

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**2 December 2016**

**Name.....**

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

Only two weeks of school remain for 2016 and we have started our end of year assemblies and special celebrations.

On behalf of parents and caregivers I thank our school staff for their extra work and organisation in preparing our students for these events. We expect our pupils to reach a high level of excellence in achievement and discipline and I am sure they will do us proud.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our final two assemblies and our Year 6 Graduation.

## **READING MATERIAL**

By now all library books, journals and junior readers should be back at school. Please assist us by checking at home for any school material. Thank you.

## **SCHOOL CLOSSES FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER**

This is a very busy and important time in the school year. Please ensure your child attends right up to the end of year and please ensure children arrive at school before 9 o'clock. Regular attendance and punctuality are important things for children to learn.

## **MANUREWA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

I highly recommend the library summer reading programme run by Auckland Libraries. This is an enjoyable way to keep children engaged with learning over the summer. This also ensures your child gets a flying start to their learning in 2017.



## **EFFORT BRINGS REWARD**

Our National Standards data has been collated for 2016 and I am delighted to share the following results which show the percentage of students achieving “at” or “above” the standard this year.

Government target for New Zealand is 85% “at” or “above” by 2017.

Manurewa Central 2016

Mathematics	76%
Writing	82%
Reading	85%

Importantly there is no obvious difference in achievement across ethnicities. Staff members analysed and discussed these results in detail last Monday. Our findings have been included in our 2017 strategic plan which will be considered by our Board of trustees this Monday. This is how we continue to work to improve the learning opportunities for your children. Overall these are very pleasing results and reflect the commitment of school staff and whanau. Effort does indeed bring reward.

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

You will probably have seen in the media that a number of schools across New Zealand have been subject to hoax bomb threats.

This has not happened to us. However, in the unlikely event of our school receiving a call we will operate our safety procedures.

These include:

1. Evacuating the building
2. Notifying the police
3. Acting according to police instructions.

Information for parents and the public will be put on our school website and Facebook page.

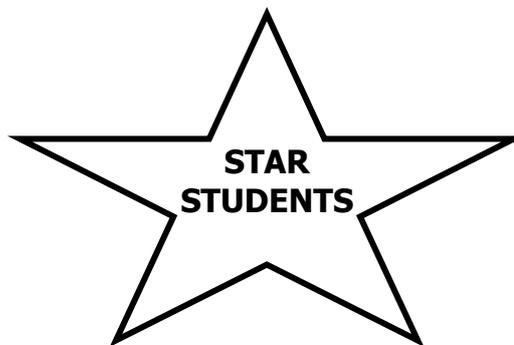
Please do not come to the school until asked to do so by us.

Rest assured we have procedures to deal with emergencies and your children and our staff are very well prepared.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Frith and Laird, Manurewa optometrists who have once again donated sunglasses to all our new entrant students. This is wonderful support for your young children who all look very cool in their chosen frames and colours.

Thank you  
**L. Thew**  
**Principal**



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

## **IMPORTANT DATES**



### **DECEMBER**

- 5 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 7 Year 6 graduation evening 5.30pm
- 9 Junior school final assembly 9.30am
- 9 Student reports home.
- 16 Senior school prize giving 9.30am
- 16 School closes to end the year 3pm

School starts for 2017 on Wednesday, 1 February at 9am.



**To people who have a special day about now.**

### **DECEMBER**

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Arveen Kaur        | 2 Serena-Kate Toft |
| 2 Nicholas Duggan    | 3 Mathew Kiriona   |
| 3 Urvi Bavaji        | 4 Jane Rabici      |
| 10 Fhallon Stevenson | 11 Chloe Stevens   |
| 11 Daegon Rafferty   | 11 Divjot Kaur     |
| 12 Finlay Cooper     | 12 Harley Blair    |

R1 Eliza Paul	R2 Mexia Vaoleti
R3 Jasmeen Lal	R4 Chanelle Hemopo
R5 Caitlin Tamati	R6 Robert Winstone
R7 Jared Chen	R8 Sasha El Hawat
R9 Jackson Wordsworth	R10 Rosa Marsh
R11 Rileigh Campbell	R12 Taparia Engu
R13 Rohan Klair	R14 Jasmandeep Kaur
R15 Grace Park	R16 Rajveer Kaur
R17 Arush Garg	R18 Lealofi Alesana
R19 Maria Faapo	R20
R21 Damian Conolly	R22 Paras Mahey
R23 Finlay Cooper	R24 Te Ariki Cvitonovich-Winiata

## **ROOM NEWS**

### **ROOM 1**

What a great term this has been with our Pukeko Stomp dance at the Folk Dancing show and the excitement of practising our items for the end of year assembly. We have welcomed lots of new students this term and they are making their parents proud with the way they have settled into school and are displaying our school values. Room 1 Rocks!

### **ROOM 3**

It's nearly the end of an exciting year of learning at school. We have been busy learning interesting facts of keeping ourselves safe on the road, beaches, swimming pools and in the sun. We were lucky to get free sunglasses from Frith and Laird Optometrists to keep our eyes safe from the sun.

## **ROOM 5**

We have had a busy but exciting year at school. Our highlights include being scientists and making slimy, ooey, gooey oobleck. We could roll it into a ball, but when we opened our hands, it dripped right through our fingers, gross!

