

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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5 March 2010 Name.....

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

Thank you to everyone who has been able to attend our parent teacher meetings and sports' events over recent weeks. We have had a busy time with swimming sports, interschool cricket, preparations for the senior school outdoor education week and our Life Education programme.

I thank everyone who has contributed to a very successful beginning to 2010.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

You may have seen, or heard the publicity this week regarding truancy and absenteeism in New Zealand schools. This has become a serious issue nationwide because poor attendance has a serious impact on a child's learning.

By national standards the overall attendance of pupils at our school is very good. However, there are a number of individual students whose attendance does cause concern.

It is a legal requirement that children attend school every day unless they are sick. School staff will be following up on all cases where a child has a large number of absences. This follow up may include a telephone call, a letter from the school or a home visit from the District Truancy Service to discuss the matter.

I also stress the importance of regular attendance for our younger children. Pupils at five and six years of age are learning rapidly and even one day missed is a day lost forever.

Lastly I ask that children are not collected early from school except in emergency situations. At times it may be convenient for parents but to miss even part of an afternoon is disruptive and upsets the learning process.

Thank you for your help with this very important issue.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Many parents will be aware that our school has an extensive and popular website maintained by Mrs Patsy France. This site contains samples of children's work and school photographs including class photos.

Although the photographs have proven popular there may be some parents who do not want their child's identity made public on the internet. If you do not wish to have your child's photograph on the website please notify the principal in writing. No reason needs to be given.

## BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

A brief reminder that the Bible in School programme (9am to 9.30am on Wednesday for Years 3 to 6) is optional. If you do not want your child involved in this Christian based programme please inform your child's teacher in writing.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following students who have been selected as school councillors for 2010. I know they will be excellent leaders and role models for other pupils.

Navshina Moeen  
Kanu Priya Lalia  
Ben Paku  
Connor Blackburn

Alexus Kaing  
Victoria Black  
Eucharist Ieremia  
Vishay Prasad

## BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Board elections are held every three years and this is the year parents or caregivers are given the chance to stand for Board membership and vote for the people you wish to represent you.

### Dates:

15 March nominations posted to everyone on our school roll.

23 April (noon) nominations close.

Soon after nominations close, voting forms will be posted to people on the school roll.

7 May Voting closes

Please note that the main school roll is available for viewing at the school office. New parents will go on to a supplementary roll which closes on 21 April.

If you would like to support the school by standing for the Board please ensure a nomination is made. If you would like to discuss anything about what is involved please feel free to phone me on 269 0250 or Chris Ward our current Board Chairperson on 272 0258 (work phone).

Thank you.

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### March

10 Linda Biggs' parent support group meeting 1.30pm Manurewa Central School. Topic: "Helping Children become great readers". All welcome.

11 Junior school visit to Aotea Centre to see 'Pasifika Heartbeat'.

12 Interschool cricket MCS v Clendon Park

12 Literacy meeting for parents of 2010 new entrants. Manurewa Central School 2pm – 3pm.

15-19 Senior school outdoor education week.

15 Board of Trustees' monthly meeting 7pm.

23 Interschool cricket MCS v Hillpark

25 Linda Biggs' parent support group meeting 9 to 12 noon Manurewa Central School. Topic: Sibling Rivalry. All welcome.

26 Class and group photographs taken.

26 Next newsletter.

### APRIL

1 School closes at 3pm to end Term 1 (Thursday).

Term 2 begins on Monday, 19 April.

## **Welcome**

*To pupils who have joined us recently*

Julia Lemoa, Chontelle Knight, Harleen Bhathal, Jamiel Te Wharau, Hannah Banatu, Mia Puru, Suraj Singh, Lucca Smith, Kiran Singh, Ranvir Singh, Khushi Rayat, Gabrielle Salazar, Felicity Dowden, Manveer Singh, Mark Ball, Jason Martin.

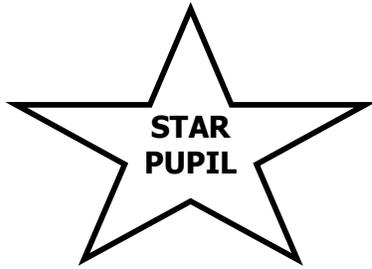
## **Happy Birthday**

To people who have a special day about now.



### MARCH

5 Joshua Anderson	5 Aman Preet Kaur
6 Noah Singe	6 Hamish Trembath
7 Xanthe Paku	8 Julia Lemoa
9 Benjamin Tse	12 Jorja Malesala
12 Siolebronne Pearson	15 Miri Kolazar
17 Abby de Bruin	17 Vayshali Prasad
17 Isaac Uluheua	18 Roseanne Son
19 Amanda Tchikha	20 Sahilpreet Singh
20 Astyn Smart	21 Tyler Dance
21 Moishna Moeen	22 Makayla Gurnick
23 Max Richards	23 Justin Tiai
23 Amber Wareham	24 Samuel Megson
24 Bridget Ong	25 Summer Tamihere



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

R1 Elizabeth Latu	R3 Richard Cole
R4 Dedrick Sione	R5 Brooklyn Baker
R6 Max Richards	R7 Isaac Uluheua
R8 Nathan Nuku	R9 Sinead Miller
R10 Alora May	R11 Leonie Te Whiu
R12 Waitangi Park	R13 Bridget Ong
R14 Abdul Rahman Khalaf	R15 Tyler Dance
R16 Jeiven Puru-Time	R17 William Do
R18 John Chen	R19 Gulab Yadav
R20 Parambir Singh	R21 Moishna Moeen
R23 Elijah Miller	

## ROOM NEWS

### ROOM 4

We went to visit Harold the giraffe this week in the Life Education caravan. He was talking to us about how to be a good friend. Good friends care and share. If we see someone who is sad or hurt we help them to feel better. Harold also told us about healthy eating. We need lots of yummy vegetables, milk and meat to make us strong and healthy.

