

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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14 November 2014 Name.....

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

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

END OF YEAR

Between now and the 17 December we have a number of traditional and enjoyable school events to which you are invited.

Among these activities our three end of year assemblies are very special and very well attended.

The assemblies are designed to acknowledge our children and recognise their achievements throughout the year.

We will have staff available to assist with seating and we will do our best to accommodate everyone. You can help us by arriving before the start times of 9.30am as it is very difficult to enter the auditorium once the programme starts. As space is limited it is helpful if young children do not attend if possible.

Please note the dates below and please remember to bring a cushion.

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

Special congratulations to the following students.

Science Prize Winners: April Samuela and Steffi Webb-Butler.

Counties Manukau Sport Inspirational Sporting Award Owen Bouttavong

Year 6 Speech Cooper Cup winner
Steffi Webb-Butler

Ex pupils successes

Alfriston College Dux 2014

Daniel Ward

Alfriston College Student of the Year

Tatiana Tataurangi-Ruru

Well done to all the above students who show once again that effort brings reward.

THANK YOU

To Pasifika parents who attended our recent meeting to share views on the needs of our Pacific Island students.

During the discussion I was able to share the pleasing achievements of this student group and outline our processes for ensuring this success continues.

Parents present were able to share particular values that are strongly held in our Pasifika community. It was pleasing that the important values of respect, cultural appreciation and self believe are common to both home and school.

I appreciate the time and contribution made by those present and the knowledge shared will be useful in enhancing the learning culture we are developing for all our children.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

Over the next month student evaluations will be considered and class lists drafted for 2015.

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 2015

You can help us plan for next year by letting us know if your child is not returning in 2015 (apart from Year 6 of course). Also if your child is going overseas and not returning for the first day of school on Tuesday, 3 February 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
L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- 18 Funtime lunchtime
- 19 Senior School athletics 9.30am
- 19 Reading Together last session 6.30pm
- 26 Bible in Schools last day
- 28 Student Files of Work home (Yrs 3–6)
- 29 Manurewa Santa Parade

DECEMBER

- 4 Junior School athletics 9.15am
- 5 Middle School assembly 9.30am
- 8 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 10 Year 6 Graduation evening
- 11 Student reports home
- 11 Middle School athletics 9.30am
- 12 Junior School Assembly 9.30am
- 17 Senior School Prize Giving assembly 9.30am
- 17 School closes to end 2014 at 3pm.

School opens for 2015 on Tuesday, 3 February.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently
Jaimie-Rose Palmer, Sulueti Rabici, KC Punga, Shivyesh Chand, Aaryan Kumar, Tanishka Sharma.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

NOVEMBER

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| 14 Elijah Miller | 14 Juliani Te Pou |
| 14 Noah Afakasi | 15 Dylan Prasad |
| 15 Harleen Malhi | 16 Nathan Do |
| 16 Deahni Finau | 17 Dakota Muir |
| 17 Braithan Forster | 18 Jasmin Holden-Whiu |
| 18 Mamia Marsh | 19 Saneh Kaur |
| 20 Jin Hui Wang | 21 Courtney McAnally |
| 22 Jennifer Zeng | 23 Chance Tavita-Jackson |
| 23 Jadyen Wordsworth | 25 Christian Solo |
| 27 Jaxon Haskell | 28 Rhyan Kett-Marshall |
| 28 Will Toelau | 28 Inise Malewa |
| 29 Siale PongiPongi | 30 Jayda Dalton |
| 30 Skye Jenkins | 30 Jasleen Malhi |

DECEMBER

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| 1 Rosa McQuoid | 2 Ebonie Lambert |
| 2 Serena-Kate Toft | 2 Nicholas Duggen |
| 3 Mathew Kiriona | 4 Sean Menke |
| 4 Jane Rabici | |



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

R1 Mikaere Gwynne Takamore	R2 Jaskirat Hara
R3 Delores Siriwardana	R4 Cameron Healey
R5 McKenzie Martin	R6 Bailee Nicholson
R7 Pure' Jae Punga	R8 Tavita Moses
R9 George Kolazar	R10 Madison Denton-Priest
R11 Ebonie Lambert	R12 Katalaina Manu Saute
R13 Helen Asiata	R14 Jasmine Kaur
R15 Rebecca King	R16 Sapphire Raana- McCafferty
R17 Susana Malewa	R18 Rosa McQuoid
R19 Teleise Solomon	R20 Simran Singh
R21 Tiana Thomson	R23 Gurneet Kaur Jassi
R24 Harpreet Kaur	

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We have been studying one of the taonga ō Aotearoa.

A tuatara is a dinosaur. It sleeps in the day and it is nocturnal. A tuatara likes to eat flies. He sleeps in his burrow. A tuatara has three eyes and small teeth. A tuatara lives in the New Zealand forest. *Malachi Diack*

ROOM 3

We have been having an imaginary tour around Auckland and New Zealand. We have been making special land marks on the map of New Zealand and finding facts about them.

Wellington is the capital city of New Zealand. John Key is the boss of the country. His office is called the Bee Hive. The weather in Wellington is often wet and windy.

