

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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6 November 2009 Name.....

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

Thank you to parents and whanau who returned our parent survey questionnaire. Results will be collated over the next few weeks and reported in a future newsletter. Comments and suggestions will be considered when 2010 planning is developed.

If you have not completed a questionnaire and would like to, please do so early next week. Thank you.

“SHOWCASING OUR STUDENTS’ TALENTS”

Congratulations to everyone involved in presenting these two wonderful evenings. Our students showcased their talents with skill, commitment and a great deal of pride. It was also pleasing to see the wonderful enjoyment displayed by those fortunate enough to be in the audience. I was particularly pleased with the incredible variety of talent shown. Our pupils certainly have a huge range of activities to get involved in.

On behalf of all parents I thank our staff for giving students these opportunities and for ensuring the standard was extremely high. Well done everyone. Effort does indeed bring reward.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Results have been received for the International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) in both English and mathematics run by the University of New South Wales.

Well done to everyone who sat these demanding tests. Special congratulations go to the following high achievers.

English

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6 Angela Gordon, Cathy Stainthorpe

Credit (Top 30% of NZ students)

Year 6 Tessa Bruce, Prarthita Dasgupta,
Chloe Edds, Ezra Lava,
Eric Pedrido, Jared Sephton,
Izaak Tele, Ryan Waterworth.

Year 5 Connor Blackburn, Eucharist

Ieremia, Alexis Kaing, Abdul
Khalaf, Caitlyn Notley, Samantha
Oh, Vishay Prasad.

Mathematics

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6 Izaak Tele

Year 5 Alora May

Credit (Top 30% of NZ students)

Year 6 Yatin Gulati, Kashish Gupta, Maile
Guttenbeil, Rose Johnson, Cassidy
Ngaika, Braden Robins, Jared
Sephton, Cathy Stainthorpe,
Madison Sturt.

Year 5 Connor Blackburn, Tyler Dance,

Abdul Khalaf, Vishay Prasad,
Jasmeet Singh.

SUNHATS

Summer is approaching and teachers are now endeavouring to get all children in sunhats before they go outside. Please ensure your child has a named sunhat at school. This will help everyone to keep 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 2010

Over the next month pupil evaluations will be completed and class lists drafted for 2010.

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

As a rule children are deliberately placed with a different teacher each year. This allows pupils to experience a range of teacher strengths and interests as they proceed 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 also of "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 then grouped according to literacy levels and move classrooms according to individual progress.

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

Annual class placements are carried out by very experienced senior teachers who know children extremely well. Consequently most assignments are straight forward. However, staff will approach parents as required.

If you have information you think would assist this process please let us know by contacting the appropriate teacher before

27 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 cannot request specific class placements as this is ultimately the responsibility of the school.

Thank you
L Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

10 Softball field day
16 Board of Trustees' meeting. 7pm
24 Hockey field day
25 Bible in School finishes for 2009
27 Next newsletter

DECEMBER

4 Years 3 and 4 end of year assembly
4 Student files of work home (Yrs 3-6)
8 Junior school end of year assembly
9 Student reports home
14 Year 6 students' graduation evening
17 Senior school prize giving assembly
17 School closes at 3pm for summer holidays.

The first day at school for 2010 is Wednesday, 3 February.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently
Liam Dixon-Williams, Kelly-Jo Meha, Pinda Singh, Marion Karimo, Lily Husband, Melody Husband.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

NOVEMBER

6 Aayah Al-Abri
6 Monica Tang
6 Bobby-Jo Lushai
7 Jasmine Faust
7 Matthew Garrick
10 Joshua Bennett



10 Surya Tejpal	11 Achint Bhatti
11 Nha Nguyen	11 Penieli Vaisagote
12 Ella Beattie	12 Lenica Ropati
13 Hanson Chong	14 Ariki Taka
16 Daniel McRae	17 Tamzin Johnson
17 Kiani Marshall	17 Elizabeth Soo Choon
18 Brenden Foy	18 Mikala Hope
18 Elise Phillips	19 William Do
20 Zaeem Mohammed	20 Lauren Pickering
20 Wyatt Proffitt	20 Jin Hui Wang
21 Ashweta Deo	23 Tau Tuipulotu
24 Samarth Khanna	26 Namrata Chand



The following students have been recognised by their class teachers as particularly worthy of special mention.

R1 Aidan Hunt	R2 Zane Hills
R3 Gurleen Kaur	R4 Antony Chester
R5 Vinesh Kumar	R6 Conor Scott
R7 N'Kastro Mortenson	R8 Zane Moran
R9 May Dong	R10 Yarnis Breach
R11 Prarthita Dasgupta	R12 Jaspreet Kaur
R13 Ryan Waterworth	R14 Cassidy Ngaika
R15 Harjot Sodhi Singh	
R16 D'Cody Mortenson	
R17 Prabjit Kaur	R18 Daeun Jung
R19 Jasmin Singh	R20 Joseph Oti George
R21 Jason Phung	R22 Muna Vete
R23 Robin Dhaliwal	

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

Iron Brion told us to eat healthy food like vegetables and milk so we will grow big and strong. *Emma Billings*

Iron Brion told us to eat good food to have energy to run fast and play with our friends at the park. *Levi Rota Leggan*

Iron Brion gave us a delicious hamburger. It had meat, tomato and lettuce. I ate it all up. *Ariana Te Whui*

ROOM 3

We had a very special visitor to our school, Iron Brion. He taught us the four important elements needed in our daily diet.

