

3 MARCH 2017—Principal’s News

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

Welcome to the very first edition of our revised newsletter format. I trust you find our new cover interesting.

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The actual school news inside will not change as we continue to make our newsletter interesting and informative. I ask that you regularly check the contents (every three weeks) as this is our major avenue of communication with our families.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ NEWS

At our first meeting of the year Waru Clark was re-elected Chairperson and David Fransham elected Treasurer. David replaces Ross Burr who stepped down after many years in that position. I acknowledge the work Ross has done to ensure our school is in a strong financial position and I am pleased we will continue to have his support as a regular Board member.

At the meeting the Board agreed to contribute \$22,800.00 for the purchase of modern classroom furniture. This will enable teachers to further develop innovative learning classrooms to meet the needs of your children.

Just last November our Board approved an extra \$70,000 worth of IT equipment over and above our annual budget. This allows us to purchase an extra 90 Chromebooks for student use and we will begin to replace our aging classroom smartboards with interactive television screens.

On your behalf I thank our Board for their vision in ensuring our school is at the fore front of innovation and modern learning resourcing.

STUDENT LEADERS

At this time of the year we name our Year 6 students who have been selected for a range of leadership roles around our school.

We congratulate the following pupils. I know they will be excellent role models for our younger students.

School Councillors		House Captains		
Davina Aviu	Louise Ponifasio	Tui	Braithan Forster	Keren Prasad
Mamia Marsh	Sophie Glover Makata	Weka	Teleise Solomona	Taparia Engu
Daniel Dixon Heka	Mharsal Kaokao	Kaka	Karla Collins	Lachlan Smith
Brendon Tse	Ariana Faaiuas	Huia	Shawneqwa Pemberton	Gurtek Singh
Susana Malewa	Anaru Thomson			

Librarians		Computer	
Paige Puckett	Sharon Sheppard	Alistair Stowers	Ryan Pillay
Kamryn-Ginny Rogers	Serena-Kate Toft	Susana Malewa	Zac Reid
Komal Deo	Sheneah Bayaban	Trinity Dephoff	Felix Jones
Zenith Jacobsen	McKenah-Roze Dalton	Anahera Langdon	Odisho Shemshon
Losalini Quna	Dhruv Rayat	Mohit Gulati	Will Toelau
Keren Prasad	Ashleigh Cooper	Mamia Marsh	Braithan Forster
Alyssa Uluheua	Joshua Diack	Taparia Engu	Sukhpreet Kaur
Daniel Dixon Heka	Karla Collins	Mary-Anne Leslie-Nua	Reihana Edmonds Dwyer
Sarraha Hassan			Amneet Singh Grewal
			Shawneqwa Pemberton

CAN YOU HELP

Last week I had a telephone call from a concerned member of the public about people crossing Hill Road at 3pm. We insist that children on their own use the pedestrian crossing at the lights. However, once children have been collected by an adult they are under the control of that adult not us.

The police have asked that I suggest that everyone uses the traffic lights as walking across Hill Road is very dangerous at the end of school.

BIBLE IN SCHOOL

This optional programme begins next Wednesday 8 March and takes place from 9am to 9.30am each Wednesday until the end of November.

The programme is only available for children in Years 3 to 6. These lessons are optional. If you do not want your child to be involved please let your child’s teacher know preferably in writing prior to Wednesday, 8 March.

Thank you
L. Thew — Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- 8 Optional Bible in Schools programme beings for Years 3 to 6.
- 15 “Reading Together “ first session 6pm in school staffroom. Please contact Mrs Griffin 269 0250 to confirm a place.
- 17 Middle school (Years 3 and 4) swimming carnival 1.30pm
- 22 “Reading Together” session 2.
- 23 Parent Interviews. 3.30 to 8.30pm. This is an opportunity to discuss your child’s learning programme. More information to come.
- 24 Next school newsletter.
- 24 Junior school swimming carnival at 1.30pm.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Benjamin Ward, Lisiate Tuipulotu, Nimrat Dhillon, Emersyn Ah Ching-Lava, Bethany Gross, Tiffany Zhu, Pranav Chand.

Happy Birthday

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

3 Jorawar Singh	4 Jetero Green	4 Roystan Hoyes Stubbington
4 Torin Coldicutt	5 Jesse Grass	5 Mohammed Sahib
5 Rory Willcocks	5 Bhavesh Singh	5 Bahra Kolazar
7 Karla Mahongchai	7 Damian Conolly	7 Malachi Tagi
7 Mharsal Kaokao	8 Nirari Chiba	8 Harpreet Kaur
9 Zak Reid	9 Cassidy Wilson	11 Pure’ Jae Punga
11 Jayda Scanlan	11 Anaya Palanni	12 India-Rose Fairburn
12 Mechaella Limatau	14 Jasneil Sen	16 Sarrah Hassan
16 Khloe Scott	17 Shama Goundar	19 Tanishka Sharma
19 Gurman Grewal	20 Tanurit Kaur	20 Renee Scofield
21 Ninorta Chiba	21 Armaan Sandhu	



The following students have been recognised by their class teachers for

showing diligence and achievement in all aspects of their school and classwork.

