

10 November 2017—Principal's News

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

Term 4 is nearly half over and we have only five busy weeks until the end of the school year.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Between now and 15 December we have a number of traditional and enjoyable school events to which you are invited.

Among these are our end of year assemblies that are special and always well attended. Dates follow in this newsletter and I suggest you put these in your calendar.

These assemblies are arranged to acknowledge our students and recognise their achievements throughout the year. It is a special time for our children and you are warmly invited. Parents of Junior School please note that this year we have two junior assemblies. Parents, caregivers and whanau of children in **Year 1/NE (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 25) are invited to attend on Thursday, 7 December at 9.30am.** Whanau of children in **Year 2 (Rooms 7, 22, 23 and 24) are invited on Friday, 8 December at 9.30am.** The programme at the two functions will be the same except that awards and certificates will be given to each year group at their assembly. Please note the correct dates in your diary and please remember to bring a cushion.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent questionnaire. Your views will be considered and incorporated in our 2018 Charter draft for Board of Trustees approval. Once accepted I will report back to you in 2018.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018

Over the next month evaluations will be considered and class lists drafted for 2018. Class organisation from Years 3 to 6 will continue to be in mixed classes with a two year range in each room. This arrangement provides younger children in the group with the opportunity to work with and learn from their older classmates. In time they become the older role models and have the opportunity to take a leadership role.

As a rule children are 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. In exceptional circumstances a child may be placed with the same teacher for two years.

All classes have a range of ability, interests and achievement levels. This means there is no "top class" and all classes are expected to reach similar levels of achievement. When children begin school at 5 they are placed in a reception class with a programme designed to settle them quickly to school routines and learning programmes. Children are eventually grouped according to reading and writing levels and move to a Year 1 class when ready.

Each year classroom placements are decided by our experienced teachers who know children very well. Consequently most placements are straight forward. However, staff will discuss individuals with parents when necessary.

If you have information about your child that you think would be helpful please contact the appropriate teacher by the end of November. These are Mrs Griffin (junior school), Mrs Sowden (middle school) and Mrs Dibben (senior school). The school number is 269 0250. Please note that contact is only necessary in special cases. Parents are not able to request a particular placement as this ultimately is the responsibility of the school.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 2018

You can help us plan for next year by letting us know if your child is not returning in 2017 (apart from Year 6 of course). Also if your child is going overseas and not returning for the first day of school on Wednesday, 31 January you must inform the school in writing. Children who simply do not turn up at school have to be removed from the school roll and consequently lose their place at school.

Thank you
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Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

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| 13 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm | 15 Science display Years 5/6
5.30 to 6.30pm |
| 24 All school library books returned | 29 Bible in school programme ceases |
| 29 Senior School 'Lets Celebrate' evening (Years 5 and 6) | |

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Aaria Stephanicic, Aatiana Stephanicic-Sanft, Eddie Fraser, Archie Hanipale, Harleen Masoun, Aadrita Tiwari.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

NOVEMBER

9 Komal Deo	9 Mikaera Ropata	11 Lachlan Gifkins
11 Sreyneang Sok	12 Joshua Diack	12 Bhakti Tiwari
12 Harman Sidhu	13Tamarua Nganu	13 Mohit Gulati
13 Caleb Hooker	13 Akash Singh	14 Sacha El-Hawati
14 Noah Afakasi	14 Mena Paul	15 Harleen Malhi
15 Daniel Otukolo	15 Caleb Cottee	15 Kingston Ah-You
16 Deahni Finau	17 Braithan Forster	18 Mamia Marsh
18 Raahil Kumar	18 Mehrab Singh	21 Aania Baloch
21 Ekamanreet Kaur	22 McKenzie Funaki-Sterling	25 Christian Solo
26 Nathanael Husband	27 Harlem Jacob	27 Makaylah Mangakahia
28 Will Toelau	28 Inise Malewa	30 Jasleen Malhi



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

R1 Xander Toailoa	R2 Ethan Jack	R3 Emersyn Ah Ching-Lava
R4 Shaan Skinner	R5 Mia Sinclair	R6 Benjamin Ward
R7 Grace Gao	R8 Faafua Faalafi	R9 Gurkeerat Singh
R10 Ashley Chand	R11 Kaitlyn Tanoa'i	R12 Sheneah Bayaban
R13 Guvind Dhaliwal	R14 Abbey Husband	R15 Grace Park
R16 Talia Parkes	R17 Joline Yin	R18 Raymond Ma
R19 Asher Diack	R20 Sienna Swepson	R21 Armaan Sandhu
R22 Taleisha Tong	R23 Aston Burrell	R24 Jacob Haigh
R25 Eva Sowden		

A reminder that if you would like to make your school donation through internet banking please use the following information:

Manurewa Central School BOT Bank Account - 12-3109-0012252-00
Particulars (*Child's Name*), Code (*Room No.*) Reference (*School Donation*)
A receipt for this money will be sent home with your child.

