

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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15 October 2010 Name.....

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

Term 4 is well underway and we look forward to a busy and exciting time over the next nine weeks.

## FILES OF WORK

Next Friday pupils in Years 3 to 6 will bring home their files of work. This folder is a continuous record of your child's work throughout the year and you should be able to see progress over that time.

As always I ask that you discuss the work with your child, write a comment and return the file to school. All student files will come home for the last time on 3 December.

Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns about the file of work please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

## PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Our Board of Trustees has continued to enhance the facilities available to our students.

This year we have completed the upgrading of our swimming pool, built a new classroom (Room 24) and constructed new offices for our two resource teachers of literacy. We have also installed heat pumps in classrooms and have electronic smartboards in 21 rooms. When we consider these innovations alongside our quality reading material, sports equipment and art supplies I feel sure our resources are second to none in primary schools.

## SENIOR SCHOOL PASIFIKA SHOWCASE

Information has been sent home regarding these two evenings next week. A reminder that, in order to avoid overcrowding, admission is by ticket only. No door sales available. Please purchase from the school office.

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS (ICAS)

Students who competed in the 2010 mathematics' competition have received their results. We congratulate everyone who participated in this demanding competition. Special congratulations go to the following pupils ...

### High Distinction *(Top 1% of NZ students)*

Year 5        Bridget Ong

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

Year 5        Luke Stainthorpe, Benjamin Tse, Valerie Wong.

Year 6        Vishay Prasad

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

Year 5        Lauryn Conlogue, Deken Gillard, Mitchell Piskulic.

Year 6        Tyler Dance, Alexis Kaing, Abdulrahman Khalaf, Navshina Moeen, Samantha Oh, Benjamin Paku.

## JUNIOR READING RESULTS

I am pleased to report that our Term 3 reading results for Years 1, 2 and 3 students are excellent. Although we have a number of children requiring extra support overall our students are making pleasing progress. Good teaching, good parent support and lots of positive encouragement really does work. As our school motto states, "Effort brings Reward."

On the topic of reading I wish to thank our staff members Sandy Griffin, Teresa Walker and Joanne Schroeder for running another series of "Reading Together" workshops for parents. This programme is excellent and brings instant improvement to student achievement.

### GET WELL SOON

Our thoughts are with Mrs Trudy Simpson (Room 9) who suffered a serious back injury during the holidays. A full recovery is expected but this will take time and it is unlikely Mrs Simpson will be back this term.

Fortunately Mrs Ann Kendall is available to ensure Room 9 programmes continue successfully.

### THANK YOU

You may have noticed a new digital signage screen in our school foyer. This initiative was a partnership between our school councillors and Panasonic. The students had the will and Panasonic provided a screen at a very reduced price and also paid for the installation. Well done and thank you to our councillors and Panasonic. We are now able to display many more of our stunning school photographs.

Thank you.  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### OCTOBER

- 18 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 18 Junior school zoo trip (Year 2)
- 19 & 21 Pasefika evenings
- 20 Junior school zoo trip (Year 1)
- 22 Student files of work home (Years 3-6)
- 22 'Red and Black Day'. Sausage sizzle and ice blocks on sale. This is a fundraiser to support Canterbury schools affected by the earthquake and after shocks.
- 25 Labour Day. School closed
- 29 World Teachers' Day
- 29 Grandparents' Day

### NOVEMBER

- 1 & 2 Middle school to Kelly Tarlton's
- 2 Science investigation evening (Years 4- 6)
- 5 Next newsletter
- End of Year assemblies for your diary, all commencing at 9.30am.

- 3 December Middle School (Yr 3 & 4)
- 7 December Junior School (Yr 1 & 2)
- 16 December Senior School (Yr 5 & 6)
- School closes for 2010 on Thursday, 16 December 2010 at 3 o'clock.

## Welcome

*To pupils who have joined us recently*

Jamal Todd, Iris Metcalfe, Jaspreet Sahota, David Lowe, Tyler Corr, Levysha Lemoa, Okusitino Tuipulotu, Madison Franklin, Skye Pratt, Ashour Chiba, Jasmine Khauv, Elyn Basilio, Alyse Allan, Cole Wilkinson.

## Happy Birthday



To people who have a special day about now.

### OCTOBER

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 15 Liam Dixon-Williams | 15 Gareth Mirko        |
| 15 Jane Pearse         | 15 Leonie Renata Green |
| 16 Chantelle Tamati    | 17 Jasmeet Singh       |
| 17 Kiri Tata-Nga Waka  | 18 Rachel Douglas      |
| 19 Navneet Dhaliwal    | 20 Levi Bowden         |
| 20 Tyler Branford      | 20 Jayden Fountain     |
| 20 Roman Klair         | 20 Brooklyn Vaotu'Ua   |
| 21 Tanisha Mika        | 23 Robert Graydon      |
| 26 Kevan Lew           | 26 Aisha Te Tauri      |
| 27 Leilani Faaiuso     | 27 Alex Kett           |
| 28 Sweta Dass          | 30 Benjamin Paku       |
| 30 Tibassa Savelio     | 31 Ofa Pulu            |
| 31 Torina Samuelu      |                        |

### NOVEMBER

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| 1 Harsimran Hundal | 1 Yogita Sharma      |
| 1 Suraj Singh      | 2 Lily Husband       |
| 2 Melody Husband   | 2 Miya Kett-Marshall |
| 2 Christian Taanuu | 3 Suliasi Ikavuka    |
| 3 Marion Karimo    | 3 Samantha Oh        |
| 3 Long Pham Ngoc   | 3 Krishan Prasad     |
| 4 Nirvana Ngaau    | 4 Zryus Tejpau       |



