

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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26 March 2010 Name.....

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

As Term 1 draws to a close I wish to thank everyone who has made our start to the year so successful.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees and school staff for their ongoing persistence in developing and enhancing our school facilities. This term we have swum in our beautifully upgraded school pool with extra shade sails in place. We are in the process of developing a new classroom after we move our two Resource Teachers of Reading to a new purpose built facility by our staffroom.

Thank you to parents and caregivers who have supported our school in many ways. Many of the extra activities that excite and challenge our students would be difficult if not impossible without your help.

Finally well done and thank you to our students. They have excelled in many ways both in and out of the classroom. It is always a delight for me to see success and pride reflected in the faces of our pupils. Well done everyone.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

By now you should have received a nomination form for the Board of Trustees' elections to be held in April.

Board of Trustee members are responsible for the governance of our school including hiring staff, managing finances, developing property, approving the curriculum and looking after the welfare of students and staff.

If you would like to nominate someone for

this important role please use the forms provided or pick up a form from school. Nominations close at noon on 23 April. Voting papers will then be sent out to all parents and caregivers.

Thank you.
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IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

30 Interschool cricket final. Manurewa Central v Hillpark.

APRIL

1 School closes at 3pm to end Term 1 (Thursday).

19 Term 2 begins.

23 Nominations for Board of Trustees' elections close at noon.

28 Board of Trustees' voting papers posted to all school parents and caregivers.

MAY

7 Voting closes for Board of Trustees' elections.

10 Board of Trustees' meeting 7pm

13 Results of voting announced.

14 New Board of Trustees takes office.

Term 2 ends on Friday, 2 July at 3pm.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently
Yaqob Demeke, Fusi Vaoleti, Joana Malewa, Faafetai Time, Mya Petursson, Prabhjot Bhatti.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

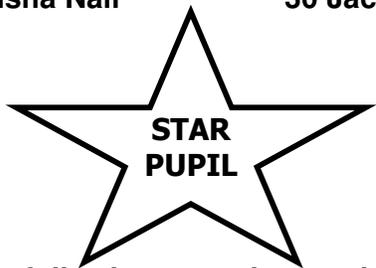
MARCH

26 Priyanka Chand	26 Faith Taelangi
26 Kerina Tiai	27 Kendra Rangitulia
28 Muna Vete	29 Kurt Grass
29 Kirsten Willis	30 Jeiven Puru-Time
31 Neha Ali	



APRIL

1 Mitchell Bolton	1 Eucharist Ieremia
3 Aliyyah Ali	3 Ayianna Seymour
5 Zane Moran	5 Josiah Ru
9 Benjamin Burman	9 Sanjay Wanoa
10 Vinesh Kumar	11 Ezra Seiuli
12 Gabrielle Adams	12 Rosa Young
13 Nathan Kumar	14 Nathanael de Bruin
14 Joseph Tamase	17 Luke Liu
18 Manaia Govenor	21 Potusa Fuilala
22 Ezekiel Ah Ching-Lava	
22 Kasanita Langi	22 Camella Son
22 Ezara Tataurangi-Burr	
23 Hannah Wallis	24 Tomilea Bourke
24 Nathan Nuku	25 Sophie Fraser
25 Taitusi Hafoka	
25 Phranklyn Mano Le-Mamea	
26 Raven Bourke	29 Charnny Bun
29 Janelle Chicay	29 Chontelle Knight
29 Jonathan Kumar	30 Joana Malewa
30 Alisha Nair	30 Jack Yarrall



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

R1 Mia Puru	R3 Chelsea Keeling
R4 Chloe Groves	R5 Mykah McKay
R6 Jasmine Kaur	R7 Faith Ropati
R8 Ella Lupan	R9 Antony Chester
R10 Dolsavanh Breach	R11 Vayshali Prasad
R12 Neha Ali	R13 Nigel Spyve
R14 Tyler Bowden	R15 Connor Blackburn
R16 Kirstie Scotson	R17 Nicholas Smith
R18 Charnny Bun	R19 Hannah McCarthy
R20 Sukhdev Sukh	R 21 Luke Liu
R23 Melody Husband	

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We had a Duffy book assembly and it was so much fun. It was our first assembly with the whole school. Sara Jane was the special visitor and she sang two beautiful songs to us. Then it was our turn to sing for her. At the end we were given a bag to take to our classroom. We peeked inside and it was full of books. They were for us to take home. Thank you. We love our books.

