

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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31 July 2015 Name.....

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

Term 3 is off to a busy start. Classroom programmes are well underway, reports have been sent home and we are preparing for a number of major events in our school year.

## **PARENT INTERVIEWS**

These are arranged for next Wednesday, 5 August between 3.30pm and 8.30pm. Thank you to parents who have already requested interview times.

If you have yet to organise a time please return the interview slip to school.

## **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-A-THON**

Our big fund raising activity for the year begins next Friday, 7 August.

Information will come home on that day. We ask that you assist your child with sponsorship from family, friends and workmates. Please also help your child to learn the answers to a range of interesting and challenging questions. Obviously we want children to score 50 out of 50 if possible.

The big testing day is Wednesday, 19 August. Once sponsorship cards are returned to you, money can be collected and brought to school.

I will keep you informed as to progress as the days go by. It will be interesting to see if we can get close to last year's wonderful total of \$13,500.00.

General Knowledge-a-thon money enables us to maintain our wonderful range of sporting equipment and playground activities for all ages across the school. This enables our students to develop skills, make individual choices and to learn to interact socially in break times. I believe our school playground is a model in that regard.

## **EFFORT BRINGS REWARD**

Results have been received for the science examinations run by the University of New South Wales (ICAS).

Well done to everyone who sat these difficult tests. Special acknowledgement also goes to the following students who achieved particularly well.

### Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 5 Thea-Rose Willcocks

### Credit (Top 35% of NZ)

Year 6 Harkirit Dhaliwal, Jasmin Holden  
Whiu, Robin Dhaliwal.

Year 5 Tiana Thomson, Jennifer Zeng

### Merit (Top 45% of NZ)

Year 6 Nadia Merioli

Year 5 Eva Perese-Wood

## **READING TOGETHER**

Another series of this popular and successful programme of home reading support will again be run this term.

Mrs Griffin is already taking names and I suggest that if you have a child who is a reluctant reader, you contact Mrs Griffin (269 0250) to ensure a place.

The programme runs across four Wednesday evenings beginning 23 September. Sessions go from 6pm to 7.30pm and we provide a crèche for younger children.

I can recommend this programme as both enjoyable and highly effective.

## **AT SCHOOL ALL DAY EVERYDAY**

Please remember that it is crucial for children to attend every day unless they are sick or there is a family emergency.

It is also important that children are at school before 9am and stay until 3pm. Arriving late and/or leaving early is disruptive to learning.

## **EFFORT BRINGS GREAT REWARD**

The National Standards data for 2014 is now available on the Ministry of Education website "Education Counts". You are invited to visit this website where you can access the achievement data of any school you wish, in reading, writing and maths. I am pleased to inform you that Manurewa Central School performs above the average level for all New Zealand children.

The percentage of children's reading standards last year were as follows:

	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Maths</b>
NZ percentage	78%	71%	75%
Manurewa Central (MCS)	86%	81%	81%
Maori students (NZ)	69%	61%	65%
Maori students (MCS)	90%	77%	87%
Pasifika students (NZ)	65%	60%	62%
Pasifika students (MCS)	85%	86%	73%
Girls' achievement (NZ)	83%	79%	76%
Girls' achievement (MCS)	91%	87%	83%
Boys' achievement (NZ)	74%	75%	64%
Boys' achievement (MCS)	82%	80%	77%

These are results that everyone connected with can feel very proud to have achieved.

Thank you

**L. Thew**  
**Principal**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **AUGUST**

- 3 Cook Islands language week
- 3 Photolife individuals and family portraits
- 4 School cross country races (Yrs 3-6)
- 5 Parent/teacher interview evening
- 7 General Knowledge-a-thon information home.
- 10 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 11 Junior School zoo trip (Years 1 & 2)
- 11 Middle School to Samoan performance at Vodafone Events' Centre (Years 3 & 4)
- 11 Interschool netball field day
- 18 General Knowledge-a-thon sponsorship cards to school
- 19 General Knowledge-a-thon testing day
- 21 General Knowledge-a-thon cards home
- 21 Next newsletter
- 24 General Knowledge-a-thon money to

school library

- 25 Interschool Cross Country
- 25 Music Festival performance at Vodafone Events' Centre 7pm.

