

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

The final term for the year is off to a flying start and will continue to be very busy for everyone at Manurewa Central.

We have only seven weeks of school left but during that time we will be finishing up 2012 with a great number of interesting activities and functions (please see school dates' list).

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENTS (ICAS) RESULTS

Results have been received for this year's mathematics competitions. Well done to everyone involved with special congratulations to the following students.

Distinction (*Top 10% of NZ students*)

Year 6 John Chen, Navneet Dhaliwal,
Kervin Guttenbeil, Aaron Lew,
Aimee Lew.
Year 5 Stanley Brabazon, Jasleen Kaur.

Credit (*Top 30% of NZ students*)

Year 6 Luke Liu
Year 5 Jeremie Bayabon, Alesha Kant
Tisha Naicker, Kirstie Scotson,
Bradley Wingfield.

2013 PLANNING

We are in the process of planning classes for 2013. You can help us by letting us know if your child is not returning next year (apart from Year 6 of course).

Also if your child is going overseas during the summer break and may be returning after the first day of school (30 January 2013) please inform the school in writing. Children who simply do not turn up at school have to be removed from the school roll and consequently lose their place at school.

SCHOOL DONATION

Thank you to everyone who has paid this year. Term 4 donations are now due and may be paid at the school office at any time. This donation has remained at \$40 per child, per year (or \$10 per term). This equates to \$1 per school week but is very helpful in enhancing the wonderful equipment and facilities available to your children.

PROPERTY NEWS

The Board of Trustees has been busy progressing property plans. Over the next few months we will be re-cabling our school for ultra-fast broadband, developing new outdoor areas and repainting the administration and auditorium blocks. This will further enhance our school plant.

HELPING YOUR CHILD

A key attribute to success in life is the ability to cope with the ups and downs that life throws at us. This is known as resilience.

While some children appear naturally more resilient than others all children can be helped to learn to increase their resilience. Researchers have listed five key points that assist this process.

1. Don't try to fix everything for your child. If you always jump in to solve issues they will never learn to do it for themselves. Be there to offer advice, support and encouragement if they need it. Don't do things for them.
2. Discuss what they think about things. Understanding what is going on in your child's head can help you help them be more resilient. Teach them that how they think becomes the way they feel and encourage them to look at everything positively.
3. Be a good role model. Children learn a great deal of behaviour from their parents. Demonstrate how you make decisions and solve problems when things go wrong.

4. Emphasise their strengths. For children to truly believe in themselves and their capabilities, they need to experience success. Draw attention to what they have done well. The sense of achievement they feel will give them confidence to persevere next time they face a challenge.
5. Treat mistakes as learning experiences. We can't be successful at everything and life doesn't always turn out perfectly. Point out that making mistakes is an experience that can help them do it properly next time.

Being a parent is a responsible and complex task, however, it is often the simple things that can help children through that exciting time of "growing up."

Thank you
Laurie Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- 6 Interschool softball
- 7 Science display evening (Years 3-6)
- 12 Board of Trustees' monthly meeting 6pm
- 16 Student files of work home (Year 3-6)
- 16 School newsletter
- 27 Senior school athletics
- 28 Junior school athletics
- 30 Middle school (Years 3 and 4) final assembly 9.30am.

DECEMBER

- 5 Junior school final assembly 9.30am
- 10 Year 6 graduation evening
- 11 Totara Park picnic day (Years 3-6)
- 12 Student reports home
- 14 Senior school prize giving assembly 9.30am
- 14 School closes for the year at 3pm.

School opens for 2013 on Wednesday, 30 January.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Darah Miller, Benaiah Casey, Bailee Nicholson, Long Bui, George Kolazar, Sharbel Kolazar, Cameron Spyve-Shea, Abby Cooper, Nimish Chand, Gurshan Singh.