ROOM 3

Some of the highlights for us this term have been the swimming carnival, learning about our friends in our classroom, our visit to the Aotea Centre and our Duffy book assembly. Our special visitor was Sara Jane Elika. She sang two songs for us and has the most melodious voice. We got given two books to keep at home and enjoy reading with our families.

ROOM 5

We cannot believe that it is nearly the end of our first term at school this year. We have had a busy term – after 7 weeks we received 2 wonderful Duffy books each. We were so excited!

Swimming is finished now. We had a great time in the pool. The Room 5 children are excellent now at creating maths graphs. We can gather information, record it and talk about it with other people. How clever is that?

ROOM 7

At the moment we are learning about our place in the community. We walked around the school and each decided on our favourite place then we wrote about it. This week we made a postcard of our favourite place then we had to give directions on how to get there.

This week we had the Duffy book assembly. We all enjoyed Sara Jane's singing and showing her how well we could sing. When we got back to our classroom Mrs Readings gave us our books. That was really exciting.

ROOM 9

We enjoyed an exciting trip to Pasifika Heartbeat at the Aotea Centre recently. We had a great bus trip and we saw the Sky Tower and lots of different vehicles on the motorway.

We have swan plants that have been home to caterpillars, chrysalises and monarch butterflies. Our fabulous writing has been about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. Our class has created wonderful posters too!

ROOM 11

Wow! What an amazing outdoor education week the senior school has had.

On Monday we went to the Waitakere Ranges where we went for a bush walk and a ride on the scenic railway.

On Tuesday we went to Snowplanet and were able to either ski or snowboard – everyone froze and had lots of fun falling over.

On Wednesday we went to Woodhill Forest and did rock climbing, mountain bike riding, orienteering and also we strapped on our safety harnesses to do some awesome tree top climbing adventures.

On Thursday at Hunua Falls we did rock climbing, kayaking and archery. It was very hot so it was actually fun falling out of the kayaks!

Friday was the longest day – we took a ferry ride across the harbour and climbed up Mt Rangitoto and had lunch. We then walked down again to catch the ferry back to school.

This was a very fun and challenging week. Thank you to all of the teachers and parents who helped to make it so great.

Gracie Bruce

ROOM 13

Last week was outdoor education. It was full of activities over the whole five days. We went to the rainforest, Snowplanet, Woodhill Forest, Hunua Falls and Rangitoto

Island. One of our favourite trips was to Snow Planet at Silverdale. We enjoyed it because it was exciting but it was freezing cold. Heaps of people had very pale faces because of the cold. We know that every single person who went to Snowplanet to ski or snowboard fell over at least once because we fell over many, many times! Our hands and feet got cold and wet but everyone managed to get from the top of the slope to the bottom. The teachers were really impressed with our skills on the snow. We didn't have ski poles to use just our skis and snowboards. To go fast we had to move our legs apart and to slow down we had to make the shape of a letter 'V'.