Lealofi Alesana.

ROOM 5

We have been 'touring around' New Zealand during our topic "World Tour". We have discovered that many towns in New Zealand have special landmarks. Ohakune has an enormous carrot, Paeroa has a L & P bottle, Tiraui has a very large corrugated iron dog and

Tauranga has a kiwifruit. Next week we are jetting off to the Pacific Islands.

ROOM 7

We have been learning about New Zealand and some special icons in the North Island. We love doing art so we drew and then painted the giant carrot from Ohakune, the L & P bottle from Paeroa and the giant kiwifruit from Te Puke. Come and see our awesome work on display.

ROOM 9

We have been learning to locate New Zealand cities on a map. We can also find many countries on a world map. Do you know where to find Madagascar?

For PE we have been skipping. Noah is our skipping star. We are also learning and practising some very tricky actions with rakau for our Maori action song.

ROOM 11

Recently our school was lucky enough to see Karaka primary school perform their Jump Jam routines to us. These very energetic dance routines were well thought out and practiced. No wonder Karaka School won all of those competitions! Some Year 5s were lucky enough to get taught a routine that Karaka School performed for us. They are looking forward to teaching the routine to the rest of the senior school soon. *Tomilea and Genesis.*

ROOM 13

A few days ago the year six children visited Greenmeadows Intermediate to watch a show put on by the school. It was called MMT and stands for Mighty Minds and Talents. It showcases the school's talents as well as things they're doing inside of school. My favourite part of the show was the drama because it was unique and I had never seen anything like it before.

ROOM 15

Recently the year 6's went on a trip to Greenmeadows. On Monday, we saw performances from the students there. It was amazing! They had a kapa haka group, a hip hop group, an instrumental group, a drama group and more! The year 6's all had a fantastic time watching them perform.

Jasmine Rota-Leggan and Larizza Melendrez

ROOM 17

We have been lucky to have Mr Chin as our student teacher for the last few weeks. We have been learning about measuring in maths, blending colours in art, new Maori words about our family and how to write a really good story. We will miss him very much, we loved having him in our class and hope he'll come back and visit us again.

Skye Pratt

ROOM 19

KARAKA SCHOOL JUMP JAM TEAM VISIT

We were very lucky to have the Jump Jam aerobics team from Karaka School visit us last Friday. They are the current North Island Jump Jam champions. They performed four different aerobic routines, including their winning one, which was outstanding. Every routine was very precise, and extremely energetic.

Afterwards almost eighty children participated in a Jump Jam workshop, taken by the Karaka School coach. Not only did the Karaka team show us how to get the most out of the Jump Jam programme, but putting real effort into every move, but that the routines were fun as well. A big thank you to Karaka School for inspiring both pupils and staff.

ROOM 21

We have been learning a variety of painting techniques, including dry brush, tonal model, stipple, drag card, card edge and splatter. Our favourite technique is splatter. We are using these techniques to paint a landscape.

We are presently in the middle of learning songs and dances for our end of year performances. We are getting better all the time and hope to see all our families at the performance.

ROOM 23

Some stories from Room 23.

When I was playing rob the nest, I fell over and I scraped my knee and it bled. I was nearly going to cry but I didn't. *Micah*

Grumpy Bear is sleeping and the animals were waking him up and he is angry. And the bees came to sting him and the bear said "I will sleep now."
Raymond

STUDENT TRIP TO OMANA BEACH

Our bus drove all the way to Omana beach on Thursday in the pouring rain. On board were

33 excited Year 3 ESOL students, some anticipating their very first Kiwi beach experience. Luckily the huge clouds finally blew away. We spent an exciting and fun day of learning on the sand and in the rock pools. Thank you to the lovely helpful parents who came too. Here are some thoughts about the day from some of our Room 18 students.

We made amazing sandcastles using our buckets, spades and even our hands. My mum helped me make a volcano out of sand. We decorated it with shiny shells and slimy seaweed to look like the lava flowing out. We explored the rockpools and we found some crabs. They had 8 skinny legs and 2 large pinchy claws at the front. We were lucky they didn't nip us!
Shahana & Simrat

We made an enormous sandcastle together. Then we made a huge gigantic village with a massive castle in the middle. *Dhruv & Mohit*

Athina and I dug a big deep hole that we put shells inside. We dug down and down and found water. We stood in the watery hole together.
Nirari

Netani and I were filling up buckets of water for our enormous sand pool. The sand was very thirsty so we were very busy. *Roko*

Community Notices

MANUREWA SANTA PARADE

Saturday, 29 November 10.30 – 11.30am, followed by a community Christmas event at Manurewa Methodist Church carpark, corner of Alfriston and Great South Road.

MANUREWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Opening hours are

Monday and Thursday 9am – 8pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9am – 5pm

Saturday, 9.30am – 4pm

Sunday closed.

Children's Book Club

Next meeting 11 December 4 to 5pm.

Summer Reading Adventure

"Dare to Explore" begins Monday, 8 December. Contact phone 262 5420.

We are fortunate to have this wonderful facility in our town. Please take advantage of these excellent opportunities for your family.