

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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16 November 2012 Name.....

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

Pupils in Years 3 to 6 will have brought home their individual Files of Work today.

These portfolios are an important part of our process for keeping you informed about your child's progress at school. I trust you enjoy seeing the range of work and the improvement made over the year.

Year 1 and 2 students will bring their files home closer to the end of the school year. These files do not need to be returned as new ones will be started in 2013.

Teachers are completing student reports. These will come home on Wednesday, 12 December. Reports show achievement against expected standards in each year level in literacy and numeracy. There is also information on next learning steps and how you can help your child's learning.

SUNHATS

Summer is here and teachers are working to get all our students in hats. Please ensure your child has a named hat to wear outside. This will help keep everyone safe on summer days.

END OF YEAR

We have a number of traditional and very enjoyable events between now and the end of year (listed below). Our three end of year assemblies are particularly well attended and I ask that visitors be seated before 9.30am as it is difficult to enter the auditorium once the programme begins. Space is of course limited. Consequently young children should not attend if possible. These assemblies are designed to acknowledge our children and recognise special achievements of 2012. We will have staff to assist with seating and do our best to accommodate everyone. Please remember to bring a cushion.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013

Over the next month pupil evaluations will be considered and class lists drafted for 2013.

Class organisation for next year will continue as for this year. Children in Years 3 to 6 will continue to be placed in mixed classes which have a two year range in each room. This arrangement provides younger children 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 on a leadership role.

As a rule children are usually 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. However, in exceptional circumstances a child may be placed with the same teacher for two years.

All classes from Years 3 to 6 are 'mixed'. This means there is no 'top class' and all classes are expected to meet similar levels of achievements.

When children begin school at 5 they are placed in a reception class with Mrs Tombolato (Room 1). Children are eventually grouped according to their reading progress and move to a year 1 classroom when ready. After at least two years at school children are classified Year 3 and move to the middle school.

Each year classroom placements are decided by our experienced team leaders 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 help this process please contact the appropriate teacher by the end of November. These are Mrs Griffin (junior school), Mrs Sowden (middle school) and Miss

Lindsay (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 class placement as this is ultimately a responsibility of the school.

SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS

Manurewa Central School would like to thank Mr Steve Courtney of The Professionals in Northcrest for his kind sponsorship of cash prizes for the two most outstanding science investigations presented following our recent science evening.

We congratulate Alysha Hannah (Year 6) for her investigation entitled "How Much Electricity Can Fruit Produce?" and Sam Ward (Year 5) for his investigation, "How High Can a Rocket Go When Water Levels are Charged?"

Without a doubt Alysha and Sam will enjoy spending their cash prizes!

Thank you
Laurie Thew
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- 20 Mathex competition
- 22 Student calendar orders due
- 27 Senior school athletics 9.30am
- 28 Junior school athletics and shared lunch
- 30 Middle school (Years 3 and 4) final assembly 9.30am.

DECEMBER

- 3 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 5 Junior school final assembly 9.30am
- 6 Middle school athletics 9.30am
- 7 School newsletter
- 10 Year 6 graduation evening 6pm
- 11 Totara Park picnic day (Years 3-6)
- 12 Student reports home
- 14 Senior school prize giving assembly 9.30am
- 14 School closes for the year at 3pm. School opens for 2013 on Wednesday 30 January.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Aniah Mangakahia, Lachlan Gifkins.

Happy Birthday

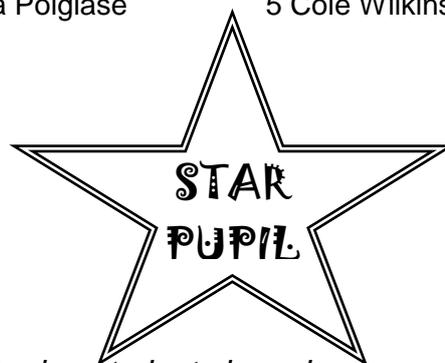
To those are having a special day about now

