

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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5 December 2014 Name.....

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

Less than two weeks of school remain for 2014 and we have started our end of year assemblies and special celebrations.

On behalf of parents and caregivers I thank our school staff for their extra work and organisation in preparing our students for these events. We expect our pupils to reach a high level of excellence in achievement and discipline and I am sure they will do us proud.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our final two assemblies and our Year 6 Graduation.

READING MATERIAL

By now all library books, journals and junior readers should be back at school. Please assist us by checking at home for any school material. Thank you.

SCHOOL CLOSSES 17 DECEMBER

This is a very busy and important time in the school year. Please ensure your child attends right up to the end of year and please ensure children arrive at school before 9 o'clock. Regular attendance and punctuality are important things for children to learn.

MANUREWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

I highly recommend the library summer reading programme run by Auckland Libraries. This is an enjoyable way to keep children engaged with learning over the summer. This also ensures your child gets a flying start to their learning in 2015.

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

Our National Standards data has been collated for 2014 and I am delighted to share the following results which show the percentage of students achieving "at" or "above" the standard this year.

Government target for New Zealand is 85% "at" or "above" by 2017.

Manurewa Central 2014

Mathematics	81%
Writing	82%
Reading	86%

Importantly there is no obvious difference in achievement across ethnicities or genders. These are very pleasing results and reflect the commitment of school staff and whanau. Effort does indeed bring reward.

PREPARING FOR 2015

School opens for 2015 on Tuesday, 3 February at 9 o'clock. Children assemble in their 2014 classes and will be given their new rooms for the year. Please ensure that your child brings a pencil to school that day.

Stationery purchases will be available from school. Children will bring home a stationery list. The expected cost is around \$40.00 which is the same as this year.

Our Board of Trustees have kept our school donation at \$40.00 per child (\$10 per child per term) which is the equivalent of a dollar a week. This contribution can be donated at any time.

Our school does not have a uniform, however, we expect students in Years 3 to 6 to have shorts for physical activity. Apart from this requirement all children are simply expected to come to school in sensible and practical clothing ready to learn and participate in school activities.

LAST NEWSLETTER

Our final newsletter for 2014 contains selected valedictions from a number of Year 6 children who complete their time at our school this month.

These stories remind us of the important part school plays in the lives of the students.

School is, however, a partnership and I thank you all for the strong support the school receives from our parent community.

Special thank you to whanau whose youngest child finishes this year. A number of you have worked closely with us over many years. You will be missed.

May I wish you all an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to working with you in 2015.

Thank you
L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 8 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 10 Year 6 Graduation evening 5.30pm at Greenmeadows Intermediate School
- 11 Student reports home
- 11 Middle School athletics 9.30am
- 12 Junior School Assembly 9.30am
- 12 Junior School (Years 1 & 2) files of work home
- 17 Senior School Prize Giving assembly 9.30am
- 17 School closes to end 2014 at 3pm.

JANUARY

- 29 School office opens

FEBRUARY

- 3 School opens for 2015

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently
Nathaniel Husband and Urvi Bavaji.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

DECEMBER

- 5 Christian Cooper
- 5 Isaac Kata
- 8 Otene McKay
- 9 Tamati Peters
- 16 Sofia-Moana Taelangi
- 19 Bailey Hall-Danilo
- 22 Elijah McKay
- 23 Manav Pillay
- 5 Emma Polglase
- 6 Jerome Rakoia Brown
- 9 April Samuelu
- 12 Harley Blair
- 18 Darius Bell
- 20 Sukhpreet Kaur
- 22 Kamryn-Ginny Rogers
- 23 Tyrone Smith

- 23 Cody Puru
- 24 Gabrielle Davies
- 25 Lloyd Baladad
- 26 Vaughn Rapana-Enosa
- 28 Abigail Mirko
- 30 Hector-Jack Saute
- 31 Sophie Smith
- 24 Sophie Glover Makata
- 24 Tynesha Scott
- 26 Demetri Carson
- 27 Kdeniya-Maraj Mackay-Nicholas
- 30 Remini Vitale
- 31 Ataahua Waaka-Iraia

