

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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12 July 2013 Name.....

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

We have completed another busy and exciting term with many highlights. However, I am most pleased with the continuing good progress our children are making in their learning.

Earlier this year we completed our Year 3 to 6 testing programme and just this week I presented our Year 1 and 2 mid-year reading results to our Board of Trustees. Both Board reports reflected excellent progress across the school. This success in turn reflects the good work done by both home and school to ensure students are involved and persistent in their learning.

Effort does bring reward!

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT (ICAS)

Each year selected students from Years 5 and 6 are given the opportunity to participate in five academic competitions run by the University of New South Wales.

We congratulate all our students who work hard to prepare for these difficult tests that are run under strict examination conditions.

The first results for 2013 have been received. Well done to the following students who did particularly well.

### Computer Studies

**Distinction** (*Top 10% of NZ students*)

**Year 6** Stanley Brabazon, Alesha Kant, Jasleen Kaur, Tisha Naicker, Bradley Wingfield.

**Year 5** Kevan Lew, Zoraver Malhotra.

**Credit** (*Top 30% of NZ students*)

**Year 6** Jeremie Bayaban, William Do, Malama Ieremia, Amanda Nair, Arabella Pearse, Garry Singh, Sam Ward, Cole Wilkinson.

**Year 5** Jin Hui Wang

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

Our big fundraising activity for the year begins in the first week of next term.

Information will come home on Friday, 2 August. We ask that you assist your child with sponsorship and learning the answers to a wide range of interesting and challenging questions.

The big testing day is Wednesday, 14 August. I will keep you informed as to progress with fund raising once the sponsorship money comes in. It would be great if we could get close to the \$12,006 we raised last year.

## ICT UPDATE

Last term our Board of Trustees approved further funding for iPads to be used by students across the school. This brings the total number to around 120.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The Ministry of Education is very concerned at the number of children who are missing schooling on a regular basis. On any one day approximately 29,000 students in New Zealand are away from school without good reason. This, of course limits the learning of those children and causes them to fall behind their classmates.

The Ministry of Education is trialling a new tracking system to reduce absences and our school is part of this.

Attendance at school is required for two key reasons.

- It is a legal requirement that all children who are enrolled at school attend every school day. There are only two justifiable reasons for a child to be absent. One is if the child is sick and the other is if there is a family bereavement. Any other reason is an unjustifiable absence.
- The second reason to attend is to ensure learning continues as expected. A day

missed from school is a day lost and that time can never be regained. Please believe me when I say that every day does count.

Another important aspect of attendance is being punctual and completing the school day. Children should never be late and not leave early except in absolute emergencies. Again I stress that time out of school does matter.

Parents are asked that if a child is absent the school is to be contacted by 9am that morning. We are obliged to keep records of students who are absent, who arrive late or who leave early. Notification will be sent to the Ministry of Education (as we are required to do) when unjustifiable absences are a cause for concern.

I thank you for your support on this very important matter.

### **STUDENT REPORTS**

Mid-year student reports have been completed and will come home on Tuesday, 30 July.

Class teachers have put a great deal of thought and work into these reports which will give you your child's achievement levels and comments on effort. There is also an outline of the next learning steps in reading, writing and numeracy as well as suggestions as to what may be done at home to aid progress.

We will be offering the opportunity for meetings with teachers to discuss the contents of the reports. In some cases teachers will be requesting an interview.

Parent interviews will be held on Wednesday, 7 August between 3.30pm and 8pm. Please simply send the interview form in the report envelope back to school. Mrs Matich will allocate times on a first come first served basis.

**Thank you.**  
**L Thew – PRINCIPAL**

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

## **JULY**

- 29 School opens for Term 3.
- 30 Mid-Year reports home.

## **AUGUST**

- 2 General Knowledge-a-thon begins
- 7 Parent/teacher interviews
- 9 Individual and family portraits
- 9 Next school newsletter
- 12 Board of Trustees' meeting
- 14 General Knowledge-a-thon testing

Term 3 finishes on Friday, 27 September.

