

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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30 August 2013 Name.....

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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's General Knowledge-a-thon. The total has reached a very generous \$10,283.00. Thank you also to our helpers who gave their time to collect sponsorship money each morning.

Our locally raised funds are used to improve equipment and resources for your children. Everyone who has seen our students' amazing art and watched their sporting skills will understand what is possible when quality resources, teaching skill and whanau support are combined. Thank you very much indeed.

2014 BALLOT

This is the final notification that the ballot for out of zone enrolments for 2014 closes next Wednesday, 4 September. If you have a child starting school next year and you live outside of our zone you must enter this ballot. Please call in at the office urgently. If in doubt phone Donna on 269 0250.

DENTAL TREATMENT

Now the new Dental Hub is open on Browns' Road children need to leave school to attend appointments. Please note that if a child has a morning appointment they can (indeed should) return to school following treatment. Please remember school time is precious and the less time lost the better for your child's success.

FRUIT IN SCHOOLS

We are trialling a programme that delivers free fruit to schools. This fruit will be made available for students each and every school day. Ask your child what is available in their room and if they are enjoying a piece of fruit each day.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

Our staff area is being enlarged and the kitchen expanded to meet our increased staff numbers. The old facility has served us well since 1998 but with a staff of around 50 we certainly need more room. I thank our Board of Trustees for their support in this regard.

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

We have received results of the spelling competition run by the University of New South Wales. Well done to everyone with special congratulations to the following.

High Distinction (Top 1% of NZ students)

Year 5 Kevan Lew, Larizza Melendrez,
Nha Nguyen
Year 6 Jeremie Bayaban, Alesha Kant,
Kirstie Scotson.

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 5 Lloyd Baladad, Evaine Falelogi
Year 6 Jasleen Kaur

Credit (Top 30% of NZ students)

Year 5 Priyanka Chand, Zoraver
Malhotra, Remini Vitale.
Year 6 Harleen Bhathal, Corilee Boylan-
Small, Stanley Brabazon,
May Dong, Leilani Faaiuasoo,
Seana Lesimaikimatuku,
Lafina-Eve Leslie-Nua, Anihira
Lundon, Tisha Naicker, Amanda
Nair, Arabella Pearse.

Extra congratulations to Larizza Melendrez who achieved the top spelling score for New Zealand and has thus won a University of New South Wales (UNSW) achievement medal. Well done Larizza.



Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.



AUGUST

31 Owen Bouttavong

SEPTEMBER

1 Ashley Chand

1 Aydhen Hohepa-Bromwich

1 Amneet Grewal

2 Harjapjeet Kaur

3 Clayton Kea

4 Joshua Sila

4 Kingston Jack

4 Peter Tatola

5 Shahana Ali

6 Phoenix Tobeck

9 Adam Baker

10 Zane Walker Prujean

10 Kaiila Stanley

11 Sister Tonga-Ngatai

11 Tanveer Bhatti

13 Kirstie Scotson

13 Robin Dhaliwal

14 Nikhil Kumar

14 Rohan Chand

14 Guvind Dhaliwal

15 Bailey Goodall

15 Maya Seymour

15 Helen Asiata

15 Charlize Nicholson

16 Bradley Wingfield

16 Trizon Uatison

17 Jasmine Rota-Leggan

18 Daniel Tovio

19 Blake Allen

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Each year eight Endeavour Scholarships (4 girls and 4 boys) are offered for places at King's School and St Cuthbert's College. This year two of the eight have been offered to students from our school! Congratulations to Leilani Faaiuso (St Cuthbert's) and Stanley Brabazon (King's). We are proud of both of you.

PARENT SURVEY TIME

Every two years we distribute a parent questionnaire asking for your opinion about various aspects of our school. This year's questionnaire will come home next Monday. Please take a moment to let us know what you think. This information is used for future planning consequently we are interested in what you think.

We would like the questionnaires returned by Monday, 16 September please.

Thank you.

