

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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15 July 2011 Name.....

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

Thank you to the many parents who attended parent teacher interviews this week. Around 300 meetings were arranged and teachers will now follow up matters discussed.

Please remember that our teachers are available to discuss children's progress at all times of the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance. This can be followed up with a meeting with the team leader or the principal if necessary. Questions can usually be answered quickly or an appointment can be arranged if necessary.

2012 TERM DATES

Term dates for next year are:

Term 1 Tuesday 31 January – Thursday
5 April

Term 2 Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June

Term 3 Monday 16 July to Friday
28 September

Term 4 Monday 15 October to Friday
14 December

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-A-THON FUND RAISER

Our one big fundraising activity of the year begins on the first day of next term. Information will come home on Monday, 1 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 10 August. I will keep you informed as to progress once sponsorship money comes in after that. It would be wonderful if we could match our amazing total of \$12,900.00 from 2010.

READING TOGETHER

We will be running another series of workshops on home reading next term. These are very worthwhile and very popular. If you are a parent of a 5 or 6 year old and would like to attend, please contact Sandy Griffin on 269 0250.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS (ICAS)

Every year selected senior school pupils are given the opportunity to participate in five academic competitions run by the University of New South Wales.

Well done to all of our pupils who worked hard to prepare for these difficult tests that are conducted under strict examination conditions.

The first results have been received and I congratulate the following pupils who did particularly well.

COMPUTER STUDIES

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6 Lauryn Conlogue, Bridget Ong
Benjamin Tse, Valerie Wong.

Year 5 Navneet Dhaliwal, Aaron Lew,
Aimee Lew, Isabella
Van Stipriaan.

Credit (Top 30% of NZ students)

Year 6 Gracie Bruce, Vayshali Prasad

HOCKEY STARS

Congratulations to Wayne Guttenbeil, Waitangi Park and Nathan Ward who have been selected for the 2011 Auckland Eastern Zone representative team. Good coaching, high skill levels and practice, practice, practice does bring reward. Well done also to all our trialists.

NEWSLETTERS

School newsletters are an extremely important part of our home/school communication. They come home every three weeks usually on a Friday.

Newsletters contain important information, dates of coming events, community notices and classroom news. The classroom news provides an excellent overview of the many exciting activities and programmes happening at school.

Our newsletters are also placed on our school website www.mancent.school.nz It is possible to use this site to translate our newsletter into over 50 languages. If you know of someone who would prefer to read our news in another language please assist them to do so.

I believe that simply reading our newsletter gives everyone an excellent appreciation of what is happening at our school.

Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 School opens for Term 3
- 1 General Knowledge-a-thon material distributed
- 4 Individual and family portraits taken
- 10 General Knowledge-a-thon testing
- 12 Next school newsletter
- 18 Junior school folk dance display

Term 3 finishes on 7 October. Term 4 is from 25 October (Tuesday) to Thursday 15 December.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently
Rico Lunjevich

Happy Birthday



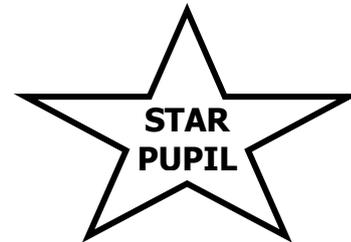
To people who have a special day about now.

JULY

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| 15 Jacinda Barnes | 15 Ormy Kolazar |
| 17 Ella Lupan | 17 Rishi Sharma |
| 18 Gaurav Singh | 20 Bailei-Rose Haigh |
| 20 Connah Pihama | 21 Maelesa Chester |
| 23 Glazcious Phares
Vaega | 25 Kervin Guttenbeil |
| 26 Drew Bishop | 26 Deken Gillard |
| 26 Dylan Ross | 27 Zoe Nelson |
| 28 Mary Marwan | 29 Karen Phung |
| 29 Ramina Zaya | 30 Gurleen Kaur |
| 30 David Zhang | 31 Manmeet Singh |

AUGUST

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| 4 Zoraver Malhotra | 5 Waitangi Park |
| 6 Richard Cole | 7 Alza Eldhose |
| 7 Chloe Groves | 7 Wayne Guttenbeil |
| 7 Dedrick Sione | 8 Christian Lilo |
| 8 Harjashandeep Singh | 9 Lyric Hemara |
| 9 Tanveer Ummat | 10 Patrick Aishow |



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

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| R1 DTroyt Cowley | R2 Levysa Lemoa |
| R3 Jaylen Levave-Meleisea | R4 Okusitino Tuipulotu |
| R5 Fusi Vaioleti | R6 Hannah Banatu |
| R7 Dohnovin Dalton | R8 Devahrny Shelford |
| R9 Emma Billings | R10 Zane Raana |
| R11 Mark Pearse | R12 Fifita Langi |
| R13 Nathanael de Bruin | R14 Kallani-Jayde Rogers |
| R15 Gracie Bruce | R16 Jaswin Kaur |
| R17 Max Groves | R18 Summer Tamihere |
| R19 Alesha Kant | R20 Jasmine Kaur |
| R21 Skye Collins | R23 Te Arahia Cookson |
| R24 Alistair Stowers | |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We have been learning about healthy food. "In the morning I eat bananas and oranges. I drink water. I eat food to make me grow strong. I like to eat toast." *Alyssa Uluheua*

"In the morning I have breakfast. I eat Weetbix with my milo. Breakfast makes you strong and healthy and you get more knowledge."

