

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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16 May 2014 Name.....

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

Term two is well underway and on behalf of our school community I welcome all new students and whanau to our school. So far this term we have enrolled 13 new students which brings our current roll to 539.

READING TOGETHER

We will be running another series of workshops on home reading this term beginning on Monday, 19 May. There are four meetings that start at 6pm and finish at 7.30pm. We do run a crèche for children to assist parents.

These workshops are extremely helpful and I recommend them to you. If you are a parent of a child in Years 1 to 4 (junior and middle school) and would like to attend please phone Mrs Sandy Griffin, 269 0250 on Monday.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to our school leaders and school staff who represented our school on ANZAC Day. We can be very proud of our students who marched in the parade and laid a wreath on the cenotaph outside our memorial gates.

STAFF CHANGES

Our new Deputy Principal is Mrs Michelle Dibben who is currently an Assistant Principal in Pakuranga. Michelle will take up her position at our school on 3 June.

Later this term two of our teachers move to new positions. Miss Sachiko Sumner (Room 17) is leaving teaching to take up a position in the travel industry. Sachiko's last day will be Friday, 30 May. Mrs Angela Readings (Room 23) has accepted a teaching position closer to home at Tuakau School. Angela's last day is Friday, 13 June.

On behalf of everyone connected with our school I thank these two teachers for the contribution they have made to our school and wish them every success in the future.

On 13 June Ms Sarah Alsari (Room 18) will begin maternity leave until the end of the year. We wish Sarah well and look forward to welcoming her back in 2015.

Replacement teachers for these three positions will be confirmed over the next few weeks.

AT SCHOOL ALL DAY EVERY DAY

A regular feature of newsletters this year is a report on student achievement.

Attendance rate to date in 2014 is 95.5%.

On five days last week 31 children arrived late and 7 left early.

PARENTING PROGRAMME

Our Social Worker Mr Shyam Grover has arranged for "The Incredible Years" parenting programme to be made available to our parents. Please see the notice that should come home with this newsletter.

If you are interested please return the information to your child's teacher and given that we have enough interest Mr Grover will organise a programme. Please return the form by next Friday, 23 May.

HELPING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

One of the best things we can do for our children is to help them learn resilience. However, in our desire to be helpful we can sometimes reduce rather than build resilience. Here are some helpful pointers to assist children to become more independent.

1. Let your child make decisions and take responsibility for problems they can solve themselves. Getting ready for school is a

good opportunity for children to be responsible.

2. Give children choice but not too much. This stops them from taking the easy option or avoiding difficult situations. For example going to school every day is non-negotiable even when it is a sports' day or when homework has been forgotten.
3. Don't let children give in too easily. Parents can let children give up on learning or a leisure activity too easily. Research shows that resilient learners link success with effort and don't give up because something is difficult or their team is not winning or they are not enjoying something for the moment.
4. Try to develop independence early. For many reasons today's children have less freedom than those of past generations. This can hinder their ability to assess risk. Look for ways to enable children to be independent, take risks and be responsible for the outcomes.
5. Be realistic about pressure to always perform. This is the flip side of number 3 above. Expectations are important but if they are too low they are easily met, too high and children give up, too much and children become anxious. It is best to help children learn what is important and when.

Overall the message should be that you will always be there to support your child and this includes letting them make their own decisions whenever possible.

Thank you

L. Thew
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 19 Reading Together programme Begins 6pm
- 20 Interschool soccer
- 21 The Play Truck 10am – 12 noon
- 22 Chai and Chat 12.45pm – 2.45pm
- 26 Reading Together session 2

JUNE

- 2 Queen's Birthday. School closed.
- 6 School newsletter
- 9 Reading Together session 3
- 16 Reading Together session 4
- 23 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm

JULY

- 4 School closes to end term 2 at 3pm.