ROOM 15

It was the best week ever! I really enjoyed doing the many activities that we had during our outdoor education week. Some of us got to experience riding the Rainforest Express train through the tunnels and looking at the many native trees. We saw how low the water was down in the dam. Skiing and snowboarding on Tuesday at Snowplanet was awesome. Out at Woodhill Forest we got to do the confidence courses up high in the treetops, ride mountain bikes around the tracks, climb up the rock wall and also orienteering. What a full day but it was worth it. Down at Hunua Falls we got to go in a canoe down the river, shoot arrows at archery, play some team games and do more rock climbing up the wall. Another day full of fun and challenges. On Friday we boarded the ferry from Downtown Auckland headed for Rangitoto Island. Wow! What a sight it was when we finally reached the summit after the long hike up. Auckland City was spectacular from the top of Rangitoto Island. Outdoor Education Week was the best!

Tyler Dance

ROOM 17

We've had so much fun in Room 17! During reading and dictagloss we learnt about tsunamis. We learnt that most tsunamis are caused by undersea earthquakes. Tsunamis do a lot of damage! We are getting clever on the computer and smartboard. We've made posters on the computer so now we know how to insert

tables, shapes, pictures and word art and move them around. We can even fill our shapes with amazing colours!

ROOM 19

We have been learning about sketching shells. We have had lots of practice with our sketching pencils and our scallop shell pictures look great.

We have had an exciting week because we have learnt about the countries we come from. We have even written a story about an imaginary country with an imaginary name. Some of our stories are just fantastic. Our files of work are looking fabulous and we can't wait to show our families. *Prabjit and Dylan*

ROOM 21

We have been learning how to do lengths up and down the pool. On our last day of swimming Rooms 20 and 21 shared the pool and had lots of fun.

On Tuesday we had our Duffy assembly and had a very special guest. She was Sara Jane and she is a fabulous talented Samoan who lives in New Zealand. We heard about her travels around the world. She told us that she had sung to the All Blacks, Dwayne Johnson and the Samoan prime minister as well. *Hadassah and Siulolo Koloto*

ROOM 23

Last Tuesday we had our Duffy assembly. Sara Jane was our guest. She sang two beautiful songs for us and talked to us about how important it is to learn how to read. Sara Jane handed out our Duffy books. We got two each and we went straight back to our class to read them. How lucky are we?

CRICKET REPORT

The cricket team is now in the tri-series cricket cup final. This achievement follows three outstanding wins against Clendon Park and Hillpark Schools. During the most recent win against Hillpark School we achieved 67 runs for 7 wickets. Special mention needs to be given to Harvineet Singh who blasted his way to 41 runs including 4 sixes and 3 fours. All but one of

the sixes landed on a classroom roof! The final is on Tuesday, 30 March.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Have fun at Snowplanet these April school holidays! Snowplanet, offering a winter wonderland experience just 20 minutes north of the bridge, is a wonderful school holiday destination. The very popular kids' school holiday programmes come with a 2 hour ski or snowboard group lesson (beginners to advanced) each day, rental equipment, a graduation meal on the last day, a snow academy achievement booklet and a huge amount of fun! For enquiries or bookings contact Snowplanet on 09 427 0044 extension 725 or email

groups@snowplanet.co.nz. Visit Snowplanet's website www.snowplanet.co.nz

ASPIRE PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL

Aspire Performing Arts School is starting a new centre in Manukau City. We specialise in after school lessons in various genres of dance, guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, vocals and drama. Aspire is for all ages from 3 years through to adults. We provide lessons and performance opportunities at affordable prices. For more information email aspireperformingarts@gmail.com or contact Jessie 0273310666.

MANUREWA SWIMMING CLUB

Registration for winter swimming is on 26 and 29 April at 6.30pm at the Manurewa Aquatic Centre in Sykes Road. Training will commence the following week. Please come down to the pool at this time for more information.

ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

April Holiday Workshops - Painting, Clay, Pastel Painting, Mixed Media (sculpture) – April 6-9 and 12 – 15.

Term 2 Art Classes for children - Mon, Tues, Thurs 7 – 13 years 4 – 5pm

Saturday 9+ at 9am and 5 yrs up at 11am.

Begins Saturday, 24 April at Children's Art School, Faculty of Education, Epsom.

For more information email c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz or phone 6238858.