### **2014 Term Dates**

- Term 1 Tuesday, 4 February to Thursday, 17 April.
- Term 2 Monday, 5 May to Friday, 4 July
- Term 3 Monday, 21 July to Friday, 26 September
- Term 4 Monday, 13 October to Wednesday, 17 December

## **Welcome**

*To pupils who have joined us recently*  
Cameron Healey, Preceyis Samupo, Aporsa Viria, Kenneth Zhu.

## **Happy Birthday**

**To people who have a special day about now.**



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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 13 Denise Falelogi      | 13 Ashton Woodhouse       |
| 14 Andrew Tali          | 15 Jacinda Barnes         |
| 15 Ormy Kolazar         | 15 Nicole Mahongchai      |
| 17 Ella Lupan           | 17 Rishi Sharma           |
| 17 Trinity-Reine Spence | 19 Arnov Verma            |
| 20 Connah Pihama        | 21 Anaru Thomson          |
| 22 Phoenix Afakasi      | 23 Glazcious Phares Vaega |
| 23 Zyrus Uatisone       | 25 Rhys Stanley           |
| 26 Susana Malewa        | 26 Dylan Ross             |
| 27 Usaia Aria           | 27 Zoe Nelson             |
| 28 Naphnn Deng          | 30 Taumatina Natini       |
| 31 Olivia Polglase      | 31 Manmeet Singh          |

## **AUGUST**

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Xzavia Williams-Muir | 2 Rhys Tagi     |
| 3 Tarandeep Singh      | 3 James Zeng    |
| 4 Zoraver Malhotra     | 5 Tavita Moses  |
| 6 Richard Cole         | 7 Chloe Groves  |
| 7 Liam Miller          | 7 Dedrick Sione |
| 8 Emily Tchikha        |                 |



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

R1 Ayveah Mizziebo	R2 Masin Ormsby-White
R3 Baihlee Tu Pou	R4 Christian Solo
R5 Davina Aviu	R6 Esther Lemoa
R7 Michael Holden-Whiu	R8 Sarina West
R9 Mharsal Kaokao	R10 Tau Tuipuloto
R11 Tynesha Scott	R12 Leonie Renata-Green
R13 Conor Scott	R14 Xanthe Paku
R15 Peni Vaisagote	R16 Robin Dhaliwal
R17 Kalepo Faafeu	R18 Tangaroa-Jack Marsh
R19 Kaveni Caba	R20 Thea-Rose Willcocks
R21 Chance Tavita-Jackson	R23 Saurav Davendran
	R24 Zoe Cortes

## **ROOM NEWS**

### **ROOM 1**

I played the drum with my hands. I made music. It got louder when I hit it. I was happy. I danced to the music. *Cruz*

I played the drum. I banged the drum and it went bang, bang. I danced to the drums. I was so happy. *Christopher*

I went up on the stage to dance to the drums. I played the drum with my hands and it went bang, bang, bang. I was happy because I liked making music. *Aliyah*

### **ROOM 3**

There have been many exciting opportunities this term. Our visit to the local police station and the library was amazing. We also had lots of visitors. The firemen talked to us about being firewise, Ronald McDonald talked to us about road safety. The African drummers and the strike group showed their drumming skills. Harold the giraffe told us to be kind and safe in the playground. Wheels' Day was fun. We are now ready for our winter holiday.

### **ROOM 5**

Our class had an exciting trip to see Pippi Longstocking in Takapuna. Pippi Longstocking has red plaits that stand out and she has super powers. We loved her pet monkey Mr Nelson

too! We had a fabulous bus ride. We saw the Sky Tower and we went over the harbour bridge.

### **ROOM 7**

We had a fabulous time at Pippi Longstocking on Wednesday. The actors were so funny that we laughed lots and lots. We enjoyed the bus ride too as we got to see lots of things like the Sky Tower and the Tip Top factory.

### **ROOM 9**

We were so excited about going to see "Pippi Longstocking" at the Pumphouse Theatre on Wednesday. Pippi has fiery-red hair. She is an exciting kid because she does different things from other children. Pippi is 9 years old. Like Peter Pan, she doesn't want to grow up.

### **ROOM 11**

On 1 July, we travelled to MOTAT to learn about our topic, 'May the Force be With You'. We roamed the site, rode on a tram and learned about electricity. Did you know that old Victorian houses were as small as a modern living room? We learned lots of things and marvelled at different things that changed the course of history.