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

R1 Jason Chen      R2 Jamiel Te Wharau  
R3 Willie Dong      R4 Emma Billings  
R5 Evaine Falelogi R6 Elijah Tavita-Jackson  
R7 Jasmine Rota-Legan R8 Levi Alexander  
R9 David Kako      R10 Sonatane Kaufusi  
R11 Roman Klair    R12 Monisha Narayan  
R13 Deken Gillard R14 Angela Kett  
R15 Nirvana Ngaau R16 Jasmin Singh  
R17 Julia Lemoa    R18 Conor Scott  
R19 Dylan Maaka    R20 Rachel Douglas  
R21 Gabrielle Salazar  
R23 Damian Rippingale  
R24 Fabian Solomon

## **ROOM NEWS**

### ROOM 2

We are very excited to be back at school learning and playing with our friends. There are lots of things to look forward to this term, including a zoo trip next week. We can't wait to get started and hope everyone has a wonderful and busy term four.

### ROOM 4

Last term we went to see "Badjelly the Witch." We had to take our bus over the harbour bridge. It was really good fun. Badjelly turns little people into sausages! Dinglemouse made the giant's pants fall down because he ate his belt.

Luckily we were all well behaved so she did not turn us into sausages!

### ROOM 6

#### Holidays

I didn't go to the zoo to feed a monkey with banana. I didn't go to the pool to dive in the deep water. I didn't visit my Aunty Norma. But ... I did go to my cousin's house

because it was her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. In the garage it was scary and there were balloons inside and we ate outside. I dressed like Snow White and RJ dressed like Kung Fu Boy and my mum dressed like a witch.  
*Bailey*

I didn't go to the beach to catch an octopus. I didn't go to my friend's house to play dress-ups. I didn't play spooky games with Patrick. But ... I did go ten pin bowling with my dad and my sister. I knocked some pins down with the heavy pink ball. *Amanda*

### ROOM 8

We enjoyed our spring weather in the holidays. Many of us love the season spring because of new spring flowers, blossoms on trees and the birth of lambs. This season inspired us to write haiku poems about the events in spring. Here is a sample of them.

Spring rain falling down  
Rainbows touch me and the ground  
Brolly passes by. *Levi*

Colourful arches  
The sky filled with bright lush shades  
Violets and reds. *Kevan*

### ROOM 10

Room 10 has been writing an exciting story about the journey of a raindrop and how it becomes part of the water cycle – H<sub>2</sub>O To Go. First we decided on an environment somewhere in the world for the raindrop to land. Then we researched the environment, what it was like and what plants and animals were there. There were deserts, polar caps, rainforests, coastlands, wetlands and coral reefs. Once we had found out about our environment we then made a flow chart with our facts and the order our story would go in.

### ROOM 12

We are using our water topic to undertake lots of water experiments. This will also help us put together some great science investigations.

We have watched water travel up a paper towel just like water going from the roots of

a plant to its leaves. It's called capillary action. We are even going to grow strawberries as part of our investigations. We have our own water cycle underway and we are learning all about rivers. An experiment on pollution in rivers and the impact on ducks looks like fun!

#### ROOM 14

We have started our final term with a whole lot of work including learning about glaciers and water.

Did you know that one tenth of the world is covered in glaciers? Glaciologists have to be careful when they climb down the glaciers as the glacier could shift and close the opening while they are still inside.

Did you know that some water comes from volcanoes as the steam of eruption cools down? We should take care of what we do with water as some people around the world don't have any water. *Vishay & Tyler*

#### ROOM 16

We are so excited to be back for Term 4! We have been learning all about WATER, especially the water cycle. We learnt about how water evaporates into the air and then it comes back down to Earth in the form of rain, snow or hail.

There are so many fantastic things that we have to look forward to this term. We are really looking forward to our trip to Kelly Tarlton's in Week 3. We can't wait!

#### ROOM 18

On the last day of Term 3 we had a party with our soft toys! We had yummy food. We went as crazy as a werewolf. Luckily there were no germs on the food. We chucked our toys high to the ceiling. Our soft toys kept hugging us. We got to take yummy leftovers home. You didn't want to miss out on this party! *Sam & Conor*

#### ROOM 20

We are happy to be back at school because we are continuing to study water. As part of our study we are going to Kelly Tarlton's to learn about what lives in water and how they survive.

We are particularly excited because we will be learning a variety of songs and dances in preparation for our end of year assembly. We hope many of our parents and grandparents will come.

#### ROOM 24

We have all had a relaxing holiday and are looking forward to a busy Term 4. We have welcomed six new children from Room 1 to Room 24. They are settling in well and we are all very excited about our trip to the zoo.

## Community Notices

#### MANUREWA TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY

Junior tennis starts Thursday, 14 October. All juniors receive 16 hours of free coaching in small groups from qualified tennis coaches as part of their membership. For more information contact Turu Daniel on 268 9171.

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#### DIWALI FESTIVAL

On Saturday, 30 October there will be a Diwali festival held in the carpark to the east of the Manurewa Library. The event begins at 4pm and finishes around 9pm. If it rains the event will take place on Sunday, 31 October. For more information phone Angela Dalton, Town Manager, 269 5252.

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Kiwirail will be busy over the coming months rebuilding three rail overhead bridges in Manurewa – Jutland Road, Browns Road and Station Road. These need to be rebuilt to ensure there is space for electrified wires to run underneath. There will be road closures and changes to train services over coming months. For information visit [www.maxx.co.nz](http://www.maxx.co.nz) or phone Maxx on 366 3400.

### Grandparents' Day 29 October

An alteration to the notice that went home on 13 October

Children from Years 0 to 4 will be providing entertainment in the auditorium for their visitors from 2pm – 3pm.