

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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31 May 2013 Name.....

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

Thank you to everyone who voted in our Board of Trustees' elections. Voting has now closed and results will be announced Wednesday of next week.

I also thank everyone for your patience in dealing with the hiccup around the distribution of voting papers.

## **REPORTING TO PARENTS**

During the last half of Term 2 classroom teachers will be completing student assessments and writing mid-year reports.

This year individual reports will be sent home on Tuesday, 30 July which is the first week of Term 3. This later time will allow assessment to more accurately reflect progress at mid-year. As usual parents will have the opportunity to discuss reports individually with teachers. Interviews are planned for Wednesday, 7 August.

## **INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Well done to all 45 runners who represented us at Mountfort Park recently. Hundreds of runners represented 18 schools from across Manurewa.

### **Results**

Year 4 Girls' team 8<sup>th</sup>, Revanda Peniamin 20<sup>th</sup>

Year 4 Boys' team 3<sup>rd</sup>, Blake Allen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jonti-Armani Graham 14<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Girls' team 1<sup>st</sup>, Evaine Falelogi 3<sup>rd</sup>, Alex Kett 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Boys' team 5<sup>th</sup>, Rangi Waenga 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 6 Girls' team 9<sup>th</sup>, Leilani Faaiuso 16<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Boys' team 8<sup>th</sup>, Tanraj Bains 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **FREE ONLINE READING RESOURCES**

Do you have access to the internet? Would you like to support your child's reading at home?

Dame Wendy Pye and the Pye Foundation (An international book publishing company) has an offer for families that is completely free of charge and provides online access for an extensive range of reading material and resources to use with children. Indeed over 500 titles, including both fiction and non-fiction, plus 1000 learning activities can be accessed for use at home.

To login, go to [www.sunshineonline.co.nz](http://www.sunshineonline.co.nz) and enter the username **sunshine2013** plus the password **newzealand**.

## **SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOLS**

Our school is fortunate to have the services of Mr Shyam Grover, a Social Worker in Schools (SWIS) employed by Family Works Northern. Shyam's role is to assist the children and families of our school in whatever ways he can.

This can be help with accessing counselling, budgeting, WINZ, IRD, grief and loss, parenting advice, children's behaviour etc. This is a free service to the families of our school. Shyam can be contacted on 0212443835 or through our school office.

## **SPECIAL THANK YOU**

To parent Ben Collins who entered a competition at Countdown and won a new iPad for his nominated school. Thanks Ben. Our students will enjoy your gift.

**Thank you.**

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# IMPORTANT DATES

## JUNE

- 3 Queen's Birthday. School closed
- 5 Board election results announced
- 5 Reading Together Workshop #3 6pm
- 10-14 School cultural celebration week
- 10 First meeting of new Board of Trustees 6pm.
- 19 Life Education programme begins
- 19 Reading Together Workshop #4 6pm
- 21 Next school newsletter

## JULY

- 1 – 5 Maori language week
- 12 School closes to end Term 2

## Welcome

### *To pupils who have joined us recently*

Sydney Palalagi-Sami, Ayveah Mizziebo, Kawther Al-Kashoosh, Ayden Harris, Gurashish Singh, Bavneet Dosanjh, Manav Pillay, Elle Funaki-Sterling, Jacy Saavedra.

## Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

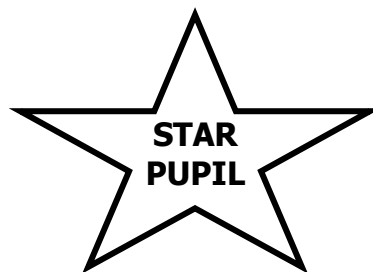


## MAY

- 31 Madison Denton-Priest
- 31 Ramin Zaya

## JUNE

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Harkirit Dhaliwal      | 1 Faamanu Fuilala     |
| 1 Siobhan Paku           | 1 Christine Uludole   |
| 4 Anihira Lundon         | 4 Alistair Stowers    |
| 5 Jashika Prakash        | 7 Willie Dong         |
| 7 Zivana Hafoka          | 7 Srishti Kumar       |
| 7 Jagrith Narayan        | 7 Shundil Prasad      |
| 8 Gurparteek Benipal     | 8 Kevin Zeng          |
| 9 Caleb Barnes           | 10 N'Kastro Mortensen |
| 12 Kayla King            | 12 Zaya Zaya          |
| 13 Komaljit Kaur         | 13 Slade McKay        |
| 13 Sahil Sandhu          | 13 Shivam Tejpal      |
| 13 Alyssa Uluheua        | 13 Kiefer Wallen      |
| 14 Ashleigh Bowden       | 14 Vanshika Mani      |
| 15 Angelo Matangi        | 16 Rebecca King       |
| 17 Bhavandeep Kaur       | 17 Erishvir Singh     |
| 17 Precious Te Whata     | 19 Daman Kumar        |
| 19 Lafina-Eve Leslie-Nua |                       |