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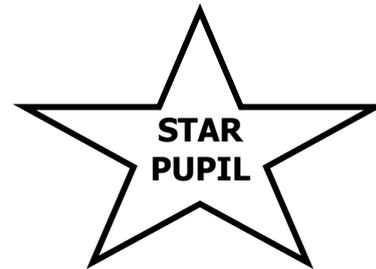
IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Parent survey forms distributed
- 4 Counties Manukau Sports' programme begins
- 4 2014 Ballot closes
- 6 Student Files of Work home (Yrs 3-6)
- 9 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 11 2014 Ballot held
- 12 "Kids for Kids" choir performance
- 20 Next newsletter
- 21 Saturday hockey finishes
- 27 School closes to end term 3 at 3pm

OCTOBER

- 14 Term 4 begins at 9am.



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

R1 Preceyis Samupo

R2 Deahni Finau

R3 Arseen Chiba

R4 Michaela Spyve

R5 Rico Lunjevich

R6 Izaeliyah Taaato

R7 Ashleigh Cooper

R8 Tear Andrews

R9 Lachlan Smith

R10 Laichen Samupo

R11 Amanda Nair

R12 Bradley Wingfield

R13 Zoe Nelson

R14 James Zeng

R15 Kevan Lew

R16 Hannah Banatu

R17 Luke Brooks

R18 Deprey Rimunui-Fasitao

R19 Zellas Uatison

R20 Joshua Bun

R21 Leilani Maka

R22 Jacy Saavedra

R23 Benaiah Casey

R24 Alexander Tai-Rakena

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Jackson-Lee Tonga-Ngatai, Darcy Puru, Reuben Lava, David Emmanuel.

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

In Room 1 Mrs Holmes read us the story Smarty Pants. We loved it so much that we made our own wonderful smarty pants to hang in our room. You're welcome to come and look at them. Here are some of the stories we wrote about Smarty Pants.

Smarty Pants is clever. He can play a trumpet.

Leolofi Alesana

I like Smarty Pants because he can do flips.

Cassidy Taulagaua

Smarty Pants can drive a racing car and he can swim. I think Smarty Pants is silly.

Paige Pratt

ROOM 3

We have been learning interesting facts about sound. Sound can travel through solids, liquids and gases.

I can hear my Dad on the roof. He is making the roof bigger. *Ataahua Waaka-Iraia*

I am on the beach with my mum. I could hear the shark swimming. We were laughing too loud so the shark swam away.

Lucian Green-Cuming

I can hear the aeroplane flying around my house.

Emily Tchikha

ROOM 5

We had a fantastic trip to the Folk Dance Festival at the ASB Stadium with all of the year 2 children. We had to learn 17 different dances and we managed them all fabulously. Our favourite dance was "Yesh, Yesh, Yesh."

ROOM 7

We went to the ASB Stadium for the Folk Dancing Festival. Philip, Shahana and Bailey liked the Carnivalito. Afa enjoyed Yesh! Yesh! Yesh!, Gurparteeek had fun doing In and Out the Window. Many other schools were dancing. Everyone enjoyed the day.

ROOM 9

On Saturday I went to Lollipopops with my aunty and my cousins Jo and Billy. We had face paint on our faces. I was a vampire and Jo was a tiger. Billy was Spiderman. Billy always wants to be Spiderman. *Braithan Forster*

Room 9 prepared fancy costumes for the folk dance festival. We thought it would be

cancelled because outside it was wet. Luckily we pranced into the auditorium. The auditorium was packed with parents and children. I was amazed because we sat on the highest seat. I thought I was flying.

Brendon Tse

ROOM 11

Our current topic is 'May the Force Be with You'. We have done lots of things in our topic book such as different ways to make electricity, with water or the sun and even an exercycle. We have also made circuits. This is where we take the wires, battery, light bulb and crocodile clips and we make a circuit that makes the light bulb light up.

Gareth

Mirko

ROOM 13

The senior school has been working on amazing devices and games. On Wednesday afternoon our parents came to view our wonderful games. We had made our games out of shoeboxes. We had to use wires, bulbs and batteries to make our games interactive. It was a lot of hard work as it was not as easy as you think it would be. We think our parents were all impressed with what we had achieved.

Along with the games we made something called Electric Buzz. You had to have a thick piece of wood with a long twisted piece of copper wire. You had to move a small wire along the copper wire. If you touched the copper wire a light would come on and you would lose the game.