JANUARY

- 1 C J Silab
- 2 Gizelle Henry
- 5 Kiran Singh
- 6 Sumsijah Prabakaran
- 7 Jese Caba
- 7 Karla Collins
- 8 Manaaki Thomson
- 10 Athina Shaba
- 11 Sofia Baker
- 12 Shanya Kumar
- 13 Tea London
- 15 Maraia Lunjevich
- 15 Pearlina Menke
- 17 Ansh Raj
- 18 Michaela Spyve
- 20 David Kako
- 21 Maria Pearse
- 21 Kiran Gill
- 23 Kaleb Hati-Ross
- 23 Cassandra Murray-Lynch
- 26 Nehemiah Vavau
- 27 Rupinder Kaur
- 28 Aviu Aviu
- 29 Shamah Vitale
- 30 Rhea Deo
- 1 Vivan Kumar
- 4 Christopher Martin
- 6 Kash Martin-Singh
- 6 Guneet Kaur Jassi
- 7 Coen Scott
- 8 Simrat Kaur
- 10 Leaia Faalafi
- 11 Jasmine Kaur
- 12 Aiislin Jorgensen
- 13 Vinayak Sharma
- 14 Luke Eramiha
- 15 Samuel Honey
- 16 Nishchal Goundar
- 17 Navjot Singh
- 19 Avikesh Prasad
- 20 Zabhi Muhammad
- 21 Zellas Uatisone
- 22 Mary-Anne Leslie-Nua
- 23 Karlos Hati-Ross
- 25 Reason Cooper
- 27 McKenzy Martin
- 27 Ramsina Shaba
- 28 Alexander Tai-Rakena
- 30 Layken Attwater
- 31 Ashleigh Cooper



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

- R1 Harjeevan Singh
- R3 Jasleen Mahli
- R5 Esheeta Kumar
- R7 Kingston Jack
- R9 Noah Afakasi
- R11 Khushi Rayat
- R13 Ashleigh Soloman
- R15 Manmeet Singh
- R17 Shanya Kumar
- R19 Gauravpreet Singh
- R21 Zivana Hafoka
- R24 Navam Sharam
- R2 Viva Friend
- R4 Renee Scofield
- R6 Jayda Dalton
- R8 Komalpreet Kaur
- R10 Vinesh Kumar
- R12 Mikayla Haare
- R14 Aidan Hunt
- R16 Hare Hemopo
- R18 Jadyrn Wordsworth
- R20 Vanessa Chau
- R23 Josiah Cookson

YEAR SIX

VALEDICTIONS

What a wild ride it's been at Manurewa Central School. I've been held up by speed bumps but have kept trying and I've learnt from my mistakes.

I'd like to thank Mrs Tombolato for teaching me to count and learning to write, also learning poems, my alphabet and writing my name. I'd also like to thank Miss Cameron for helping me with my maths. A very big thanks to Mrs McHaffie-Green for getting me ready for intermediate by teaching me to play hockey, learning my passing skills and art. I've loved art for years and Mrs McHaffie-Green has just shown me more techniques in painting and making me love it even more. Mrs McHaffie-Green taught me to learn to write properly with slope, flicks and linking.

My experience at Manurewa Central School has been amazing. I've loved every class that I've been in and have learned a lot of things. The most important one has been "Effort Brings Reward" and I'll always have it in my heart.

Madison Denton-Priest Room 10

I am so lucky to have amazing memories that make saying goodbye so hard...

I can't believe how quickly these last two years have flown by. Well I was so thankful that I had Miss McHugh who helped me with my first year in the wonderful senior school. She had taught me the right things such as how to be an independent learner.

I was unsure about this year. I had no idea who the teacher was until I finally met her and she was full of new and wonderful ideas. Miss Cameron made me learn and understand new ways to do creative things. Miss Cameron completed my final year. She is an important part in my time at Manurewa Central School.

What about the time I was holding my science board and the wind came and blew it into Tomilea's face or the time when Miss Cameron asked me what I've done silly this year and everyone started laughing.

The thing I was so excited about is being a TREMENDOUS house captain. It has shown me how to be a great leader. I have learnt to always

be on time and do what is expected from me.

Mrs Brown has done a lot for me. She has taught me to be a responsible librarian and told me how to respect everyone and everything.

I can't forget about that amazing lesson Miss Lindsay taught me. She left me with a great saying "With great power comes great responsibility" that will stay with me forever.

As for Mrs Dibben and Mr Thew, you have taught me about respect, integrity, diversity and excellence and the three spectacular words "Effort Brings Reward".

To all the teachers and classmates I have had in my life, thank you. All of you have contributed to who I am today, and all though I am far from perfect, I believe that I am a much better person than the person I would have been had I not met all of you.