Term 3 commences on 21 July at 9am.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Anaya Palanni, Taylor Baker, Kalahnei Tuipelehake, Micah Ennion, Mersade Wilson, Rishika Prasad, Cuba Luka, Risha Kumar, Jackson Wordsworth, Brendan Soi, Aayet Subhani, Ryan Taylor, Brayden Tuhakaraina-Hemopo.

Happy Birthday



To people who have a special day about now.

MAY

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| 10 Roko Rabici | 11 Jashandeep Jaura |
| 11 Ankita Sharma | 11 Joshua Bun |
| 13 Dtroyt Cowley | 13 Grace Park |
| 13 Levi Gwynne | 14 Ayden Harris |
| 14 Maya Rameka | 14 Gurleen Kaur Grewal |
| 14 Brayden Tuhakaraina-Hemopo | 15 Revanda Peniamin |
| 15 Fabian Solomon | 16 Cameron Kiriona |
| 17 Kaya Graham | 17 Elijah Tavita-Jackson |
| 17 Aidan Hunt | 18 Victoria Touli |
| 18 Kawther Al-Kashoosh | 19 Simran Singh |
| 19 Daniel Maka | 19 Mataalofa Amituanai |
| 21 Riya Kumar | 22 Jason Chen |
| 22 McKenah-Roze Dalton | 24 Sarina West |

24 Darshika Deo
26 Izaeliyah Taaato
26 Kartik Sharma
27 Tear Andrews
30 Nishtha Saxena
31 Ramin Zaya

25 Ashleigh Solomann
26 Elle Funaki-Sterling
27 Jacy Saavedra
29 Alesana Alesana
31 Madison Denton-Priest

ROOM 3

We are getting better at writing lots of interesting stories.

Baby monkey wanted to jump across the river. It splashed in the mud. *Armanpreet Singh*

If I were a leaf I would fly to the top of the mountain and watch the sun go down.

Ayveah Mizziebo

ROOM 5

The school holidays were a time of rest and relaxation for everyone in Room 5.

“My brother, my little brother, my sister and I were in the spa pool. My uncle turned on the hot, noisy bubbles.” *Casey*

“In the holidays I went to Fiji to see my dad’s parents. Fiji is fantastic and beautiful. *Saurav*

We have been learning how to research information to answer questions we have generated for our Animalia focus on the zebra. We have been looking on the internet, in the library, in books and in newspapers.

ROOM 7

We have been learning about tigers. We emailed John our zoo teacher, we searched on the internet using Google and we read books to find out facts. We have enjoyed making a poster about tigers on Comic Life. They look fantastic and we can’t wait to display them.



ROOM 9

We had a special visitor. Philip Tse came to teach us to do beautiful art. He is an artist. We were drawing animals we remembered from our trip to the zoo. I drew a kiwi because they are cute and cuddly. Next week we will be learning to paint. It will be exciting.

Abby Cooper

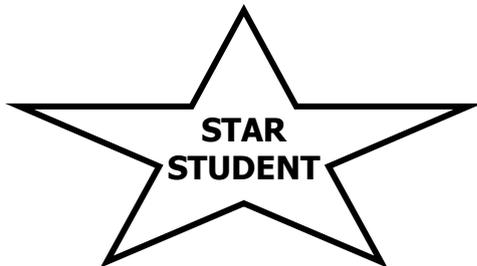
ROOM 11

We have been studying Animalia about endangered and extinct animals and how we can save these species. A lot of animals are

JUNE

1 Harkirit Dhaliwal
1 Siobhan Paku
4 Alistair Stowers

1 Christine Uludole
3 Gurpartee Benipal
5 Jashika Prakash



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

R1 Cuba Luka
R3 Andrew Nuamaan
R5 Michaela Spyve
R7 Maraia Lunjevich
R9 Daniel Zhang
R11 Lily Husband
R13 Priyanka Chand
R15 Nha Nguyen
R17 Anaru Thomson
R19 Campbell Allen
R21 Tiana Thomson
R24 Leyton Murphy

R2 Gizelle Henry
R4 Monty Singe
R6 Manaaki Thomson
R8 Manav Pillay
R10 Elijah Friend
R12 Sasha Kudriavtcev
R14 Melody Husband
R16 Alistair Stowers
R18 Simrat Kaur
R20 Kaveni Caba
R23 Jayda Scanlan

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1 Autumn Stories

We have been learning about autumn.

