of showcasing all the talented students in our school.

Hurling around the school on one wheel (unicyclists)

Looking for new friends and games to play

Interactive whiteboard activities that make your brain think and work to find answers

Getting the Whiz Kid trophy for excellent general knowledge and research

Hoping that you get 50/50 in the times tables' test

Trapping the hockey ball, dribbling, beating another player then whack ... it's a goal!

Singing, dancing and 'shaking it' during fun jump jam fitness sessions.

ROOM 12

We have been taking a lot of pictures so that we can include them in our Files of Work for the last time this year. We have written about our classmates, our highlights for the year, goals for 2012 and our sports' activities. We are having so much fun doing this. We have also been recovering from a tremendous Showcasing our Talents' performance. What an experience!

Now we need to run, run, run along the track and into the long jump pit. Athletics is just around the corner. Maybe our parents can come and watch us have more fun?

Maddison

ROOM 14

Wow!

It is nearly the Christmas holidays and we have done so much work at school! This has been a great term doing Showcasing Pupils' Talents and our awesome calendars.

Room 14's beautiful calendars are looking fabulous and ready to go home. In our class we are doing calendars on native things in New Zealand and some of us are even doing symbols of our own culture.

Let's give everyone a clap for the Showcasing Pupils' Talents. The dancers were truly amazing. The things that were in the showcase were whanau, Pasifika, speeches, musical instruments, choir, Irish dancing, Chotae Bachae and the Centralpede dancers. These items were fantastic.

This has been a beautiful term to end the year.

Harsimran Hundal

ROOM 16

This last week we have been doing colourful calendars carefully! We used bright colours such as orange, yellow, red, blue and green. We drew koru first. They had to be nearly touching the top line. In the background we drew more Maori patterns. After we drew them on our piece of paper, we practised going over them with vivid marker. Then we copied them onto our calendars. After that we delicately dyed them. They look fantastic. We are proud of our colourful calendars.

Arabella and Precious

ROOM 18

We used cardboard and different materials to glue our blocks together to print for our calendar art fish. The materials made texture on our fish. When we printed them we saw they look very realistic. We also learnt not to mix the warm and cool colours together or they go an awful colour.

Room 18 has been practising hard for the end of year performance. We are all getting very excited.

ROOM 20

We are very busy practising for our end of year performance. Some of us are speaking, acting and playing instruments. Many of us are in various dances. It is hard work but lots of fun.

ROOM 24

Bubbles

Today we made bubbles with Room 4. It was cool. I had a circle wand. My bubbles floated up to the sky. I watched the bubbles pop. Some popped on the ground. My bubbles were colourful circles. I like the wands.

Alistair Stowers

Today we blew bubbles. It was fun. Some bubbles were little, some bubbles were big. We blew bubbles with Room 4. Mine went pop on Brendon. I had a good time.

Lachlan Smith



Have you been 'Caught being Good' yet?

Three of our grandparents have.

Congratulations to Mr Mike Horsfall, Deken Gillard's grandpa, Mrs de Bruin and Emma Billings' poppa and nana who have been selected by our teachers as special grandparents of our school. Duffy Books and Manurewa Central have presented them each with a gorgeous pictorial book about New Zealand.

Over 200 books were ordered in the \$5.00 book offer.

Perfect summer holiday reading – perhaps you could share your book with your grandpa or your grandma?