Happy Birthday

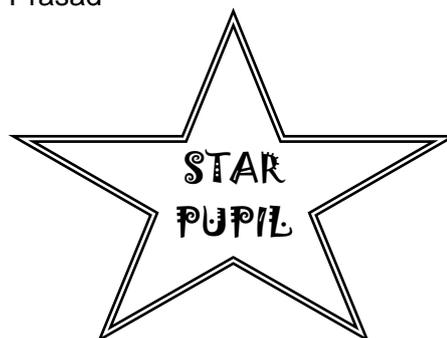
To people who have a special day about now

OCTOBER

- 26 Brodey Goodall
- 27 Leilani Faaiuas
- 27 Dhruv Rayat
- 30 Tibassa Savelio
- 26 Kevan Lew
- 27 Alex Kett
- 28 Diyari Delaiverata

NOVEMBER

- 1 Harsimran Hundal
- 2 Lily Husband
- 2 Brock Jenkins
- 2 Christian Taanuu
- 5 Malama Ieremia
- 6 Aayah Al-Abri
- 7 Corrina Rota-Leggan
- 9 Rameka Maynard
- 11 Te Arahia Cookson
- 11 Penieli Vaisagote
- 12 Eva Perese-Wood
- 13 Mohit Gulati
- 15 Dylan Prasad
- 1 Suraj Singh
- 2 Melody Husband
- 2 Miya Kett-Marshall
- 3 Krishan Prasad
- 5 Ursula Te Wharau
- 7 Jemimah Miller
- 9 Komal Deo
- 10 Surya Tejpal
- 11 Nha Nguyen
- 12 Joshua Diack
- 12 Lenica Ropati
- 14 Elijah Miller



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

R1 Maya Seymour	R2 Mary-Anne Leslie Nua
R3 Avkaran Dhaliwal	R4 Vanessa Chau
R5 Willy Jin	R6 Jaylen Levave-Meleisea
R7 Kash Martin-Singh	R8 Madison Franklin
R9 Phoenix Afakasi	R10 Arabella Pearse
R11 Miri Kolazar	R12 Aimee Lew
R13 Jeremie Bayabon	R14 Jasmin Singh
R15 Evaine Falelogi	R16 Ramsina Shaba
R17 Elijah Tavita-Jackson	R18 Lucca Smith
R19 Brooklyn Baker	R20 Ayianna Seymour
R21 Elijah Miller	R22 Sarina West
R23 Teleise Faafeu	R24 Danny Ge

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We are learning about things that happened in the past. In the old days the people had to light a fire in the stove to cook their food. We use electricity to cook our food in the oven. In the old days the movies were black and white. We watch the movies in colour and we can hear the sound. In the old days they had a bath in the kitchen. They had to light a fire to make hot water. We go in the bathroom and turn the tap to fill up the bathtub. Learning about things that happened in the olden days is interesting and fun!

ROOM 4

We are learning about what life in New Zealand was like in the early 1900's. Children did not travel to school in cars. Instead they either walked or rode by horse. School was much different in those days - children were not allowed to speak unless the teacher spoke to them. If they did they were punished usually being hit with a cane! The teacher wrote on the blackboard and the children used tablets to write on (and not the computer kind). There were no SmartBoards or computers. We are glad that we go to school in 2012!

ROOM 6

Last term we did lots of exciting things. We had delicious food, drinks and games at "Fun Time Lunchtime." We made clay aliens and pictures for the spectacular art exhibition. We had great fun playing tapawae. Our class is full of SUPER STARS! *Nerissa Vavau*

ROOM 8

We had very exciting holidays. Some of the things we did were:

- went 10 pin bowling
- saw Madagascar 3
- had a Happy Meal at McDonalds
- went to a wedding
- had ice-cream
- visited Butterfly Creek
- went to a birthday party
- bought a new toy
- visited the museum
- went swimming

We were very busy fitting all of that into a 2 week holiday!

ROOM 10

The start of term 4 has been totally, terrifically thrilling as we have been doing awesome, amazing alliteration, fantastic fractured fairy tales and constructed cute, colourful clouds complete with our names and personalities alliterated on them.

Have you heard the story "Jack and the Baked Beanstalk" or "The Princess and the Pea" from the point of view of the pea? These are the sort of stories Room 10 is working on at the moment. They are called fractured fairy tales and we are now making up our own.