### ROOM 6

We have been writing about ourselves, our families and our friends. Here are some of our stories about our grandparents.

#### *My Grandad and Grandma.*

My Grandad and Grandma live in Fiji. I like them because my Grandma loves to cook some food and my Grandad is a good gardener. *Ayush*

#### *My Grandpa*

I have a grandpa. He plants flowers. My Grandpa plays with me and reads stories at night. *Jasmit*

#### *My Grandad*

My Grandad makes pancakes and strawberry cookies and ice blocks. I go home and love my Grandad. I love my Grandad because he is good at cooking.

*Owen*

### ROOM 8

We went to see an awesome fellow called Harold the giraffe. He taught us how to be safe on the playground, on the road and by the footpath. Michelle was Harold's friend. She brought the big trailer to our school. The trailer was lots of fun and magical. There were even shooting stars!

### ROOM 10

Recently we went inside Harold's classroom and we learnt about the human body and how the brain controls the body parts. Harold and Michelle taught us how the brain sends messages. The brain sends pulses to the other body parts which go as fast as 200 – 250 kph. Some of the pulses tell the body parts what to do. The heart is very important to our body because if we didn't have a heart our blood would go all the way down to our legs and we would keep falling over.

*Matthew Foy and Zaeem Mohammed*



### ROOM 12

Did you know that when you clench your fists together it shows how big our brain is? Did you know that the brain usually sends 200 messages per second? We learnt many other fascinating facts about our brain and how it works through our lessons with Michelle, who is with the Life Education programme. It was great being inside the mobile classroom and even Harold the giraffe made an appearance. We had two lessons with Michelle and both of them were very interesting. Well did you know that the brain is always working even when you're asleep?

### ROOM 14

Recently we have been learning about the human body. Last week we went into the Life Education caravan and learnt all about our body and our organs, but mostly about our brain. Did you know that your brain can send over 20,000 messages at once?

A few weeks ago, we were also focusing on water and how it gets cleaned. We had to make our own filters by trying to turn oily, dirty, germ-filled water into clean, pure water.

We have also been practising our swimming skills every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday so that we were ready for swimming sports.

We have been very busy in Room 14 for the last few weeks as you can see.

*Abdul Khalaf*

### ROOM 16

We have had a great start to the year! We have been doing all sorts of interesting things. We have been working hard on our swimming, especially our freestyle arms and breathing under water. We had a great time at the middle school swimming sports with lots of races and fun activities and we even got some ice cream.

We have also been learning all about ourselves and our class. We have made some wonderful collage t-shirts that we have hung in our room. Come and see them. *Navneet and Leilani*

### ROOM 18

What a busy five weeks we have had in Room 18. We started the year by creating colourful portraits of ourselves to make a flower garden on our classroom wall. We decorated the stems with a collage of all the things we like. We also created a class treaty and a time capsule which we will open at the end of the year.

We have enjoyed participating in special events such as the Duffy show, Life Education and the middle school swimming sports. We are all loving swimming and have made huge improvements. We are

looking forward to many more exciting things for the rest of the term.

*Tyler Branford and John Chen*

### ROOM 20

Hello everyone. We are really enjoying being back at school because we have been doing many interesting and exciting things. We swim regularly and last week we had our swimming sports, which were lots of fun.

We are drawing our self portraits. Our faces are the centre of flowers because just as buds bloom when they grow, so too will we, when we learn. We are also creating trees which convey some information about us. The trees are named after us. e.g. The Ramina Tree.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Notice from Manurewa Police

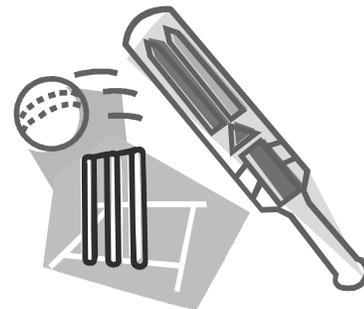
Over the next few weeks Manurewa Police will be monitoring illegal stopping and parking around Manurewa schools. This will happen at 9am and 3pm when traffic congestion is a particular concern. Infringement tickets may be issued without warning.

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### ALFRISTON HOCKEY

Alfriston Hockey is now mustering. Senior, secondary school, women's and mixed junior teams. All skill levels! Email [alfristonhockey@hotmail.com](mailto:alfristonhockey@hotmail.com) or call 09 298 0538.

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### STOP PRESS

Well done to our school cricket team and their coach Miss McHugh. They won a very close game against Hillpark School 77 runs to 75.