## **Welcome**

**To pupils who have joined us recently**

Kiahni Tuipelehake, Maea Linaker, Samarpreet Sandhu, Stibra Karimo, Daniel Martin, Jabez Halofaki, Anshleen Kaur, Azalea Tangitamaiti, Jay-Lynn Whatarangi-Shelford, Adrienne Luteru.

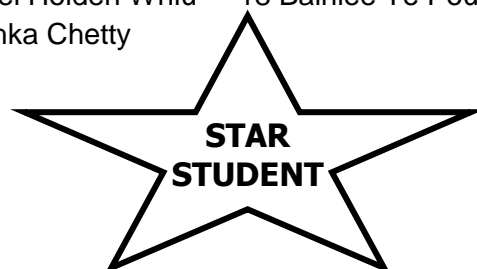
## **Happy Birthday**



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

### **AUGUST**

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Paige Ah-You         | 2 Rhys Tagi                |
| 3 Tarandeep Singh      | 5 Nimit Singh              |
| 5 Tavita Moses         | 6 Richard Cole             |
| 7 Rocquel Jennings     | 7 Jackson-Lee Tonga-Ngatai |
| 7 Liam Miller          | 7 Chloe Groves             |
| 8 Emily Tchikha        | 9 Chloey Time              |
| 10 Steven Halofaki     | 10 Davejamin Asiata        |
| 13 Jabez Halofaki      | 15 Iosefa Tusani           |
| 16 Dohnovin Dalton     | 16 Laura Foy               |
| 16 Reuben Lava         | 16 Ardasdeep Singh         |
| 17 Emmanuel Emmanuel   | 17 Taparia Engu            |
| 17 Michael Holden Whiu | 18 Baihlee Te Pou          |
| 20 Tanishka Chetty     |                            |



**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 Azalea Tangitamaiti | R2 Emeth Casey          |
| R3 Darcey Lauano       | R4 Addison Scorrige     |
| R5 Maddison Young      | R6 Vanessa Soi          |
| R7 Guneet Kaur Jassi   | R8 Shamah Vitale        |
| R9 Jayda Scanlan       | R10 Abigail Mirko       |
| R11 Riya Kumar         | R12 Shivani Sharma      |
| R13 Jonathan Kumar     | R14 Thea-Rose Willcocks |
| R15 Aliyyah Ali        | R16 Odisho Shemshon     |
| R17 Darah Miller       | R18 Braithan Forster    |
| R19 Ariana Faaiuso     | R20 Diyari Delaiverata  |
| R21 Emmanuel Emmanuel  | R22 Gurashish Singh     |
| R23 Zoe Cortes         |                         |

# ROOM NEWS

## ROOM 1

Room 1 has super writers. We are learning our alphabet letters and sounds. We can write a story about our picture. Mrs Nguyen and Mrs Wingfield are very proud of us.

I am kind because I play nicely with the twins.  
*Ava*

I am kind because I share my toys. I like to help my friends in class.  
*Elyama*

I went to the park. I went on a big slide. I went down fast!  
*Arosha*

In the weekend I made a big Lego City house. I made a motor bike and a car.  
*Amanpreet*

A fly has wings and likes to eat jam on bread.  
*Ayush*

## ROOM 3

The school value for this term is DIVERSITY. Our families come from different parts of the world. Our hair, eye, skin colour, homes, jobs and language that we speak is different. We all live together as one big family on planet Earth.

## ROOM 5

Asking questions which use question words is a skill we practise daily in our classroom. For Maori Language Week, we are learning to ask each other "How are you?" in Maori and give a reply in Maori. It has been fun role playing with our friends and learning how to pronounce the words. The tricky part is making sure that the faces we make, match the words we use.

## ROOM 7

We are doing Inquiry Learning and our focus so far has been on the moon. We now know the moon is a satellite, the moon is rocky and dusty and the moon reflects light from the sun. This week we are moving on to learning about stars. We can't wait to share what we learn with room five.

## ROOM 9

When we read a non-fiction book about skunks, this is what we found out.