So, we are writing fantastic, fabulous fractured fairy tales, doing remarkable but regular reading and marvellous, magnificent maths and learning about murky, murderous medieval times. *Aayah Al-Abri*

ROOM 12

We are very lucky to be able to play a number of different sports in this school. We have learnt handball this year and we are practising our lacrosse skills! A group of senior school children is receiving basketball coaching from Counties Manukau basketball coaches. Last week we did activities such as 3 on 3, challenge hoop shooting, crazy passes, piggy in the middle and a game called dots. This week we get to be in teams and we are going to compete against each other. Watch this space!

As for our next new sport we have heard that Speedminton might be coming! Hopefully this will be before we have to leave for intermediate! *Bailee and Rachel*

ROOM 14

Athletics is just around the corner and everyone is out there practising their softball throw, athletic ladders, tug-of-war and much more blood-pumping activities.

We have started our brilliant stained glass window calendars. Once the real thing is done it will look stunning on the wall.

Our class has been researching a question based on what people did in medieval times. Some people have finished researching and are onto their powerpoint presentation. We have been using our iPads to research. The

results will go in our file of work so our parents and family members can see them.

Stanley and Jasmin

ROOM 16

We have been learning all about life in ancient Greece. Did you know that when Spartan boys went to school in the army barracks they had to find their own food. If they got caught stealing, they got punished not for stealing but for getting caught. Spartan girls also went to school in the barracks. They learnt reading, writing, wrestling, gymnastics and combat skills.

We have started working on our calendars. They are going to be colourful and beautiful. When we have finished them we would love you to come and have a look.

ROOM 18

We have been learning about Roman food. We learnt the Romans had huge banquets and they ate so much food they would often make themselves sick. We've learnt about Roman and Greek Gods and how they are in charge of different areas.

We've also been busy practising our different items for the middle school end of year performance. They are going to be so cool!

ROOM 20

We are busy learning how the ancient Romans and Greeks lived. Did you know that some children were slaves and never went to school? Well-off boys and girls went to school when they were seven but most Greek girls were educated at home. Boys could marry when they were 14 and girls when they were 12. Parents chose their children's spouses.

We are so glad we didn't live in Rome or Greece in ancient times.

ROOM 22

This term Room 22 is learning about how people lived in the "Old Days". We were excited to learn that the children's toys were different from ours. There were no PlayStation and computer games. People washed their clothes by hand. It feels like it was difficult to live in the old days.

ROOM 24

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

In the holidays I went rock-climbing. It was fun.
Rhylee

In the holidays I went to Chipmunks for my birthday. We went down the slide. It was fun. Then I opened my presents. I liked my presents. I had a great birthday.
Felix

In the holidays I went to the movies with my family. It was Hotel Transylvania. We had popcorn and juice. It was funny and scary. I had a good time.
Shama

In the holidays I went to Butterfly Creek. We went on a train ride. Then we went to the playground and we had ice-cream.
Casey

In the holidays I went to the movies. We saw Madagascar 3D. I had popcorn and a drink. It was funny at the end.
Mannat

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Have you always wanted a puppy? Well, we've got the cutest news for you!

His name is Rico and he is a special black Labrador puppy. After a recent trip by the English language students to the Homai Guide Dog Centre, our school councillors decided to sponsor a guide dog puppy for the next year. Guide dogs are trained to help blind and partially sighted New Zealanders go about their daily activities.

Rico was born at the Homai Centre in February and is now living in Hamilton where he is learning the first steps of being a guide dog. He wears a special red coat which lets people know he is a guide dog in training. He is allowed to go everywhere people can go even into shops and cafés. When he is around 12 months old, he will return to the Homai Centre to begin his formal training. The training for a RNZFB (Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind) guide dog takes up to two years and costs a lot of money. Our sponsorship will help to pay for some of these costs.

We look forward to sharing Rico's journey towards becoming a RNZFB guide dog over the coming months.

A Reminder

Sun hats are required to be worn by all children during term 4.