

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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26 November 2010 Name.....

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

Less than three weeks of the school year remain before we finish for our summer break on Thursday, 16 December. Over this time we have a number of special events to which you are warmly invited.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

These events are spread over two days to enable children to compete before the hot afternoon sun. Two events remain:

Junior School (Yrs 1 & 2) Tues, 7 December
Middle School (Yrs 3 & 4) Wed, 8 December
Both programmes begin at 9.30am.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION

Monday, 13 December. Family members of students finishing Year 6 are invited to our graduation function at 6pm in our auditorium.

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES

Parents and whanau are invited to attend these special assemblies. These are held, one for each area of the school, on the following dates.

Middle School (Yrs 3 & 4) Friday, 3 December
Junior School (Yrs 1 & 2) Tuesday, 7 December
Senior School (Yrs 5 & 6) Thursday, 16 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.

I am sure you appreciate that these assemblies are not performances but rather they are an important part of our school programme. They are designed to acknowledge our children and celebrate their achievements throughout 2010.

These functions are part of our school tradition and a definite highlight of the year. They are very popular and 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 next Friday.

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 2011.

Teachers are completing student reports. These will come home on Friday, 10 December. These reports have been revised to include both national requirements and parents' wishes. New information this year includes next learning steps for literacy and numeracy and a section on "how you can help." I hope you find this useful.

2011 CLASSES

Class lists are being considered for 2011. 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 DONATIONS

Our Board of Trustees has decided to keep school donations at \$40.00 per child per year for 2011. This equates to \$10 per term or \$1.00 per week and the amount is tax deductible.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed during 2010. Your assistance has helped maintain the wonderful range of resources and equipment available to our students.

Please remember that donations can be given to the school office at any time.

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH

Our school newsletters are placed on our school website www.macent.school.nz and then follow the link through News. It is also possible to use this site to translate our newsletter into 52 different languages. If you know of someone who would benefit from this opportunity please assist them to do so.

Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 3 Middle School final assembly 9.30am
- 3 School library closes for stocktaking.
All library books returned please.
- 3 Files of Work home (Yrs 3 to 6).
- 6 Board of Trustees' meeting
- 7 Junior School final assembly 9.30am
- 8 Middle school athletics 9.30am
- 9 School outing to Totara Park
- 10 Junior school athletics 9.30am
- 10 Student reports home
- 10 Next school newsletter
- 13 Year six graduation 6pm
- 16 Senior school prize giving
- 16 School closes for 2010 at 3 o'clock.

**School opens for 2011 on
Wednesday, 2 February.**

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Jemimah Miller, Dylan Prasad, Nathan Do,
Chance Tavita-Jackson.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

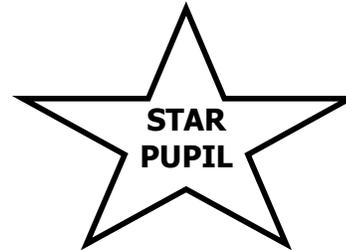


NOVEMBER

- 26 Namrata Chand
- 27 Violet Beattie
- 28 Rhyan Kett-Marshall
- 28 Nathan Ward
- 29 Ashley Prasad

DECEMBER

- 1 Nicholas Cook
- 1 John Karimo
- 2 Connor Hitchman
- 2 Ebonie Lambert
- 4 Sean Menke
- 4 Reece Parker
- 4 Faith Ropati
- 5 Christian Cooper
- 5 Cole Wilkinson
- 8 Colis Magatogia
- 9 Tamati Peters



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

- R1 Lyric Te Tauri
- R2 Madisyn Martin
- R3 Charlize Nicholson
- R4 Zane Walker Prujean
- R5 Ezara Tataurangi-Burr
- R6 Tamati Peters
- R7 Sofia-Moana Tauelangi
- R8 Chetna Singh
- R9 Philippe Benedito
- R10 Karen Phung
- R11 Navshina Moeen
- R12 Valerie Wong
- R13 Paris Newson
- R14 Angela Kett
- R15 Caroline Meha
- R16 Patrick Aishow
- R17 Tyson Uluheua
- R18 Taitusi Hafoka
- R19 Holly Dalbeth
- R20 Aisha Te Tauri
- R21 Zane Moran
- R23 Chanel Cribb
- R24 Sanuj Sharma

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We have been learning about water and these are some of the things we know.

“We drink water because it gives us muscles and helps our brain think.” *Levi*

‘When we boil the water it gets hot and steam comes out the top.’ *Vika*

“When a cloud gets too heavy it pops and rain comes out and makes puddles on the ground.”

Yaqob

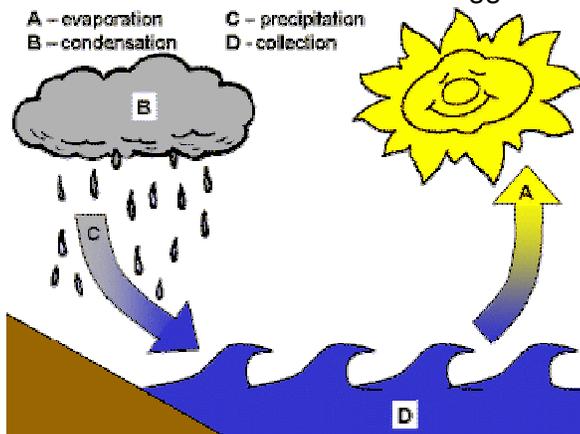
It has been fun doing science experiments. We even grew a tree in our classroom!