1. Iron that we get from our red meat such as from beef and lamb.
2. Minerals that we get from our 5 fruits and vegetables.
3. Calcium from our milk and milk products.
4. Carbohydrates from our bread and cereals.

We got given a free, healthy burger. It was yummy.

ROOM 5

Iron Brion came to our school. He told us about how to stay healthy. We need to eat a balanced diet. We should eat fruit and vegetables, also milk and dairy products. We need to eat beef and lamb to grow strong and healthy. We need iron for our blood and to stay alive. We need to eat cereals and breads for energy. Eating a good breakfast helps me concentrate and focus in school. At the end of the Iron Brion show we had hamburgers. *Jeremiah Mene*

ROOM 7

We have been busy interviewing people who work at Manurewa Central because we are learning all about the jobs they do. Some of us got to interview Mr Thew, Miss Lindsay, Mrs Schroeder and Mrs Ferguson. We had to come up with questions to ask and then use that information to write a statement. We have found out that everyone who works at our school has an important job to do to help the school run well. Some of us want to be a principal when we grow up because we get to have a big office.

ROOM 9

We are learning about seeds. We put seeds in water. Our seeds grew big. We peeled the coat off. We saw a root and a shoot. The root grows down and the shoot grows up. The white part inside is the food store. The seed was growing.

Do you know seeds travel in different ways? They can travel by wind, in water or catch a ride on an animal's fur! If the conditions are right they will grow where they land.

ROOM 11

Did you know that the most common cause of burns in our homes is from hot cups of coffee or drinks? Last week we listened and learned about burns and other effects fire or heat can have on us. It was interesting to learn that there are many dangers in our kitchens that can cause us to get burnt, from pot handles poking out to unattended cooking and hot water in the jug. So, remember if you do get burnt, put the area under cold running water for 20 minutes and call the ambulance.

Rose & Caitlin

ROOM 13

We have been learning about first aid and burns. We have had two visitors to our room. One was Braden's dad. He is an ambulance driver and he showed us his kit and talked about his job. The other person was from the Burns' Society and she talked about burns and how to administer first aid to someone who has a burn.

On Wednesday night we had our science investigations' evening. Everyone worked really hard on their investigations and we learnt a great deal. Some investigations were based on rusty nails, chewing gum flavours, liquids freezing and growing plants. Some of them will be displayed in the school library for everyone to see.

Dakota Faalelea

ROOM 15

Konnichi wa, zhaoshanghao, bonjour, and guten tag. These are the greetings from the four languages we have learnt aspects of over the past four weeks. Ms Collard is teaching us how to greet and say the days of the week in different languages as an extension to our reading programme based on cultures. Did you know that Chinese and Japanese share many of the same characters? Our next task is to learn to count to ten in Japanese.

ROOM 17

We are having a wonderful term. We visited Ireland, Korea and Jamaica. Now we are buddying up to write reports on countries. We are emailing people from the USA and people in Antarctica to ask them questions. It was fun looking at their camp on a

webcam. We've also been playing scatterball for P.E. and we are getting good at encouraging each other. It's so much fun in Room 17! *Brenden, Isabella, Charm & Lusa*

ROOM 19

When we arrived at school after the holidays we were surprised to see a strange structure between Rooms 19, 20 and 21. It is our new sunshade. It looks amazing and it will mean we won't get sunburnt in summer and it will also shelter us from the rain when we do fitness as well.

Our trip to the Sikh Temple was really interesting. We learnt why the men wear turbans. The food we had to eat was delicious. My favourite was the rice and the naan bread. *Darius Te Wharau.*

ROOM 21

Last week we went to the Gurdwara Sikh Temple to learn about their culture. The Gurdwara Temple is in Great South Road in Manurewa. The temple is four years old and was built in 2005. We learnt that Sikhs are not allowed to shave their beards or cut their hair. They wear a special bracelet called the kara. We sat in lines on the floor and they gave us some delicious food to eat. The food is called kare, dahl, parshad, degh, choal and roti. We all ate so much our tummies were very full.

Jennifer and Harsimran

ROOM 23

We are excited to be Manurewa Central School's newest class! We have been working hard on colourful snakes and fish to brighten up our new room. We will be learning all about plants over the new few weeks. This week we have been learning about the special jobs the different parts of a plant do.



Duffy \$5 Parent Offer

Your child will have brought home a brochure for books you can purchase for \$5 each. This is an amazing offer and a wonderful opportunity to buy a book for family or friends for Christmas or just because you can't resist a bargain. Check it out! Orders close on 9 November.