Term 2 was great and we know that Term 3 will be even better!

*Larizza Melendrez and  
Lafina-Eve Leslie-Nua.*

### **ROOM 13**

What a wonderful day we had at MOTAT. It was a day filled with excitement and learning. We met to find out where we were going first. We headed off to the education centre. We learnt that not all power sources are the same. We found out about solar power, wind turbines, batteries and hydro power.

*Apoiniva and Tisha*

### **ROOM 15**

We have learnt that there are two types of electricity. There is static electricity and there is electricity that flows in a current. We also have been to MOTAT to see how electricity can be made. We saw lots of different ways during our teacher-led session on the trip. Did you know that much of New Zealand's electricity comes from hydro dams? It is a renewable source of energy.

On Wednesday we read with the children of Room 17. It was fun to read to the younger children and share our Duffy books together.

### **ROOM 17**

We have been thinking about questions we have about things that fly. Here are some of them:

How much weight can a passenger plane carry?  
*Rhyan and Mehar.*

Who invented the use of auto-pilot in flying machines?  
*Aviu, Joseph and Usaia.*

How powerful does a motor need to be to spin the propellers of a helicopter?  
*Luke*

We are looking forward to finding out the answers to our questions.

### **ROOM 19**

What a great term we have had. During Maori Language Week we practised our rakau and we drew taniwha that looked very scary and creepy with their huge open mouths and jagged teeth.

This week we went to the Public library to learn even more about Matariki, the Maori new year. Our unit on flight is becoming very interesting. We have been learning about famous aviators and astronauts. Imagine being the first person to fly into space and orbit the earth.

Have a great holiday everyone. *Kaveni Caba, April Samuelu, and Sasha Kudriavtcev.*

### **ROOM 21**

We have done some fabulous activities during this term, but the most exciting was when we went to 'Dancing with Mythology' at the Vodafone Centre. We learnt about Maori myths and put them into dances. Our dancing teacher's name was Megan. Our dance was about the Maori creation myth and included Rangi and Papa, and the gods who were their children. It was an amazing day.

### **ROOM 23**

We have learnt how to send emails. We are emailing our room news to Mrs Armstrong. Email is like a letter but... it's sent over the internet. When we were in the ICT room we sent emails to Mr Thew. That was very special.

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This week was Government Book Week. All children received a government sponsored Duffy book to keep, read and enjoy with their families. Fabulous titles were chosen by

children who shared their books with a buddy class before taking them home. Thank you to the government for their generous support of our Duffy programme. Enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday.

### **HIGH WIRE TRUST**

For the last nine weeks on Wednesday afternoons eight students from the senior school have been attending the High Wire Trust Programme. We have learnt to respect and trust our friends. We did rock climbing, abseiling, bmx bike riding, indoor activities with noodles, small balls, ropes, blind folds and hula-hoops. We had to remember the key words such as trust and communication in these activities to make them successful.

We also did cooking and made some delicious pizza from scratch. Our favourite pizza was Peter's pizza because it had a lot of topping but all of our pizzas were wonderful.

Every week we could compete for a certificate for being outstanding and the most responsible person yet. Every week there is someone different and when you get two certificates Miss Lindsay and Mr Grover take you out to lunch it is really fun.

Thank you Rachel and Stewart for everything you have done and for supporting us along the way. We also thank Mr Grover and Miss Lindsay for making this happen.

*Precious, Zaya and Joshua*

## **Community Notices**

### **CHILDREN'S BOOK CLUB**

Join the coolest club in town for stories, adventures and fun activities. Every second Thursday of the month at our own Manurewa Library at 4pm. Sounds great! Just turn up or phone 301 0101.

### **PIANO AND KEYBOARD MUSIC THEORY LESSONS AVAILABLE IN MANUREWA**

Call me to book in your time. Lilian 268 4682 or 021 0668 778.

### **SOUND FX HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE**

#### **JULY 13-28 AT MOTAT**

Experience an exciting explosion of sound. Join the "MOTAT Radio Show". For further information see [www.motat.org.nz](http://www.motat.org.nz) or phone 0800 668 286.