My leaf is falling off the tree because the wind is blowing the leaf. It is yellow and brown.

Summer Honey

The wind is blowing the leaf away. I am looking at the leaf floating down. *Taylor Baker*

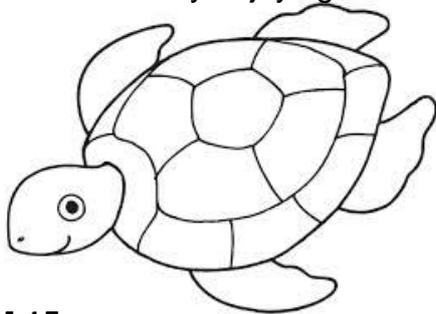
My leaf is turning yellow and brown. When the leaves are falling down. They look like rain.

Renee Scofield

endangered because humans are destroying them for food, to make mats from their skins, and use their fur for clothing and boots. We also are killing for money. We had a debate about how we can save the endangered spotted owl even though the owl lives in America.
Jonti, Aiyanna, Chloe M

ROOM 13

We have all been working on our stained glass windows based on an animal. We all picked an animal from our animal fact charts. We sketched them out on paper. When we were happy with our work we used white crayon on black paper. First we had to create a border then we drew our animal and put in the lines to make the stained glass effect. The difficult part was then cutting out the animals. Once that was done we glued white cartridge paper on the black paper. Now we are ready to dye them. We are really enjoying our art.



ROOM 15

Recently, we have been doing our green sea turtle report. We were to write it as if we were going to give it to someone who has never heard of a green sea turtle. We're nearly done and I think they're looking really good. Now, we're thinking of another endangered animal to research and report on. *Larizza Melendrez*

ROOM 17

We have been looking at different kinds of poems. We have each chosen a poem that we will present to the class in a couple of weeks. We are busy learning these poems now. One of our favourite poets is Kenn Nesbitt. We love his funny poems about animals.

ROOM 19

Last week we wrote some delightful letters to our mothers expressing our thanks for all their hard work. We also baked and iced them a cup cake each.

We are busy revising our basic facts and times tables. We have to know them as fast as we can say our name. That is pretty quick. The

more we practise the better we become.

We have been enjoying learning Maori names for the weather and the seasons. Our student teacher, Ms Borsboom has been helping us with this. Yesterday we wrote and illustrated a delightful poem using many Maori words about the weather and seasons.

ROOM 21

We have been learning about vertebrates. Vertebrates are animals with backbones. There are five groups of vertebrates. The animals in each group have at least one characteristic which make them different from animals in the other groups.

Last Sunday was Mother's Day and our mums were thrilled to receive our lovely letters. Many of our mums even had tears in their eyes, while they read them. That's the power of love!

ROOM 23

We are studying about animals. We have just finished learning how dolphins live in the sea. We have a big display up in our room showing what we have found out. Now we are finding out how caterpillars turn into butterflies.

Community News

MANUREWA PARENTING HUB

"Build a great family team and have fun along the way!" For parents of tweens (10 to 16 years). We will show you that these years are challenging but can also be some of the best years of your life – and theirs! A small group programme of 6 sessions. Manurewa South School begins on Monday, 19 May. Email linda@parentinghub.org.nz or phone Linda on 0274 864 150.

GOLF AT MANUKAU GOLF CLUB

A free introduction to golf session to young people aged 7 – 18 years, all equipment provided. Sessions at the moment are Monday and Friday 4.30 – 5.30pm. Any enquiries please contact Jack Paterson jockandcorrie@slingshot.co.nz or phone 267 0597.

Does the school have your current phone number so that we can contact you in an emergency? Please update any details that have changed for your child at the office.