*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 Juzmin Taanuu        | R2 Labron Gwynne-Asoava |
| R3 Aniket Rahal         | R4 Noah Afakasi         |
| R5 Sheneah Bayaban      | R6 Zayden Scott         |
| R7 Sariah Inamata       | R8 Shawneqwa Pemberton  |
| R9 Sophie Glover-Makata | R10 Quinn Motuliki      |
| R11 Christian Taanuu    | R12 Tamati Peters       |
| R13 Max Richards        | R14 Linda Du            |
| R15 Sean Menke          | R16 Jess Deng           |
| R17 Jacob Honey         | R18 Ariana Tewhiu       |
| R19 Revanda Peniamin    | R20 Abby Casey          |
| R21 Gurleen Kaur Grewal | R23 Zyrus Uatisone      |
| R24 Tyrone Smith        |                         |

# ROOM NEWS

## ROOM 1

Recently we visited the Manurewa Police Station as part of our unit on people who help us in the community.

We walked to the police station to see the police cars. The policeman opened the door and he talked on the radio. He is going to keep us safe on the road. *Zoe Cortes*

I was proud of the red and blue lights because they were flashing. The policemen opened the door with the button. Policemen want us to keep safe on the road. *Sophia Drake*

## ROOM 3

We have been busy learning about "Te-Papa, Our Place." We have been looking at why our house, school, community, Auckland and New Zealand are special places to live.

We visited our local police station and the library. The police officer told us that they are here to help us and keep us safe from bad people. The library is a wonderful place to read books and get lots of information.

## **ROOM 5**

We were so excited when Ronald McDonald came to school. We learned that we have to 'Stop, Look and Listen' before we cross any road or 'sneaky' driveways. "Ronald McDonald lost his stripy sock and went to the school to look for it."  
*Phakchira Smith*

## **ROOM 7**

We have been looking at our place in the school. We found we belong to lots of groups in the school. We have also been looking at different maps. We found Manurewa Central School on Google Maps. On Wednesday we even made a treasure map for a pirate. Maps are fun.

## **ROOM 9**

Room 9 went on an autumn walk.  
Naked trees twist and whisper in the air.

*Lachlan*

The tough branches sway like spooky ghosts.

*Brendon*

The red autumn leaves flutter in the cold air.

*Pearlina*

Green autumn leaves twist in the air like dancers.

*Elijah*

Wintery branches scratch the sky like scary cat paws.

*Maria*

Tired red autumn leaves spin towards the white cloudy sky.

*Mharsal*

## **ROOM 11**

This term, we have been learning about where our family comes from. So, we made a poster all about it. One half is all about New Zealand and things that represent it. The other half is all about where we came from and things that represent that country.

For our topic we have been learning about which people have come to New Zealand, how they came and when.

So far, Room 11 has been pretty busy with all our work. It's been fun learning about New Zealand and where we came from. We are all looking forward to more fun days to come this term.  
*Larizza and Corilee*

## **ROOM 13**

What a busy term. We have so many people being helpful students. We have librarians and computer monitors who are all working hard. We have people who competed in cross country and people joining up for choir.

Saturday hockey has started and children are playing hockey rain or shine.

We have just had a fabulous Duffy assembly. They performed an excellent show about wanting to learn to read. Children have got 'Caught Being Good Books' and certificates to go with them.

We have some exciting things to look forward to. There is going to be a cultural week with lots of things happening. We can all dress up. We can make our own scrumptious food to share.  
*Remini and Apoiniva*

## **ROOM 15**

We have been doing art. We have been making some interesting boats. First we did practice boats. We drew up shapes on paper and added tabs at either end. Then we cut the shape out and folded all the tabs and glued it together. We then added a mast made out of paper and stuck it to the boat. We then added sails and our boats were complete. Over the next few weeks we will be going onto our good copies. Room 15 is really excited about it!

