

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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3 June 2011 Name.....

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

Thank you to everyone who put their name forward for our school's Board of Trustees' by-election. We have seven nominations for one vacancy and I appreciate the support these people are giving to our school.

The nominations are Waru Clarke, Teenga Kara, Lavina Lavave, Connie Maynard, Lana Perese, Rajuinder Singh and Tanya Webb. Please note the candidate statements that are included with this newsletter.

ELECTION DATES

Voting papers were posted to all parents and caregivers of pupils at our school on Wednesday 1 June. Voting papers need to be returned in the self addressed envelope by noon on Friday, 10 June. Voting papers may be posted or dropped off at the school office.

NUMERACY MEETING

Thank you to the many parents who attended our meeting on junior school numeracy last Friday. We had an excellent turnout and a worthwhile discussion. Our next meeting will look at literacy and discuss how children begin to read. This will be held on Friday, 17 June.

The emphasis will be on Years 1 and 2 but everyone is welcome. Please put this date in your diary and if possible come along at 2pm and pick your child up at 3pm. Mrs Griffin will send out a reminder notice in due course.

MID YEAR REPORTS

Teachers are currently working on individual reports for children to bring home on 24 June. There are two separate report forms. Students who are unable to be fully assessed (e.g. have been at school for less than twelve months and/or have limited English) will receive written comments only.

Other students will have achievement levels which take into account required reporting under national standards. These assess children as at expectation, above expectation, below or well below expectation.

Reports will also comment on progress made. There will be an outline of next learning steps and suggestions as to what may be done at home to assist learning.

As usual we will offer the opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with teachers and discuss the contents of the reports. I urge you to take advantage of this. Parent interviews will be held on Thursday, 14 July between 3.30 and 8pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to everyone who ran in the interschool cross country last week. Many hundreds of runners took part from Manurewa schools. Special congratulations go to these top ten finishers.

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	Gareth Mirko	2 nd
		Rangi Waenga	3 rd
		Nicholas Cook	6 th
	<u>Year 5</u>	Kanwar Lubana	3 rd
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	Moishna Moeen	4 th
		Kallani-Jayde Rogers	7 th
	<u>Year 6</u>	Angeline Ball	8 th



Thank you.
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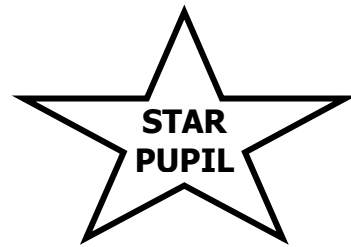
IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- 6 Queen's birthday. School closed
- 10 Voting closes at noon for Board by-election.
- 14 Board of Trustees' monthly meeting 7pm
- 17 Literacy meeting for parents 2pm.
- 24 Next newsletter
- 24 Student reports home

JULY

- 14 Parent interviews
- 15 School closes to end Term 2 at 3pm



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 Leilani Maka | R2 Kiran Gill |
| R3 Shanya Kumar | R4 Elyn Basilio |
| R5 Zane Walker-Prujean | R6 Sanjay Wanoa |
| R7 Levi Gwynne | R8 Zivana Hafoka |
| R9 Willie Dong | R10 Jennifer-Rose Kara |
| R11 Colis Magatogia | R12 Deken Gillard |
| R13 Rachel Douglas | R14 Jabulani Sila |
| R15 Monisha Narayan | R16 Evaine Falelogi |
| R17 Leilani Faaiuso | R18 Brooklyn Baker |
| R19 Sam Ward | R20 Lenica Ropati |
| R21 Rishi Sharma | R23 Abigail Mirko |

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Brendon Tse, Lachlan Smith, Kaytlin Smith-Street, Grace Park, Dtroyt Cowley Thomas, M'Kenah-Roze Dalton, Jacob Kite, Trinity Dephoff, Jayda Wijohn.

Happy Birthday



To people who have a special day about now.

JUNE

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| 4 Dolsavanh Breach | 4 Hannah McCarthy |
| 6 Pidgeon Kapea | 6 Kanwar Lubana |
| 6 Dilraj Maan | 7 Willie Dong |
| 7 Zivana Hafoka | 7 Tori Harris |
| 7 Shundil Prasad | 8 Kevin Zeng |
| 9 Levi Alexander | 9 Caleb Barnes |
| 9 Jacob Kite | 10 N'Kastro Mortensen |
| 11 Austin Graham-Fremlin | 12 Zaya Zaya |
| 13 Komaljit Kaur | 13 Slade McKay |
| 13 Shivam Tejpal | 15 Sonatane Kaufusi |
| 15 Keziah Vete | 16 Rebecca King |
| 16 Devahrny Shelford | 17 Bhavandeep Kaur |
| 17 Monisha Narayan | 17 Erishvir Singh |
| 17 Precious Te Whata | 19 Lafina-Eve Leslie-Nua |
| 20 Jasmit Gosal | 20 Fariha Mubarak |
| 20 Isabella Van Stipriaan | 23 Chelsea Tang |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We have been learning about ants as part of our animalia unit.

Ants share their food.

Ants tell each other where there is food.

Ants have antennae to listen and smell and touch.

Jesse Hannah

Ants live together in their hole.

Ants eat leaves with their mouths.

Ants walk in a line.

Ants eat crumbs.

Ants share.

Trinity Dephoff

Ants eat my yoghurt. Mum tries to kill them but they keep on waking up. They like me and I feed them.

Grace Park

ROOM 3

We have been very busy learning to write the recount of a story and describing the characters using interesting words.

The little bird went into the bird bath. The big cat was asleep. The bird flew away. I was happy.

