

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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5 November 2010 Name.....

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

We have had several wonderful events over the last few weeks.

Our Pasefika evenings showed our students' wonderful talents and all performers did their whanau and school proud. Thank you also to our enthusiastic and appreciative audiences who clearly loved every minute of the performances.

We also had very appreciative and supportive visitors to our "Greats and Grands" afternoon. This certainly was a wonderful time for all of us and I thank our students and staff for the care they took hosting our special guests. It was also pleasing that the Manurewa Parents' Hub raised nearly \$500 from their lunchtime sausage sizzle.

"Red and Black Day" was a special day when our students dressed up and raised money for their fellow pupils in Canterbury schools. We raised \$738.00 which has been forwarded to the Auckland Principals' Association (APPA). At last count Auckland schools had raised over \$30,000 for schools affected by the Christchurch earthquake.

SUNHATS

Summer is approaching and teachers are now working to get all children in sunhats before they go outside. Please ensure your child has a named sunhat. This will help keep everyone safe on sunny days.

SCHOOL DONATION

Thank you to everyone who has paid this year. Term 4 donations are now due and may be paid at the school office at any time. This donation has remained for many years at \$40 per child, per year (or \$10 per term).

This equates to \$1 per school week but is very helpful in enhancing the excellent equipment and facilities available to your children.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011

Over the next month pupil evaluations will be completed and class lists drafted for 2011.

Class organisation for next year will continue as for this year. Children in Years 3 to 6 will be placed in mixed classes which will have a two year range in each room. This arrangement provides younger children with the opportunity to work with, and learn from, their older classmates. In time they become the older role models and thus have the opportunity to take on a leadership role.

As a rule, children are deliberately placed with a new teacher each year. This allows pupils to experience a range of teacher strengths and interests as they move through their time at school. Only in exceptional circumstances would a child have the same teacher for two years.

All classes from Years 3 to 6 are "mixed ability". This means there is no "top class" and all groups are expected to reach similar achievement levels.

In the junior school (Years 1 and 2) all five year olds begin in a reception class taken by Mrs Tombolato (Room 1). Children are grouped according to literacy achievement and move classrooms according to individual progress.

After approximately two years at school children are classified Year 3 and move to the middle school.

Annual class placements are decided by very experienced team leaders who know the children very well. Consequently most placements are straight forward. However, staff will approach parents as required.

If you have information that you think would assist this process please let us know by contacting the appropriate teacher by the end of November. The teachers are Mrs Schroeder (junior school), Mrs Sowden (middle school) and Miss Lindsay (senior school). The school number is 269 0250.

Please note that phone calls are only necessary in special cases. Parents are not able to request specific class placements as this is ultimately the responsibility of the school.

Thank you.
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IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- 8 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 9 Interschool softball
- 18 Senior school athletics 10am
- 24 Bible in school finishes for 2010
- 26 Next newsletter

DECEMBER

- 3 Middle School final assembly 9.30am
- 7 Junior School final assembly 9.30am
- 8 Middle school athletics 9.30am
- 10 Junior school athletics 9.30am
- 13 Year six graduation 6pm
- 16 Senior school prize giving
- School closes for 2010 on Thursday, 16 December 2010 at 3 o'clock.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Adi Caba, Brodey Goodall, Kulneet Grover,
Brock Jenkins, Mehar Kaur.

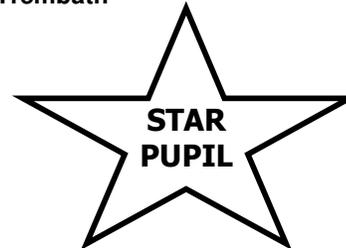
Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.



NOVEMBER

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| 5 Malama Ieremia | 5 Mark Pearse |
| 5 Ursula Te Wharau | 6 Aayah Al-Abri |
| 6 Bobby-Jo Lushai | 6 Monica Tang |
| 7 Jasmine Faust | 10 Joshua Bennett |
| 10 Surya Tejpal | 11 Achint Bhatti |
| 11 Nha Nguyen | 11 Penieli Vaisagote |
| 12 Lenica Ropati | 13 Hanson Chong |
| 14 Elijah Miller | 14 Ariki Taka |
| 17 Kiani Marshall | 18 Brenden Foy |
| 18 Jasmin Holden-Whiu | 18 Mikala Hope |
| 19 William Do | 20 Pranav Gulati |
| 20 Zaem Mohammed | 20 Lauren Pickering |
| 20 Jin Hui Wang | 21 Ashweta Deo |
| 23 Tau Tuipulotu | 25 Elizabeth Latu |
| 25 Llexis Trembath | |



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 Willow Motuliki | R2 Mia Puru |
| R3 Kelly-Jo Meha | R4 Anna Tran |
| R5 Jonathan Kumar | R6 Amanda Tchikha |
| R7 Glazcious Phares Vaega | R8 Steffi Webb-Butler |
| R9 Tomilea Bourke | R10 Vincent Alexander |
| R11 Gaurav Singh | R12 Hanson Chong |
| R13 Camella Son | R14 Connor Hitchman |
| R15 Yogita Sharma | R16 Malama Ieremia |
| R17 Kallani-Jayde Rogers | R18 Garry Singh |
| R19 Mya Talaimanu | R20 Rachel Douglas |
| R21 Tisha Naicker | R23 Joana Malewa |
| R24 Chloe Alexander | |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

At the zoo I saw the elephant wash her body and spray sand all over herself. The meerkat was checking out the baby in the basket. The tiger was eating meat with his sharp teeth. The peacock turned around to show us his eyes and his beautiful feathers.

