

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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2 March 2012 Name.....

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

I am delighted that 2012 has started smoothly and all our programmes are well underway.

We certainly have had a busy and exciting term so far with swimming, outdoor education, Life Education, new roles for senior pupils and a range of assessments and student testing to complete.

Through all of this teachers are delivering learning programmes every day and your child should be very busy engaging in the range of activities available at school.

Please remember that if your child is not bringing home reading and/or homework do contact your child's teacher. Rest assured we contact a number of parents on a regular basis when we have concerns so don't hesitate to call us.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Many parents will be aware that we have a popular website that is maintained by Mrs Patsy France. This site contains samples of children's work and school photographs including class photos.

Although the photographs are popular there may be parents who do not want their child's identity placed on a public website. If you do not wish to have your child's photograph displayed on the internet please notify the principal in writing. No reason need be given.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

A brief reminder that the Bible in Schools' programme (for Years 3 to 6, 9am to 9.30am on Wednesdays) is optional. If you do not want your child involved in this Christian based programme please inform your child's teacher in writing. The programme begins on Wednesday, 7 March.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The attendance rates for the majority of our students are very good. However, we do have a number of cases whose attendance cause concern.

It is a legal requirement that children attend school every day unless they are sick. Missing school has serious consequences for learning progress as young children are learning rapidly and even one day missed is a day lost.

I have asked senior staff to monitor all cases of poor attendance and when necessary engage the services of our attendance officer who will follow up concerns with a home visit.

If children are to make good progress and keep up with their peer group they must attend school which means arriving on time and remaining until the end of the school day.

I stress this strongly because it is so very important.

ACHIEVEMENT TARGETS 2012

Our Board of Trustees has approved our learning targets for this year. These focus on reading, writing and maths.

We are also providing a range of support for children who may be struggling. You can help by talking with your child about their school day and ensuring they are confident and engaged with teachers.

Remember that if you have any concerns contact us. Together we can ensure your child has a successful year.

Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- 6 Interschool swimming sports
- 7 Bible in Schools begins
- 7 Middle school swimming sports
- 9 Junior school swimming carnival
- 12 Board of Trustees' meeting
- 16 Swimming finishes
- 23 Next newsletter
- 23 Student files of work home (Yrs 3-6)

School closes to end Term 1 on Thursday, 5 April at 3 o'clock.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Kayls Ropati, Pearlina Menke, Avkaran Dhaliwal, Eilbrra Shaba, Eilmar Shaba, Sarah Marshall, Tyrese-Raejon Makoare, Mereani Uludole, Lepani Uludole, Yashika Prakash, Neeneb Youkhana, Srishti Kumar, Jagrith Narayan, Bhawish Nand, Karlos Hati-Ross, Kaleb Hati-Ross, Tane Falesa-Talbot, Taumatina Natini, Joshua Wong, Jusdeen Samupo, Laichen Samupo, Maria Pearse, Deprey Rimunui-Fasito, Tiya Momoemausu, Genesis Momoemausu, Christian Momoemausu, Farani Momoemausu, Davina Aviu, Ekamjot Singh, Caitlin Cottee, Phoenix Afakasi, Bailee Afakasi.

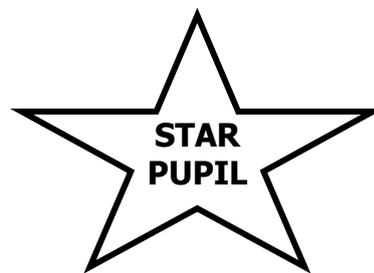
Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.