Mehar Kaur

ROOM 5

Physical education is such fun at the moment. Every day we do fitness for ten minutes. Some afternoons we either do folk dance or large ball skills depending on the weather. Folk dance encourages us to listen to what the music tells us to do. Large ball skills have us doing chest passes and push passes – just like in netball and basketball.

ROOM 9

We have been learning about animals. We know about mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish.

Dolphins are sea mammals. They like to do flips in the air. Some dolphins are called killer whales.

Frogs are reptiles and some are poisonous. Frogs can blend in. This is called camouflage. They can hide their back legs by tucking them in. The red-eye tree frogs jump away from snakes. They eat flies and moths and other insects.

ROOM 11

Talofa lava. This week is Samoan language week so we have been learning greetings and numbers. We are learning numbers 1-100. We know 1-10 really well now: Tasi, lua, tolu, fa, lima, ono, fitu, valu, iva, sefulu. We will also be updating our speech bubbles in our cloakroom to say something in Samoan. Come and check it out!

Last Friday we made clay animals. There were dinosaurs, dogs, turtles and more. One of the best was by Karen Phung who made a dog that looks like Snoopy.

Faith, Ursula and Violet

ROOM 13

We have been working on our stained glass windows. We have a piece of paper for our draft. When you have planned out the animal you want you then have to draw it on black paper with white crayon. Then you cut out all the pieces of black showing and leave the white. Once it has been checked you glue a large piece of white paper on the cut out paper. When it is dry you dye all the white paper showing. You have to choose the right colours for the background. They look bright and colourful and are up on our wall in Room 13.

Nathanael de Bruin

ROOM 15

This week in Room 15 for our animalia topic we have been making brochures about a zoo in ICT.

We also went to the Wastewise show. We learnt that most things can be recycled. There was also a quiz show where six people competed to be the Wastewise king or queen. Gracie was our Wastewise champion.

Isabella, Moishna, Jasmine

ROOM 17

It has been lots of fun learning new skills in tennis.

Learning about animals is great too. We are studying different types of vertebrates and invertebrates.

We are also creating a piece of art based on Tracey Tawhiao. Her art is terrific – it is all done on newspaper! Room 17 is having an excellent term.

Steffi Webb-Butler and Shannon Foy

ROOM 19

We have had an exciting time learning about animals. Did you know that a female butterfly can lay 1,000 eggs at a time?

Did you know that small reptiles like komodo dragons are in danger because criminals try to steal them and sell them for huge amounts of money?

Did you know that Siberian tigers are some of the rarest tigers in the world?

We can't wait for book week next week. I wonder what we will learn about books?

ROOM 21

This week we have given poem recitals to the class. These were judged out of 100.

In ICT we are becoming more familiar with Windows 7. In PE we have been doing netball and rugby skills.

Our student teacher Miss Coleman, is helping in our class and Miss Redfern has been relieving this week for Ms Turner.

ROOM 23

Room 23 is busy every day especially as we now have tumble activities during reading time. These activities include rainbow spelling, magazine words, water colour painting, draw and write and making a roll. We are able to complete these activities independently. Aren't we clever?

National Young Leaders' Day

On 19 May, our school councillors went to Young Leaders' Day. We spent the day at the ASB showgrounds in Greenlane. There were 6 speakers. The first speaker was Nick Tuitasi who discussed his 3 values.

- Truth
- Respect
- You

His messages were

- Keep trying and don't give up
- Values are really important
- As a leader you need a decent reputation.

The second speaker was Dillon Boucher from the Breakers and he gave us four really important tips.

1. Leadership is strength with purpose.
2. To be successful you have to work hard.
3. If you commit to something you will become good at it.
4. Leadership is choosing to follow your calling.

We had morning tea when many of us bought a Halogen pin. The next speakers were Tumehe and Serena and their messages were

- Never give up
- Reach out for people
- Anything that you want in your career comes down to believing
- Keep your eyes on the positive and it will help you through
- Keep pushing through

Pat Lam (The Auckland Blues' rugby coach) had 5 key words and they were:

1. Planning
2. Purpose
3. People
4. Perseverance
5. Performance

And his messages were

- You can change your life
- Good times don't change your character
- Set your mind to something and you can achieve it.
- Set some goals and write them down.

Then came a performance by the Laughing Samoans and that was funny. Speaker number 5 was Dave Atkinson and he talked about being a leader with these messages ...

- If you want to be a leader you need to

make decisions

- Be friendly
- Say a good word
- Be yourself

The final speaker for the day was Pat Buckley and he had some really good messages.

- Good friends are honest
- You are on a journey
- One choice can change your life
- You always have a choice
- The power of words can change everything
- There are always consequences to good and bad decisions
- Keep it simple
- Life gets complicated
- Enjoy being a kid
- It's ok to ask for help
- Remember the gravity principle
- Stop and think before you act.

Leadership is doing things differently. What a great day at the National Young Leaders' Day.

Councillor Jade Maaka

Community Notices

KUMON MANUREWA EDUCATION CENTRE

The Kumon Manurewa Education Centre is holding a free trial in June. Kumon strives to give children a positive attitude towards school work, improved confidence and good learning habits. Families are invited to trial either the maths or English (reading) programme free of charge for 2 weeks from 16 – 29 June. For information about Kumon's free trial, please call Jessica Matharu on 267 6906 or 022456 6016.



The school councillors of Manurewa Central School would like to acknowledge, and sincerely thank Hellers Smallgoods for their generous support of our sausage sizzle. The profits raised go to purchase further sporting equipment, games and activities for our pupils' use during the lunch hour. **Thank you Hellers** for this generous support.