ROOM 4

We have been learning about water. Here are some of the things we have found out:

To make solid water first you have to have liquid water. Then you have to put it in the freezer. The water turns to ice. If you take it out it will melt. It will turn back into water.

Levi Rota-Leggan



The rain comes from the clouds in the sky. The clouds wiggle and the rain comes down. It goes on to the tree. If you put a cup under the tree the water will drip onto it.

Anna Tran

A bottle will float in the water and a clock will sink. The clock is heavy and that is why it sinks. The bottle can float because it has air in it. It has lots of air in it.

Dohnovin Dalton

ROOM 6

Our calendars are finished and we are very proud of them. This year we looked at the work of a New Zealand artist, Don Binney for our inspiration.

Next week we are going to have a mini market because we are learning about money for maths. We will use play money to buy and sell things like fairy bread and jelly. Everyone will have a turn being a buyer and a seller. We can't wait.

ROOM 8

We have been busily creating beautiful, colourful works of art for our calendars and cards. Room 8 has also been decorating vibrant bold tapa for ourselves.

In a couple of weeks we will be showcasing our talents in singing and dance so we have been very busy doing choreography for our performance.

We are very excited and can't wait to perform to our parents and friends. Please come and support us!

ROOM 10

Room news is here again.

Our 'Celebrating Pasefika MCS style' was a special night and made us all proud. Older folks enjoyed their Greats' and Grands' Day at Manurewa Central School.

Marvellous bright colours were in our patterned calendars with a special photo.

Nerves of steel as Top Team children chase each other with deadly water filled balloons.

Energetic children running, jumping, throwing and cheering at athletics.

Wild Hair Day saw some amazing and original hair styles come to school.

Science investigations were colourful, informative, interesting and sometimes smelly!

ROOM 12

Chugging along the line sliding down the slopes,
Darting through the river.
This was really cool.
Believe it or not this was senior school!
Lots of tests, even more and more.
We didn't have time to worry about scores!
Volleyball and Grasshoppers' Tennis were a first,
Milo cricket, softball, soccer and hockey,
We thought we were going to burst!
Funtime lunchtimes, Choices and Challenges,
Duffy books and wild hair days.
It might be school but we were here to play!
Flying squad, flag and milk monitors,
Councillors, librarians and sports' shed duties
This year has really been a beauty.
So senior school is where to be.

In Room 12 we enjoyed every activity!

ROOM 14

We have had so much fun doing our calendars and some of them look so beautiful. There are calendars with patterns, shapes, animals, nature, and even outer space. Some of them are finished and some of them are not but by the time you read this they will all be done and you might even have your calendar if you bought one.

We also had a lot of fun doing athletics. There were novelty races, softball throwing, relays, sprints and long jump. Some of the challenges were hard, some of them were easy and some funny. We hope you have fun whenever you do something like this because we did.

Tyler & Melissa Jane

ROOM 16

What a fantastic term we have had! We have been working on our calendar art where we have created a collage underwater creature on a crayon and dye background. We love them and we hope that our parents will too.

We have also all been working on our AMAZING end of year performance. It is going to be spectacular and we think our parents and everyone will be so proud of us.

Navneet

ROOM 18

We had done prints of fish and then we invented an underwater creature for our calendar art.

We are also practising hard for our end of year performance. We are enjoying all the arts that we are doing this term.

Taitusi and Bradley

ROOM 20

We are all very busy practising for our end of year performance.

We are singing a variety of songs and performing different dances. We will be wearing costumes and using props to enhance our performance. It is really exciting.

ROOM 24

We have been learning about what things float and what things sink. We found out that when we put a paper clip in the water it sank but when we put it on a tissue it floated.

We have painted pohutukawa flowers for our calendars. They look bright and beautiful.

Community Notices

“Manurewa Junior School of Music” is now taking enrolments for 2011. We offer tuition in the following musical instruments: Clarinet, Flute, Guitar, Keyboard, Percussion, Recorder, Saxophone, Trumpet, and Violin. Tuition is available to all primary and intermediate school students aged 7 and up. Fees for the year are \$65. Lessons are on Saturday mornings, with some keyboard lessons on Tuesday and Thursday after school. Contact mjsm@greenmeadows.school.nz or phone 269 5673 and leave a message.

Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge

Become a star at your library by joining the *Lights, Camera, Action!* Summer Reading Challenge and perform your way through 6 exciting weeks of challenges, prizes and fun events! This challenge is **FREE** and open to all Counties-Manukau children aged 5-11 years. Pre-enrolment starts on 6 December. Visit www.manukau-libraries.govt.nz and fill in the online enrolment form or visit your local library.