Jesse Hannah

ROOM 3

Some of the highlights for us this term have been our book character parade, the Princess Smartypants' production and our first school reports.

We are learning lots of interesting facts about food. We should eat lots of vegetables, meat and seafood and very little fats and oils.

ROOM 5

Last week was Māori Language Week – Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. We are learning to answer simple questions using Māori phrases. Room 7 invited us to visit them and we all used the protocol we would expect to use on a marae.

Come and see our 'Gingerbread Man' display in the cloakbay. We are very proud of it.

ROOM 7

Do you know what Greebies are? Greebies are loud, dirty, purple monsters who do naughty things. We read about them in the book by Joy Cowley. We have created our own Greebies out of crayon and dye. They are on display in our foyer and you are welcome to come and see them if you dare!

This week we read the story of "Maui and the Sun" and we have made our own suns using cardboard and sandpaper. We have used hot coloured ink to make prints of our suns. They look awesome! We hope you all have a happy holiday.

ROOM 9

Some days we write about a moment in time. The T-Rex was funny at the dinosaur show.

The puppets were on the roof. The big T-Rex roared. I watched. *Liam Dixon Williams*

I had another turn on the flying fox. The flying fox is the best in the whole world. What an incredible day. *Chanel Cribb*

In the bushwalk it was spooky and the owls were giving me a fright. They were doing spooky sounds. When we got in the bushwalk it was light but it went dark and quiet then we hurried out. *Dylan Ross*

ROOM 11

Last week was Maori Language Week or "Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori". We learnt Maori greetings and numbers and also translated food into Maori in our food dictionaries.

Did you know there are 5 vowels and 10 consonants in the Maori alphabet?

We read some Maori myths and legends and found out they tell us about how the world was in the past. We read 'Maui and the Sun' and did pictures about different parts of the story then put the different parts in order. Our illustrations are fantastic!

Preeti and Manveen

ROOM 13

In Room 13 we have been creating woven fish based on the artwork of Robin White. Robin White makes weavings using flax. The weaving that we looked at had a woven loaf of bread in the middle.

Although we used Robin White's ideas we created our own original artwork. First we painted a background. Then we drew our fish on black paper. Finally we wove fins and tails on the fish to make them look bright and colourful.

Courtney Ngaau

ROOM 15

We have been making board games. Some of us used cardboard and some of us used paper. We used stencils, Vivids, Sharpies, pens and our imagination to make them. They had to be about food. Some of us made healthy cards and unhealthy cards.

We have also been making taniwha to go on

the weaving we have done. For the weaving we used coloured paper (either yellow, orange, green or blue) and black paper. We then wove them together and glued them. For the taniwha we drew a taniwha and put Māori designs on it. We drew over it in a Sharpie pen then we cut it out and glued it onto our weaving. *Hannah McCarthy*

ROOM 17

We had lots of fun during Maori Language Week learning songs and words like aporo, panama, pinati and pea – can you recognise these?

Our new topic is food! This week we got to try some food from other cultures. We forgot to tell you ...WE LOVE FOOD!!!

ROOM 19

Our food unit has been exciting. Over the last month we have made a variety of food suitable for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Over the holidays we are all going to cook by ourselves for our family using some of the recipes from our recipe books.

We all loved making pancakes, sweetcorn fritters, scones, meatloaf, our own sandwiches, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes and hassleback potatoes. In the last week we made meringues, apple crumble and homemade ice-cream.

Are you feeling hungry now?

ROOM 21

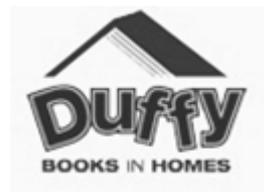
We have been doing some extra Te Reo practice for Maori Language Week. Our pronunciation has improved.

Wheels' Day was excellent fun and most of us had something to bring with wheels. Luckily there were no crashes and it didn't rain.

We were proud of Gareth who came second in the poem finals and Vinesh who cleaned up in the English Language Learners' section.

ROOM 23

We have been enjoying folk dancing as part of our PE programme. We dance with Room 4. "Jiffy Mixer" is our favourite. The music is really jazzy. We have to do the heel, toe tap and then chug like a train.



Our Duffy Books, sponsored by the Government were presented to classes after our Book Character Parade in June. Pirates, witches, fairies, Spidermen and many other amazing book characters received a book to take home and share with their family.

The outstanding Duffy book programme relies on sponsorship and currently the cost is shared between our school and the Duffy Foundation. The Duffy Foundation would welcome a new sponsor to meet their costs. If you know someone who might be proud to sponsor our school please see the Duffy website or contact Ms Brodien at school, phone 269 0250.

The school holidays are here – a perfect time to read, read, read.

Community Notices

Do you have a harmonious functioning stepfamily? (Well at least most of the time)

Are you a step parent in a healthy positive relationship? Have you been in this step relationship for about 2 years or more? If so, we would really like to hear from you and your family to take part in research that could help other step families. If this sounds interesting please contact Celiea Falchi 0274 460 732 or families@ihug.co.nz for more information. The research is supported by the NZ Families' Commission.

MANUREWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Have your children joined the KEWL Club? This library club meets on Thursday in the second week of the month from 4 to 5pm. Newsletters are sent out to club members. Visit Manurewa children's librarian to join.