DECEMBER

- 1 School newsletter
- 1 Middle School (Years 3 and 4) end of year assembly 9.30am
- 4 Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
- 6 Year six graduation evening at Greenmeadows Intermediate
- 7 Junior school assembly for Year 1 students 9.30am
- 8 Junior school assembly for Year 2 students 9.30am
- 8 Student files of work home.
- 8 Student written reports home.
- 15 Senior school (Year 5 and 6) prizegiving assembly 9.30am
- 15 School closes for 2017 at 3pm to end 2017

School starts for 2018 on Wednesday, 31 January at 9am

Room News

ROOM 2

Friday is our favourite day as we have soccer with Coach Joe. To start, we play a warm up game called Traffic Lights and have to stop the ball with our tummies, knees or bottoms. Then when our bodies are warmed up, we go into teams and play soccer. There might be two, three or four balls at the same time. We have to chase the ball and get a goal or stop the other team from scoring a goal. It is fast, it is tricky but most of all, it is a lot of fun!

ROOM 4

Fabulous learning from Room 4. Our amazing tamariki have been learning their letter sounds and basic sight words through fun action songs. We love to sing and dance to learning clips and CDs. We are also very excited about learning our songs and dances for the end of year concert. Hope to see you there.

ROOM 6

We love being fit and active. We have been having soccer coaching with Joe from Manurewa Football Club. He has been showing us how we can be an All White just like Winston Reid. We have been learning to dribble the ball close so that the other team doesn't get it from us. Who knows maybe one day you will see one of us at the World Cup in 2038!

ROOM 8

We have been learning about how to be safe in the sun because summer is on it's way. We know the five ways to be sunsmart—slip on a t-shirt, slip under a shady tree, slop on some sunblock, slap on a hat and wrap on some sunglasses. We were very interested to learn that some animals use mud as sunblock to protect them from the sun. They need to be sunsmart just like us. When it is sunny we like going out to the field or the turf for sports games.

ROOM 10

Highlights of 2017
I've made a lot of new friends in this class who have helped me through hard spots and laughed with me in the good times. *Lachlan Smith*
Homework is always good because I learn new things and challenge my brain. *Zenith Jacobsen*
Being in Tupulaga was a highlight because I got to learn and understand more about my culture and learnt some island dancing. *Sophie Glover Makata*
I conquered my fear of heights when I went on the flying fox at Chosen Valley Camp. *Brendon Tse*
Art has been so much fun because I never knew you could do so much with paint, colours and patterns. *Tanishka Chetty*
Having Mrs McHaffie as a teacher as she pushes me to learning and to achieve my goals because she sees the potential in me. *Kaitlyn Tanoa'i*

ROOM 12

We have been learning about Mars. Mars is extremely cold but people want to go to Mars to see what it's like. If you go to Mars you will actually have to go through a lot of problems. First of all, there isn't that much water on Mars so you'll have to dig deep to find underground ice. Also because Mars is really cold plants won't grow. You will need to somehow make it a bit warmer. You will have to live in caves or in underground lava tubes to stop radiation and your shelter would need to be pressurised. Some people think these problems can be solved and people will travel to Mars by 2024. *Michaela and Reihana*

ROOM 14

There has been a busy start to the term in Room 14. We are exploring "How the World Works" through our focus on forces, notable scientists and elements. Next week we are looking forward to presenting our individual science investigations.

ROOM 16

So far this term Room 16 has been learning about wonderful things like, saving the environment, reducing, reusing and recycling. Plus we even learnt how to write a persuasive piece of writing. We have written about being for or against having school uniforms as well as arguing for or against plastic bags being banned in New Zealand. We have started practicing for the end of year production. We are all very excited and we can't wait to perform for everyone.

ROOM 18

We have been learning all about the topic "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". Did you know there is a great pacific garbage patch floating in the Pacific Ocean that is 2 times bigger than the size of Texas and is 10 metres deep? It is made mostly of plastic rubbish that has come from people's homes and businesses. There are 5 known garbage patches floating in the world's oceans. You can help by putting your rubbish in the correct bin and recycling and reusing as much as possible.

ROOM 20

At the moment we are learning how to save our world from being polluted and destroyed. Do you know you can reduce the amount of rubbish in landfills by composting, recycling and reusing many things? If we all do this our environment, humans, plants and animals will not only survive but thrive. Please think before you dispose of your rubbish and make a better choice. The middle school are also preparing for our end of year assembly. We are learning how to sing, dance and act. It's hard work but it will be worth it in the end.

ROOM 22

We have been learning about making healthy choices and how to calm ourselves down. Have you been down to the bush walk by Room 9? Take some time and have a walk through. You can hear birds chirping away and the sound of leaves rustling as the wind blows.

ROOM 24

We have a great Guy Fawkes night. Fireworks look like exploding beads scattering around the sky. *Arham Harman*
The fireworks look like diamonds and jewels sparkling in the dark night time sky. I could see fireworks explode in the sky like sparkles. They were vibrating the ground like an earthquake. *Samuel Gurit*
The fireworks were colourful and they were like fireflies glowing in the sky. The fireworks look like a waterfall of fire. *Robert*