R1 Izaan Khan	R3 Eliano Emmanuel	R5 Olivia Carter
R6 Saluhi Al Sheikh	R7 Lincoln Smith	R8 Myles Saavedra
R9 Kylah Brittain	R10 Brendon Tse	R11 Trinity-Reine Spence
R12 Odisho Shemshon	R13 Labron Gwynne-Asoava	R14 Sahil Sandhu
R15 Inise Malewa	R16 Addison-Dupree Hoera	R17 Aporosa Viria
R18 Ninorta Chiba	R19 Giselle Toilolo	R20 Vijayata Karda
R21 Travis Hema	R22 Armanpreet Singh	R23 Daniel Martin
R24 Gurjot Bhatti		

Interschool Swimming Team

On Tuesday 28 February, 13 future Olympians from our school headed to Manurewa High for the 2017 Interschool swimming sports. It was a very competitive event with all of our swimmers racing against 8 other schools more than once. We placed first and second in many of the events as well as winning the Freestyle Relays for girls and boys. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Robertson for accompanying us.

Community Notices

**The Kids Club at Manurewa Library
Free After School Children’s Activity Time
3.30 pm—4.30pm
Held on 3rd Thursday of each month
Join us for fun and creative activites**

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

Teacher: “*What have we been learning at school?*” Benjamin said ‘We have been learning to do good things like sitting on the mat, making good choices and getting our lunchboxes ready when the bell rings for lunchtime.’ Teacher: “*Why do we come to school?*” Nimrat said ‘We can learn everything and then go to our next class and our next class so we can live by ourselves and become a policeman and firefighter and a doctor and a nurse.’ Teacher: “What is the best thing about school?” Learning our A,B,C,D’s, counting, drawing, reading books, seeing my big brother at playtime, being happy, playing with my sister, bouncing the ball.

ROOM 3

We have had a busy and a very interesting start to the year. We have been learning lots of facts about ourselves.

I am good at swimming. I can dive into the pool and make a flip. *Tamarua*
I like eating pizza, cake and ice-cream. It makes me happy, healthy and strong. *Sahibjot*

ROOM 5

We have been busy bees settling into classroom routines. We have been learning interesting facts about the honey bee and how important it is to our world. Come and read some of our stories on display in Room 5.

ROOM 7

We have been learning about our favourite author—Joy Cowley. She created Mrs Wishy-Washy. Mrs Wishy-Washy likes to clean the animals but they don’t like it! *Mechaella*
Mr Wishy-Washy is a little bit blind ... he washed the cat instead of the dishes and the cat was not happy!
Lincoln.

ROOM 9

We have been busy getting to know one another. We have learnt how big our families are, and gosh we have some large families out there! We have discussed what we love and what makes us happy at home and at school. We have had many discussions around food and I can tell Room 9 loves their FOOD. Some children even wrote about it...

My favourite homemade meal to eat at dinner time is spaghetti. It flicks around my mouth. It tastes delicious and meaty and juicy. My mum makes it delicious! *Mina*
My favourite homemade meal to eat at dinner time is pasta. I twirl my long noodles around and around along my big bowl. My mum makes it. I help my mum. I put the spaghetti into the pot and my mum puts in the boiling water because it is hot for me. *Jade*.

ROOM 11

As a class we’ve looked into things that make us who we are and the things that make us unique from others. We’ve learned that in our journey of life, knowing where you’re from and who you are will help shape our destination. We’re excited about Room 11 and the challenges and excitement we have ahead of us.

ROOM 13

What a start to 2017! Year 6’s went to Chosen Valley Camp. There were really interesting activities like the zoom slide, kayaks, uncontrollable trolleys, archery, adventurous BMX, a challenging confidence course, mudslide, art, the extreme Balance Island and the terrifying flying fox. It was so thrilling! Especially when Mrs Dibben went down the zoom slide She screamed and chuckled off with joy at the end.

Meanwhile back at school on Wednesday the rest of the senior school students went to Clevedon Reserve for an amazing 45 minute walk. Even though it was tiring it was worth it for the view. Some of us could even see our own houses! When we arrived at the bottom we thought it was a wonderful walk.

Gurtek, Leaia, Mary Anne, Maya and Alesana

ROOM 15

“Kia mahi tahi” is our class motto and we have been learning ways to show respect and kindness towards each other. Establishing rules and responsibilities, and building our classroom trust will set us up for an awesome year.

ROOM 17

We are becoming mathematicians by discussing our ideas on how to solve a question and listening to others share their ideas. We are learning that there are many ways of solving a question and it is important to know how to solve a question, not just knowing the answer.

ROOM 19

We are all working hard, soaring to new heights, in the hot air balloons we have created. Mrs Friday Sowden has been doing some great Picasso art with us as well. We are learning to become Master Chefs and we have already cooked some delicious food. We are loving maths, enjoying reading and have written some great stories; including our daily class tweets.

ROOM 21

We have had a busy start to the year. We have been swimming, reading, writing and doing some very creative artwork. It has been an exciting week as we started our journey to becoming authors. We are currently working on our descriptive writing. Please pop in and have a read in the coming weeks.

ROOM 23

We are privileged to have a fantastic swimming pool at our school. We are loving learning to swim and feeling more confident around water. The class has also been sharing information about themselves and their families so that we may get to know each other better and have an enjoyable year learning and playing together.