NOVEMBER

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| 16 Nathan Do | 17 Braithan Forster |
| 18 Jasmin Holden-Whiu | 18 Mamia Marsh |
| 19 William Do | 20 Jin Hui Wang |
| 22 Ruben Bharot | 22 Jennifer Zeng |
| 23 Chance Tavita-Jackson | 23 Tau Tuipulotu |
| 23 Jadyn Wordsworth | 25 Llexis Trembath |
| 27 Jaxon Haskell | 28 Rhyan Kett-Marshall |
| 29 Darius Westlake | 30 Terina-Lee Te-Whiu |

DECEMBER

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| 1 Nicholas Cook | 1 Rosa McQuoid |
| 2 Ebonie Lambert | 4 Sean Menke |
| 4 Faith Ropati | 5 Christian Cooper |
| 5 Emma Polglase | 5 Cole Wilkinson |



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 Darah Miller | ~ R2 Shahana Ali |
| ~ R3 Pearlina Menke | ~ R4 Maria Pearse |
| ~ R5 Quilaryn Breach | ~ R6 Campbell Allan |
| ~ R7 Fariha Mubarak | ~ R8 Joseph Hannah |
| ~ R9 Abigail Mirko | ~ R10 Aayah Al-Abri |
| ~ R11 Divikesh Prasad | ~ R12 Dilraj Maan |
| ~ R13 William Do | ~ R14 Rameka Maynard |
| ~ R15 Steffi Webb-Butler | ~ R16 Tiya Momoemausu |
| ~ R17 Liam Dixon-Williams | ~ R18 Rangi Waenga |
| ~ R19 Khushi Rayat | ~ R20 Penieli Vaisagote |
| ~ R21 Muna Vete | ~ R22 Vanshika Mani |
| ~ R23 Grace Park | ~ R24 Vinity Quayle |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM Washing Day the Old Way

I was happy because I was washing the clothes in the bucket. I turned the handle on the wringer. It is important because you need to get the water out. The wringer scrunched the clothes. I put the clothes on the line.

Maya Seymour

I put the soap in the bucket and Mrs Kendall put the hot water in. I put the cold water in. I put the clothes in the bucket and I scrubbed them. I put them in the roller to get the water out.

Ashley Chand



ROOM 3

We are learning lots of interesting facts about how people lived in the past. Mrs Kendall showed us how washing was done in the past. The ladies washed the clothes using the bar of soap and warm water. They passed the clothes through the wringer to squeeze all the water. They dried the clothes on the washing line. This whole process took a whole day. Washing was very hard in the olden days.

ROOM 5

We have been learning about old and new toys. Yo-Yos, wooden blocks and teddy bears are still the fashion today as they were when our great-grandparents were little. We have written some cinquain poems on fireworks too!

Fireworks

Sparkling bright

Banging, leaping, screeching

Sparklers squealing loud

Guy Fawkes.

Kaya Graham

ROOM 7

We have been learning all about Diwali. We made some beautiful rangoli patterns that are on our door to welcome visitors. On the third day of Diwali we made our Diwali cards to say happy new year to our families. We also did lots of interesting activities that helped us to understand Diwali. We really enjoyed taking part in the festival.

ROOM 9

Today after morning tea outside, Room 9 learnt to play hopscotch. It was such a challenge for us to hop over the beanbag. I had to balance then bend down and pick up the beanbag. It was super fun. I love hopscotch. I felt very proud of myself.

Chance Tavita-Jackson

ROOM 11

For our art topic, we have been doing sprinkle art. This is where you dip a paintbrush in bright colours and flick it onto the page to make intricate work. We have also been preparing our files of work. They will go home for our parents to see all the wonderful work we've been doing in Room 11.

For our written language, we have been re-writing fairy tales. The one we have been working on is called the Three Little Pigs. The year is more fun the more we know. We can't wait to learn more.

Miri Kolazar & De'ja Tolo

ROOM 13

We have been doing some beautiful art that was based on cupcake fish. First we painted our backgrounds then we painted our seaweed to make it look like a sea. We added detail to the seaweed using pastel. For the scales on the fish we bought some cupcake cases. We had to cut and mix the colours to create colourful scales on the fish. Finally we added some large eyes. Miss Williams our student teacher backed our work and put it up on the wall. It looks great up in our room.