MARCH

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| 3 Campbell Allan | 3 Zane Hills |
| 4 Brooklyn Baker | 5 Theon Pearse |
| 6 Stacey Reid | 6 Noah Singe |
| 6 Hamish Trembath | 6 Mereani Uludole |
| 7 Mharsal Kaokao | 7 Xanthe Paku |
| 7 Laichen Samupo | 8 Julia Lemoa |
| 11 Zaysharn Snowden | 12 Siolebronne Pearson |
| 12 Jorja Thomson | 15 Miri Kolazar |
| 16 Jaylen Levave-Meleisea | 16 Chloe Tonga-Harrison |
| 17 Isaac Uluheua | 19 Prabhjot Bhatti |
| 19 Amanda Tchikha | 20 Astyn Smart |
| 21 Moishna Moeen | 22 Makayla Gurnick |
| 22 Mya Petursson | 23 Max Richards |
| 23 Justin Tiai | |



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

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| R1 Mohit Gulati | R2 Bishanpreet Kaur |
| R3 Jayda Wijohn | R4 Sheneah Bayaban |
| R5 Sapphire Raana-McCafferty | R6 Slade McKay |
| R7 Levysha Lemoa | R8 Ryan Bhan |
| R9 Gurleen Kaur Grewal | R10 Alyse Allen |
| R11 Tori Harris | R12 Gabrielle May Salazar |
| R13 Aaron Lew | R14 Rameka Maynard |
| R15 Robin Dhaliwal | R16 Srishti Kumar |
| R17 Sean Menke | R18 Laichen Samupo |
| R19 Sinead Miller | R20 Manmeet Singh |
| R21 Harkirit Dhaliwal | R23 Brendon Tse |
| R24 Abigail Mirko | |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We met Harold the Giraffe. He said we need to eat a variety of food to make us healthy and strong and to give us lots of energy. We learnt about the different parts in our body. These are our ideas.

“Our heart is special because Jesus lives inside our heart.”

“The stomach rolls the food all around and makes it little.”

“Lungs are special because the oxygen goes inside. I am skinny when I breathe in.”

ROOM 4

We have had a special visitor to school this week. Harold the Giraffe came to visit us with his caravan. Harold has been helping us learn about eating a variety of food to keep us healthy. Eating healthy food is important as it will give us lots of energy. Harold came on a picnic with us too.

ROOM 6

Welcome to 2012 in Room 6. We have had a fabulous start to the year. We are enjoying swimming and are becoming more confident in the water. It has been lots of fun learning about ourselves and each other. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

ROOM 8

We have had a great start to 2012. We like swimming. We can glide and kick. Some of us can use arm strokes. *Okusitino & Cody*

We like writing about our big books and making super sentences. *Karanbir & Peter*

We are more grown up now we're in Year 2. *Ryan*

We like 'awe and wonder' because you can wonder about different things. *Thea-Rose*

ROOM 10

Week 5 has been our awesome outdoor education week.

Kallani-Jayde – At tent pitching we learnt about teamwork and the best strategies for putting up and taking down a tent.

Vika – I disliked making hamburgers but I sure enjoyed eating them!

Arabella – I liked the kayaking although it was a little scary. But I paddled all the way around the blue buoy and back to the shore.

Leonie – I really enjoyed the rock climbing even if I am scared of heights. I gave it a go and kept going and got to the top 5 times.

Kervin – The DC3 flight was exciting and wonderful to look at the view. I also enjoyed looking at all the different planes in the hangars.



ROOM 12

On Monday our outdoor education trip was Omana Beach for a day filled with fun. There were four different activities. We did archery where you had to try and hit a balloon with a single arrow. That required a lot of focus! Biking was a team effort which meant that we had a go around a course delivering balloons. In kayaking we had to travel out to sea, around a buoy and back.

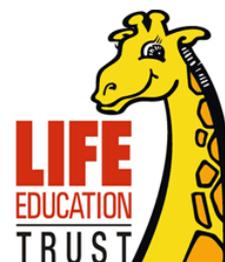
The final activity was rock climbing. That required perseverance and a head for heights!