Baby skunks are called kittens and they are protected from bee-stings. *Josiah Cookson*

They sleep in the day time and they hunt at night. Skunks live in North America. *David Knowles*

Skunks have a super bad smell. *Rickard Peniamin*

Before skunks go hunting they do a dance. They hop in and out and touch noses. Skunks are black and white. *Gursimar Kaur.*

## ROOM 11

Last week we had a debate about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. It was complicated but fun. The judge was trying to decide if Goldilocks was guilty of different crimes. We had to choose to support either the Bears or Goldilocks and we had 15 minutes to write ideas down to support them. We explained our ideas to the other team and the judge. After, we presented our arguments and the winners were the Goldilocks team. *Harkirit and Farani*

## ROOM 13

This term the focus for the school is diversity. Everyone is different. In the ICT room we created a poster about ourselves using a word document. We all had to bring a photo from home with a family member in it. We created text boxes and put in the meaning of our names. We looked at where we came from and found the flag for that country. We found a landmark for Auckland as that is the city we all live in. We inserted photos of our artwork and our research tasks to show what we have achieved in our class. We ended up with an amazing masterpiece about ourselves. We are all proud of our work.

## ROOM 15

We have been talking about different types of bullying and what we can do about it. We have been learning how people can be bullied without others knowing. We have realised that we all have been unkind to somebody at least once and we should all remember our school values, Diversity, Integrity, Respect and Excellence.

*Lily Husband and Genesis Momoemausu*

## ROOM 17

We are happy to be back for term 3. The first week back, we finished launching our water bottle rockets and now we are studying about the Earth as part of our topic on planet Earth and beyond. Recently, Darah introduced the class to Storybird, a useful app to help our writing. Room 17 will use this tool to help improve their writing. We will have a science centred term 3 and look forward to doing more experiments and learning about planet Earth.

## **ROOM 19**

Haere mai. This week it is Maori language week and we are continuing to learn to pronounce Maori words and phrases correctly. Room 19 is busy learning all about earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis.

Our first session of cooking for the term resulted in us knowing how to cook baked and mashed potatoes. They were delicious especially with butter, cheese and chopped ham.

We are all ready to work hard this term so that we can achieve the goals we have set.

## **ROOM 21**

Tena koutou. We have been focused on our space topic and we have been learning about the Moon's effect on Earth. We have all been very surprised by the moon's importance.

We have made pottery chimes and had them fired. The pottery was fun, but it was a bit more difficult than we expected keeping the pots from breaking.

Room 21 has been learning to read maps and to do orienteering. It is really fun and educational at the same time.

## **ROOM 23**

We have been exploring The Rock Cycle as our topic this term. Our favourite type of rock is igneous. Igneous rocks come from the magma and lava in volcanoes. Mrs Scott kindly lent us some pumice and basalt to examine. Sophie's mum brought in crystals, obsidian, basalt and some sedimentary rocks. Thank you for lending these to us.

## **TAMA TOA PROGRAMME REPORT**

On Friday, 24 July our Tama Toa group planted a Maori garden near our school orchard. This is the second term that our group has been involved in the "Kaupapa Maori" programme which encourages self-worth and positive life decisions.

The garden is very special to us and our tutor, Phillip Repia. The peruperu seeds (purple potatoes) have been passed down from his grandmother and this is his koha for our school. The garden has an element of tapu and we need to show it respect at all times. Our group will be looking after the garden and

nurturing the seeds by making sure we water them once each day (about 6 watering cans each time!) We should see shoots appear next term and when the plants are fully grown, Phillip will show us how to make Maori bread. We are really looking forward to that!

*Levi, Jonti, Fabian*

## **ANOTHER WAY TO REPORT ABSENCES**

Download the **FindUs** App.

Register as a new user.

Scan our school code. (see below)

Then tap on our school logo, the blue info icon will link you to all our details and quick links. Example links:

- Tap our phone number to call
- Tap absences button to submit
- Tap newsletter button to view
- Tap calendar button to view events
- Scroll to email enquiry box



## **Auckland Zoo Visit**

The Junior School have recently won an "all expenses paid" trip to Auckland Zoo for all Year 0, Year 1 and Year 2 students. We would like to thank the staff at Auckland Zoo for their support, The Warehouse for paying the cost of our zoo entry and Ritchies Buses for arranging free return transport for us all to go to the zoo.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **JELlicoe PARK TENNIS CLUB**

'Give Tennis A Go Day' for all ages and skill levels on Sunday, 16 August from 1 – 4pm, Marr Road, Manurewa. All welcome. Phone Noreen 266 7399 or 021 120 1672.

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### **"The Parenting Show with Pio"**

An evening for parents and caregivers. Wednesday, 5 August 2015. Waimahia School Hall, 44 Palmers Road, Manurewa. & to 8.30pm. Gold coin entry. Very informative, very entertaining, highly recommended.