Seanna

ROOM 15

We have been busy doing our 'four seasons' calendar art. First we carefully sketched a tree and folded this into quarters – one for each season. The really hard part was painting the skinny branches. The leaves for autumn were painted in red, yellow and orange. We used circular patterns with our paintbrush to do this. We all loved doing the leaves because we could do this anywhere we wanted. We are looking forward to seeing what it looks like when it is printed.

Gabrielle Davies and Vincent Tonga-Ngatai

ROOM 17

In Room 17 we have been making fantastic ancient greek vases out of paiper mâché. They are really neat and all ready to paint! In ICT, our student teacher Miss Johnson showed us a

new website where we can design ancient pots – we even got to print them! It has been AMAZING! We miss you Miss Johnson.
Glazcious Phares Vaega and Eil'mar Shaba

ROOM 19

We have read and talked about Diwali, the Indian festival of light. Some of the children in our class shared their experiences of Diwali with us.

Last Thursday we worked in groups of four to make chocolate or vanilla cupcakes. We had to follow the recipe very carefully, and work together as a team. We iced the cupcakes with a ganache which is melted chocolate and cream mixed together!! Needless to say they were very delicious, especially after decorating them with little marshmallows!

*Rhea Deo , Tomilea Bourke and
Sasha Kudriavtcev*

ROOM 21

We've been doing long jump, relays and running races. We've learnt to lift our legs up when we jump, so we get more height and we can go further.

On Wednesday, it was Diwali and Room 21 read a book and talked about the celebration. We've learnt to pronounce colours in Hindi. The colours are called neela, peela, hara, narangi and laal. Last week on Friday was Wheels' Day and everyone enjoyed a high speed day.

Jasmine Rota-Leggan and Nathan Nuku

ROOM 23

We have been researching giant pandas. We now know that pandas are shy, they live in China and they have special molars for crushing bamboo shoots, leaves and stems. Pandas are always hungry and they eat for up to twelve hours a day! We are looking forward to writing an information report about this topic.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

"Manurewa Junior School of Music is now taking enrolments for 2013. We offer tuition in the following musical instruments: clarinet, flute, guitar, keyboard, recorder, saxophone, and violin. Tuition is available to all primary and intermediate school students aged 7 and up. Fees for the year are \$70. Lessons are on Saturday mornings, with some keyboard

lessons on Tuesday and Thursday and some guitar lessons on Thursday after school. To enrol, please come to Greenmeadows Intermediate School on Saturday morning between 8.30am and 11.30am. If you have any other enquiries please contact us at mjism@greenmeadows.school.nz or phone 269 5673 and leave a message.

Enrolments close on 1 December 2012.

MANUREWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Over the next few weeks your child will bring a notice home encouraging them to join the public library. There are now 55 Auckland City Council libraries from Waiuku to Wellsford and children can obtain and return books at any of these libraries. This is especially useful when children may be in other parts of Auckland over the holiday period. Encouraging your child to read over the holidays is an important way of ensuring their reading levels do not drop as a result of the six week break.

The Manurewa Library has a holiday programme called "Dare to Explore" and information about this will be sent home before the end of the year. This is a great way for children to extend their reading as well as having fun.

CAN YOUR CHILD SWIM? WOULD YOUR CHILD SURVIVE?

Your local learn to swim provider Manurewa Swimsation is offering intensive summer holiday lessons at a crazy \$30.00 per week. Don't miss this opportunity to help your child progress faster and safer in our aquatic environment. Holiday lessons will run in the last 2 weeks of the January holidays before school starts back for 2013. Call us now on 269 4145 or email us at manurewa@swimsation.com to book and confirm your child's space in this amazing promotion.

MANUREWA FAMILY "CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK"

Mountfort Park 4pm to 9pm, Saturday 15 December 2012. Proudly hosted by the Churches of Manurewa.