It was a good feeling when we got to the top and hit the buzzer. The winning team was called the Destroyers and they won a chest full of goodies. We would all love to go back next year. *Aimee Lew*

ROOM 14

What a fabulous start to the year we have had. We were all biting our nails to see which class we were in. We have all settled in well. So far we have done some art and got our stationery. We were certainly looking forward to outdoor education week. This year's trips are Omana Beach, an outdoor day at school, a flight in a DC3 and also to Woodhill Forest to "Tree Adventures."

Last but not least there was a cruise on Auckland Harbour. Some of us were so lucky to go on all of the trips! We are hoping for a fantastic year in the senior school. *Navneet*



ROOM 16

On Monday Room 16 went to the Life Education caravan. First we met Michelle and then we met Harold. We all learnt the Harold sign which makes us stop, look and listen. Next we learnt about why it is good to be different. If we all looked the same, then if you said that someone was ugly then you would be saying it to yourself as well. We also learnt that we are different because our parents give us our DNA. We compared ourselves with other people. We are looking forward to our next visit with Harold and Michelle.

Summer & Jin Hui

ROOM 18

On 28 February we visited Harold the spotty giraffe in Michelle's van. There were toys and cards that we stick on the wall. It was lots of fun.

In Room 18 it was Miss Alsari's birthday and she got heaps of presents. Miss Alsari is lucky because her birthday is on leap year. Jorja made some delicious chocolate cake. We got to eat the cake at lunchtime.

We had so much fun on Miss Alsari's birthday and when we went to Harold we had fun too.

ROOM 20

Hello everyone. At the moment the Life Education caravan is at our school. We are very excited because when we go there we can see Harold. Harold and the teacher, Michelle, are helping us to learn more about what makes each one of us unique. They have also given us a book with lots of great activities for us to complete. We can't wait to go again.

ROOM 24

We have been to visit Harold in the Life Education caravan. We learnt about what makes us strong and healthy and gives us lots and lots of energy!

I saw Harold and he is going to make us chocolate muffins. Daniel had a brain wave. We were talking about oxygen. Tam came out. Harold was funny.
Abigail Mirko

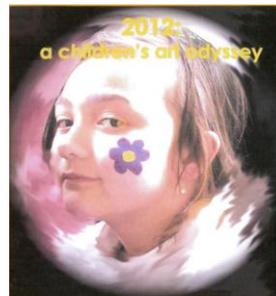
Community Notices

MAUNGAWHAU SCHOOL CENTENARY **30 and 31 March 2012**

Centenary information and registrations are on our website www.maungawhau.school.nz for past pupils/staff. For queries please contact the Maungawhau school office on (09) 6388829. Registrations close: 2 March 2012.

FREE FUN EVENTS FOR CHILDREN'S DAY

2012: A children's art odyssey. **An exhibition from participating Manurewa schools.**



On Saturday 3 March, Children's Day is being celebrated at Nathan Homestead from 10am until 3pm. Art works from 2011 art programmes, created by children in Rooms 5, 9 and 10 feature in the gallery exhibition which is open for viewing from Friday, 2 March until Sunday 11 March. You and your family are invited to join in the fun, view the gallery exhibition and celebrate Children's Day 2012.

This day includes art and crafts, face-painting, flax weaving, printmaking, bouncy castle, live performances, Chicane magician, Cherry the clown, music DJ, sausage sizzle.

MANUREWA RECREATION CENTRE

Sunday 4 March 10am – 2pm, Frances Street, Manurewa.

Join us for a day just for the kids! Come and check out Manurewa Recreation Centre for fun games, colouring competitions, heaps of events to have a go at and even a bouncy castle and candy floss! All free.

These exciting local family events are sponsored by Auckland Council.

ST JOHN YOUTH CADET PROGRAMME

Be part of something that is sociable, fun and rewarding. From 6 – 18 years there is something for everyone.

Where: St John Hall
Weymouth Road (opposite
McDonalds)

When: Monday or Wednesday
6.30pm

www.stjohn.org.nz for more information.