Luke Brooks

At the zoo I saw the tiger eating meat to get protein to make him big. The meerkat was looking for baby. The sea lion was swimming in the water. He was turning around and swimming upside down.

Jasmine Khauv

ROOM 3

We performed an amazing dance for the Greats' and Grands' day called the waving flag. Each of us had a flag representing the country we belong to. We had flags of Iraq, Syria, India, China, New Zealand, the All Blacks and the Maori flag.

ROOM 5

On Monday morning we went to the zoo to see the animals. We saw the lions and the tigers sleeping on the rocks and grass.

We are learning about water. The tigers use water to swim in. The water was deep and clean. The rhino needs water to keep clean and cool. He likes mud to put on his skin to keep the sun off his skin. The sea lion needs water to swim in. They swim fast in the water and they do fast flicks. They are very clever swimmers. The zoo needs lots of water or the animals will die.

ROOM 7

We have been doing lots of things in science about our water topic. Did you know that if you sponge salty water onto black paper and then let it dry it turns into sparkly salt crystals? We made pictures of stars in a night sky. We were all really amazed as we watched the crystals appear.

Some of us even thought they looked like diamonds. We are all looking forward to doing more experiments.

ROOM 9

Room 9 children are very pleased to hear that Mrs Simpson is at home now after her accident and is recovering well. We miss her and hope to see her soon. At this time of year skipping is our focus and our skipping skills are improving as we practise.

ROOM 11

What an amazing science investigation night! For the past seven weeks the senior and middle schools have been working hard on our science investigations. Most of the topics in our class were about growing something or freezing something. One of our favourites was an original idea by Ben about finding which temperature helps glow sticks glow the longest. He found out that the colder the glow stick the longer it will glow.

ROOM 13

On Sunday 31 October a group of 27 children from Manurewa Central School went to the TelstraClear Pacific Events' Centre to see the Manukau Symphony Orchestra play their music. We listened to some brilliant music being played by the orchestra. We heard Peter and the Wolf and music from the Lord of the Rings and Indiana Jones. Peter and the Wolf was narrated by Helen Medlyn. She had a very expressive voice and it was amazing listening to her. To be able to have the opportunity to listen to some fantastic musicians was a fantastic experience.

Alexus Kaing, Hayley

Sephton & Maelesa Chester.

ROOM 15

I'd never heard of science investigations before. So each time I went to my English language class I worked on my investigation. I chose the topic, "Which liquid melts first?" I used Coca Cola, water, orange juice, blue milk, green milk and tomato sauce. My hypothesis (this is what I thought would happen) was that Coke would melt first because it contains gas.

Doing the science investigation taught me to follow a method to find the answer to my question. I feel proud of my work even though the Coke didn't melt first.

Shivnal Lal

ROOM 17

Kia ora. Hmmm why is water so important to have around us? If Auckland was without water for a week what would happen? Do you know? Well we have been looking for the answer. We have learnt about the water cycle. So far we've done experiments on evaporation, precipitation and condensation.

Julia Lemoa and William Do

ROOM 19

We have had a fantastic term so far. We had Red and Black Day, Grandparents' Day, our science investigations and our exciting trip to Kelly Tarlton's. We went there because we were learning about water. Did you know that there is always the same amount of water on the Earth and that only one percent of that water is drinkable?

At Kelly Tarlton's there were penguins, sharks and all kinds of sea animals. One group was even lucky enough to see a penguin egg hatch! Raven said it was the cutest penguin she'd ever seen. We had a fantastic time at Kelly Tarlton's and it was the best trip Room 19 has had so far.

Divikesh Prasad & Aaron Lew

ROOM 21

Recently our class went on a trip to Kelly Tarlton's and had a fabulous time. We enjoyed the penguins and some groups had the exciting experience of seeing an egg hatch. The stingray feeding was also amazing to watch. The trainer said that they won't sting unless they are frightened.

We finished our day off with a terrific afternoon at Mission Bay. After we ate lunch we made sandcastles, climbed pohutukawa trees and played in the water. Some of us think it was the best trip ever.

ROOM 23

What a busy term we have had so far! The zoo trip has been a highlight and we were lucky enough to get a class photo to take home. Our focus at the zoo was seeing how water is used there. There are many uses for water. Come and look at our powerpoint documents about water. We inserted pictures and words into our document. They look wonderful!



Our Duffy programme has been buzzing this term. Three grandparents were 'Caught Being Good' and last Friday at our Greats' and Grands' Day 3 fabulous books were presented to 3 amazing grandparents.

Congratulations to Mrs Dalton, Brooke's (R6) nana, Mrs Donovan, Alana's (R21) grandmother and Mrs Lyn Browne, Savana's (R13) nana.

On Tuesday, a past pupil, Maad spoke at a Young Leaders' assembly for our senior students. Maad spoke briefly about his goals, his achievements and how important reading is to him.

The \$5 Parent Book Offer is here again. Brochures were sent home on Monday. This is a wonderful chance to buy books for your home library, for Christmas gifts or to put away for birthday presents for next year. The last day for orders is Tuesday, 9 November.

Remember: It's cool to read and it's cool to achieve.

Community Notices

HEAD LICE PRODUCT

Nit-Enz is so easy and half the price of other natural head lice products! \$15.35 NIT-ENZ Certified Organic Shampoo 225ml (will last approx a school term when used as directed)! \$10.20 NIT-ENZ Head Lice Repellent Hair Gel 200ml or Hair Spray 165ml. Use as a normal shampoo twice a week, normal conditioner afterwards, and you won't have to worry about head lice again! Nit-Enz is NOW available from Southmall New World or for further details visit www.nit-enz.com.