We have learnt a lot about electricity, circuits and power. The devices we created tested our brain power.

Remini and Zoe

ROOM 15

We are currently writing speeches and some people have chosen some very interesting topics. We also tried hard to get our electricity projects completed on time. They turned out really well in the end. We had an open afternoon on Wednesday so people could see what has been happening in our class. Thank you to all those who came along. We hope you had a good time.

ROOM 17

On Tuesday we went to Sykes Road pools. This wasn't an ordinary lesson. It was one with

life jackets. The first lesson was rescuing drowning people with noodles and reeling them back to the edge of the pool. The second lesson was when we had to frisbee the flutter boards to the drowning people. The last lesson was keeping in a huddle. We had to put our arms around each other's waist in a circle. The instructor then made waves with a flutter board.

Aviu Aviu

ROOM 19

This week we had "Fruit in Schools" start. We had a large box of delicious apples and bananas arrive in our classroom for us to eat for lunch.

On Tuesday we had a great water safety lesson at Sykes Road pools. We all got to use lifejackets and learn some survival techniques.

ROOM 21

Kia ora. We have been travelling to the Sykes Road pools every Tuesday to improve our swimming. Our last trip was the best so far, because we learnt to use life jackets properly. We also learnt how to 'back drop' off a sinking boat, huddle in a group to keep warm in the water, and to save a drowning friend without putting ourselves in danger. We are really looking forward to our next life-saving lesson.

ROOM 23

We have been doing lots of singing in our class. Miss Kendall plays the ukulele and we sing along. The new songs have been really fun and this week we shared them with Room 22. Room 22 children are our new neighbours and we love having them next door.

WRITING REPORT (The Inscribe Tribe)

Recently a group of lucky writers travelled to the Vodafone Events' Centre for an amazing event – the Storyline Festival. We listened to four exciting authors. The famous Gavin Bishop writes and illustrates too. He read to us from his book, 'Piano Rock', about when he was growing up way back last century. He had a strange childhood that made a good story. Dr Darren Joseph has written lots of books in Maori and he loves reading comics. Apirana Taylor sang to us about the sea and love. He played lots of instruments like wooden flutes from around the world and even a conch shell. He has named his guitar 'Aroha'. Our favourite was John Farrell, all the way from New York. He brought so much energy into the building.

He played the harmonica and the guitar at the same time! He taught us the words and signs for his really fun songs and the whole auditorium joined in. We all loved his American accent too. We had a great experience and learnt a lot about the different world of these talented authors.

Anihira, Seanna, Arabella, Sinead, Jasmine, Kevan, Summer, Jeremie, Steffi.

ESOL ZOO TRIP

The Year 4 children from our ESOL department went on a fabulous trip to the Auckland Zoo. The weather was perfect and we all had a wonderful day. For many of the children it was their first visit to the zoo and they will remember this exciting trip for a very long time. "The lion wasn't roaring when we were looking at him but when we were looking at the giraffes we could hear him. He sounded loud and mean!"

Prahbjot, Room 16

"I really liked it when the elephant stomped past us after her bath. I was a bit scared because I've never been so close to an elephant. She was a bit stinky but she was beautiful!"

Riya, Room 17

"I liked seeing the sea lions because they were playing tag and fighting. We don't have sea lions in Fiji!"

Joana, Room 19

"I saw the spider monkeys swinging from tree to tree. They used their long arms and curly tails."

Mark, Room 20

"The Siamang Gibbon was very loud and funny. He was swinging on the ropes and his feet were just like his hands. The lion was roaring and I think he wanted to eat the boys!"

Ramsina, Room 21

Community Notices

PLAY FLIPPA BALL (Junior Water Polo)

Manurewa Pools, Sunday 8 and 15 September. Years 3 to 6. Just bring togs. All levels of swimming ability. GIVE IT A GO!

SWIMSATION SWIM SCHOOL

Splash into summer with Manurewa Swimsation these school holidays. Our holiday lessons are a deal that can't be beaten \$30.00 for a full week of holiday lessons if you book and pay by the end of August.

Email Manurewa@swimsation.com or phone 269 4145 to enrol your family for a water safe summer.