It's time to say bye and say hello to a new adventure.

Rhea Deo Room 11

It was the start of a big learning curve that I was going to be on for the next six years. It was 2009 and I was going to be here until 2014! What a scary thought to have.

I remember stepping up the room 1 steps, losing my confidence by the second. I opened the door and BOOM! Suddenly I saw a whole group of kids making lots of noise. I moved in breathing in the air. It had a new classroom smell. For the first couple of weeks it was bad as I sobbed for mum every morning. Confidence grew as the year went on. A chemistry developed between my class and the teacher.

The years were going so fast and I was suddenly going to the senior school with so many things to look forward to.

However, change occurred. I missed year 5 as I had to go to another school. But that was short-lived! Year 6 has brought so many responsibilities and privileges and you always have to fulfil them. Sports were one of my main priorities beside education when I came back. I wanted to get into the soccer, swimming and cross country and did that with touch as well. I had so much fun and learnt a lot during these sporting events. Mr Baird coached me in all of these events and he was great. He always wanted the best out of us.

Manurewa Central School has been amazing. I'm sure there never would have been a better school in South Auckland or even Auckland. My teacher, Miss McHugh, is amazing. I'm proud to say I went to this school. **Brooklyn Baker Room 12**

Throughout my whole life I have been to three schools, not including Manurewa Central. The last three schools I have been to didn't give me a once in a lifetime feeling like Manurewa Central. Somehow I knew that Manurewa Central School was going to be different. The first time I walked through those big green gates I was shy and felt lost.

Over my first year as a year five, I had grown in confidence and learnt new skills. I also made friends that I will never forget and always keep in my heart.

Then when I was a year six I had a big responsibility as a school councillor. Being a school councillor was a big honour. I want to thank Miss McHugh and Mrs Brown, for all their hard work teaching me and guiding me. I also want to thank Mrs Dibben and Mr Thew for supporting me along the way. This school has given me experiences that I will never forget. The best part about Central was the range of sports they had. The sport that I enjoyed the most was volleyball. I was part of the interschool team two years in a row. I also liked the variety of leadership opportunities there is in the school. Being a school councillor is one of them, the others are house captains, computer monitors and librarians.

I am very sad to leave this school and move on to intermediate. I will look back at my years at Manurewa Central School with a big smile on my face. Again I say I am very sad to leave, but when I go I will remember the school motto. "EFFORT BRINGS REWARD."
Kamenieli Aria Room 13

Wow this was a fast year at Manurewa Central School and sadly this is also my last year. MCS cleared that misty pathway and luckily I made it to the end of the year like magic! I have enjoyed some things like being a librarian, joining the girls' soccer team and lastly being a part of Outdoor Education Week.

I have been a librarian since the start of the year and I loved it. It was a great experience for me. It was a hard job, reading to small kids, putting books in the correct places, scanning and returning books, turning the computers off and the hardest job is chasing after kids that leave their books and hats. Mrs Brown taught us how to be a librarian.

My friends and I wanted to be in this exciting event that our teacher was taking, Mr Baird our coach and teacher taught us how to play soccer the professional way. We were ranked 7th place at the interschool girls soccer tournament and had an awesome day.

For Outdoor Education Week I went on the harbour cruise with my dad, it was an exciting trip for me as I had never been on a boat in New Zealand. It took one hour to go to the island, there were also 3 decks so we were interested and occupied.

I have enjoyed being at Manurewa Central School and hopefully I come back and become a teacher here and thanks to all those people who have helped me. **Kristy Kumar Room 14**

Outdoor Education is one of the most vivid memories I have of year 6, especially Rock Climbing. Before that, I was afraid of heights. A few metres and I would get ... vertigo? Then when I went to Rock climbing, I looked around for an easy wall. It was pretty easy. I just didn't look down. As soon as I looked down, I fell off. Luckily I had a harness attached. I went around all the courses and remembered that I was safe.

If I was to choose a golden age of this school, I would pick the middle school. There, I created the extremely long book. It only had 48 pages. It was full of writing and drawings. I also drew comics, about a dozen of them. They were usually 3 pages long, in black and white. I had no social life back then. I also wrote 30 pages of quotes. I got to page 26 when I realised that it was a bad idea. I threw it in the trash. **Nga Nguyen Room 15**

Merry Christmas