*Steffi Webb-Butler*

## **ROOM 17**

We have been learning all about Japan. We came up with our own questions that we had and we have started to research this. We wanted to know what kind of food is eaten in Japan as well as what kind of transportation they have there. Miss Sumner is even going to teach us how to write our name in Japanese!

*Chloe Chong and Richard Cole*

## **ROOM 19**

Last week we learnt how to peel and slice vegetables. It wasn't as easy as it looks, but it was all worth it when we ate the roasted potatoes, pumpkin, kumara and carrots.

We have been learning a lot about the seven different continents. You can find out so much information from books and the internet.

We are all excited because Mrs Sowden told us that next week all the middle school will be going around the world! She told us we may need to pack our bags and get ready for an adventure. We can't wait to find out what will happen and where we might go!

*Vashika and Prakash*

## **ROOM 21**

We have been thinking like tourists and exploring many of New Zealand's amazing sights. We have found that NZ has many, many really "big things" to see. For instance in Taihape there is a monstrous gumboot. New Zealand has many things that are unique and have been invented by New Zealanders or we claim them as our own. These things are called Kiwiana. We think that New Zealanders, "shouldn't leave town, til they've seen the country."

## **ROOM 23**

We have been very busy learning about special places in the community. We have visited the dental clinic, the police station and the Manurewa Library. We have written some wonderful stories about these important places.

## **YOUNG LEADERS' DAY**

On Thursday, 25 May the councillors went to the Vodafone Events' Centre for Young Leaders' Day. The purpose of going to Young Leaders' Day was for young leaders from most of Auckland to listen to and be inspired by role models.

An amazing three-time Olympian Juliette Haigh came and talked to encourage us to always dream big no matter what other people think. Juliette always dreamed about being in the Olympics ever since she was young. To get to your dreams you need courage and faith in yourself. Juliette has proven that effort brings reward.

All our councillors would like to acknowledge our school for making this experience possible because the speakers were really motivating. We have many messages to help us on our future journey.

## **DUFFY NEWS**

Our Duffy programme continues to provide us with many exciting opportunities to celebrate reading. For Mother's Day, three lucky mums were presented with a 'Mum caught being good' book. Congratulations to Max and Chloe's mum, Natalie Groves, Ayianna's (R21) mum Lisita and Sahil's (R6) mum Komaljit Sandhu. Our junior school mum's name was picked at a lucky draw when we held a special assembly to celebrate mums on Friday, 10 May.

The Duffy Theatre presentation this year was "Duffy loses his words", a high energy show which kept our students entertained and captivated. New Zealand Post awards for excellence in reading and writing were presented to Ebonie Lambert R20, Seanna Lesimaikimatuku R12 and Brendon Tse R9 at the end of the shows.

'Thank you' to NZ Post for their generous sponsorship of the 3 books written by NZ authors Jennifer Beck and Jack Lasenby.

# Community Notices

## **MANUREWA PARENTING HUB**

Two sessions being held at Manurewa South School. Wednesday, 12 June - Dealing with Children's Behaviour and Wednesday, 19 June Creating a Happy Home. Both sessions presented by Carleen Morris, Family Therapist 11.00am – 1.00pm. All welcome.

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ACG Strathallan Academic Scholarships  
ACG Strathallan is the leading independent school in Southern Auckland providing world-class education. Applications for Academic Scholarships are now welcome for students enrolling into Year 7 for 2014. Closing date for applications 2 August 2013. Call 2950830 or see our website [www.acgedu.com](http://www.acgedu.com) for more information.

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## **MOTHERS' HELPERS**

Volunteers wanted to help mothers who are at risk of suffering from post natal depression. We are looking for Peer Needs' Assessors who have experienced post natal depression and are now well, and in-home volunteers (childcare/housework assistance). Full training given. For more information contact [info@mothershelpers.co.nz](mailto:info@mothershelpers.co.nz)

## **STOP PRESS**

**Please note the notice regarding our dental clinic from Auckland Dental Service that comes home with this newsletter.**

### **SCHOOL COUNCILLORS' RAFFLE**

Congratulations to Mya from Room 16 who last Friday won the raffle prize of tickets to Snowplanet.