The Lion in the Meadow was such a great show. The characters were so funny and we really like our big adventure on the bus.

Creating artwork is our favourite thing to do. Our poetry books are colourful and are a special treasure we get to share with our families at the end of the year. Best of all, we have enjoyed being at school, learning lots and playing with our friends.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. Arohanui Room 5.

## **ROOM 7**

We are in our last few weeks in Room Seven. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.30am we are having a special assembly to celebrate the end of the school year. You will see us dancing, playing rock and roll songs on the ukulele, singing, performing in the Whanau group, Chotae Bachae group and Pasifika group. We hope that lots of family members can come and enjoy what you see!

## **ROOM 9**

We have been looking at water safety and how we need to keep safe in and around the water. We know how important life jackets are. We have also been looking at amazing super heroes and how they have super powers. We are looking forward to performing next week for all the parents at our end of year assembly.

## **ROOM 11**

We are learning about measurement of length and weight. We have been writing about a sea turtle's life cycle. Did you know that the leather-back sea turtle can reach up to the size of a dinner table?

Mrs Yeoman also found this cool book called "Afghanistan Dreams." Each page has a small piece of information about each child's life and their hopes and dreams.

Room 11 are excited of what we will learn next.

## **ROOM 13**

The senior school students are doing crafts every week either on Monday or Tuesday. The first week we made hot chocolate jars and cupid's arrows then we made mallow puff and sherbet. Since Christmas is coming we made wooden Christmas ornaments, speaking of Christmas presents will be found under your tree. We have made some paper Christmas trees to hang as an ornament to decorate your own tree. One top would be a plastic star that shines in the dark.

The year 4 senior school and all of the middle school have been very busy putting together for our goodbye from 2016. We have just performed to junior school and today we will performed to the parents. We also announced the three Sowden cup winners.

## **ROOM 15**

This term Mrs MacLeod showed us how to make puppy and kitten toys to give to the SPCA. We bought old sheets and material from home and ripped them into 5cm strips then plaited 3 strips together to make a puppy toy. For the kittens we made pomp oms from wool that we bought into school. We are very proud of our efforts and hope that we are able to stop some little kittens and puppies from being bored for a while with our cute toys.

## **ROOM 17**

We have been working hard since the beginning of the term getting ready for our middle school production. Almost everyone in Room 17 is involved in some way with the production. Everyone is feeling very nervous and excited for our school production.

This term, we are learning about space, we learnt about how our solar system was created, how stars work and about our moon. Every day we look up some questions about space and we are helping each other learn. We are going to start our bottle rockets and we will be designing them this week.

## **ROOM 19**

We have been busy practising for our end of year assembly. We have some talented children in the Middle School and we can't wait to show our whanau.

We have learned so much about our New Zealand native birds. We have all become

expert bird watchers. We made graphs to show the different types of birds. Merry Christmas everyone.

### **ROOM 21**

Here we are another year nearly over and us at least two years brainier. We have had a very busy year and now we're gearing up for the biggest event of all... the Middle School end of year production. We have had full on practises for the last few weeks and Ms Turner congratulated us on the progress we've made. She said we have all worked hard to remember lines, lyrics and dance moves and can be very proud of our accomplishment.

Next we will be getting organised for our tabloid/athletics day and we're hoping for some consistent fine weather. We would like to thank our whanau, family and caretakers for supporting us throughout this busy year.

### **ROOM 23**

We have been going 'batty' about bats in Room 23! Are bats really 'mysterious' or do only the movies and books make them out to be? Fruit bats are nocturnal, hang upside down in tall trees and prefer to eat mangoes and bananas. Their long noses are shaped so that they can bury them into fruit to eat the flesh and drink the nectar.

We have made papier mache bats and they are hanging in a colony in our class. They are black so they do look mysterious! We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday.

## **Community Notices**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE**

Constable Gareth Waters is our school liaison policeman. He has worked with a number of our students during our road safety programme.

Constable Waters has expressed concern at the number of adults and children crossing Hill Road away from the lights.

He points out that this is not a good example for children and asks that people use the crossing on the corner of Great South Road,

rather than walk straight out through the traffic on Hill Road.

Students without adult supervision are expected to cross at the traffic lights and it would be helpful if adults set a good example as well.

Thank you.

### **Kia Maia Te Whai – Dare to Explore 2016/17**

Looking for fun, FREE ways to keep your tamariki learning and building their reading skills over summer? Sign up for 'Kia Maia te Whai – Dare to Explore', Auckland Libraries' summer reading programme for ages 5 – 13, at 54 libraries across Auckland – starts Monday, 12 December. Along with fun summer challenges in English and Te Reo Maori to stretch your brain, we've got books and graphic novels to hook in readers of all ages. Plus, come along to free activities at your local library through the holidays!

Visit <http://aucklandlibraries.govt.nz> for more details.

### **STOP PRESS**

On behalf of everyone fortunate enough to attend our middle school assembly this morning, I say a big thank you to our middle school children and their teachers and support staff.

It was hard to believe these children are only 7, 8 and 9 years of age.

**FANTASTIC WORK EVERYONE.**

