

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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17 April 2014 Name.....

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

The end of Term 1 has rushed upon us and it is hard to believe one quarter of our school year has flown by. We have had a very successful term with exciting class trips, thrilling outdoor education experiences, interesting school visitors and a wide range of sporting opportunities.

Once again I am especially delighted that our students are achieving so well academically. Our end of 2013 National Standards' data show excellent results for reading and mathematics with no significant ethnic or gender difference. Written language is the area that we are targeting this year, as nationwide this is the curriculum area that requires special attention.

Our early 2014 testing showed that the relentless focus this school has on student achievement is continuing to bring pleasing results. Our recent parent interviews were successful, our Reading Together workshops and Chai and Chat meetings were enjoyed by all and our Duffy assembly again highlighted literacy.

The importance of the above events should not be underestimated. They all combine to support the work done by classroom teachers at school and whanau support at home. Thank you and well done to all of us.

## **ANZAC DAY**

25 April is a special day that brings our nation together. This year ANZAC Day falls in the middle of our school holidays. However, our student leaders and members of our school staff will march in our community parade that ends in a ceremony outside our main school gates.

As always we welcome support from our families at the cenotaph. Please feel free to join us on the morning of April 25.

## **AT SCHOOL ALL DAY EVERY DAY**

A regular feature of newsletters this year will be a report on student attendance.

Attendance rate to date is 95.96%. Last newsletter was 95.35%. This is a pleasing improvement.

## **Late students**

Over five days last week 16 children arrived late and 17 left early. Lateness has improved but many children are still being withdrawn early.

While some children will be ill from time to time we must all strive to have children at school all day every day. This is step one in helping them succeed.

## **STAFF CHANGES**

At the end of term one we say a sad farewell to our longstanding deputy principal Miss Lindsay. We wish Miss Lindsay well in her retirement.

Our new deputy principal is Mrs Michelle Dibben. She will begin at our school on 3 June next term.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO AN EX-PUPIL**

Well done to Alysha Hannah who is one of four Manurewa Intermediate students chosen to represent New Zealand at Gallipoli on ANZAC Day.

Alysha and three other students are supported by the Manurewa RSA. We know that Alysha and her three fellow ambassadors will be very worthy representatives.

Thank you  
**L. Thew**  
**Principal**

# IMPORTANT DATES

## MAY

- 5 Term 2 begins at 9am
- 7 'Playtruck' preschool activities
- 16 Next newsletter
- 19 Term 2 Reading Together programme begins

## JUNE

- 2 Queen's Birthday. School closed.

Term 3 finishes on 4 July.

## Welcome

### *To pupils who have joined us recently*

Summer Honey, Joseph Adams,  
Ashlynn Mulley-Wilson, Anisha Bangar.

## Happy Birthday



To people who have a special day about now.

### APRIL

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 19 Jackson Beaven         | 21 Isaac Botuyan       |
| 21 Zoe Cortes             | 22 Kasanita Langi      |
| 22 Ezara Tataurangi-Burr  | 23 Komal Bavaji        |
| 23 Danny Ge               | 24 Tomilea Bourke      |
| 24 Nathan Nuku            | 26 Tangaroa-Jack Marsh |
| 26 Subnoor Kalsi          | 26 Emaan Singh Sekhon  |
| 27 Zayden Scott           | 27 Sanuj Sharma        |
| 28 Deprey Rimunui-Fasitua | 29 Amritpal Bhatti     |
| 29 Jonathan Kumar         | 29 Sophia Drake        |
| 30 Joana Malewa           | 30 Emmanuel Banatu     |

### MAY

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Riya Prasad        | 2 Alexxus Tonga-Ngatai |
| 4 Gurashish Singh    | 5 Kalepo Solomona      |
| 5 Keira Miller       | 6 Shemaiah Foti        |
| 9 Steffi Webb-Butler | 9 Avyeh Mizziebo       |



*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 Ninorta Chiba          | R2 Jerome Rakoia Brown     |
| R3 Ayvah Mizziebo         | R4 Gurashish Singh         |
| R5 Sebastian Richards     | R6 Maya Seymour            |
| R7 Aydhen Hohepa Bromwich | R8 Juzmin Taanuu           |
| R9 Zyrus Uatisone         | R10 Ormy Kolazar           |
| R11 Max Richards          | R12 Bhavandeep Kaur        |
| R13 Reason Cooper         | R14 Jasmine Kaur           |
| R15 Rebecca King          | R16 Mehar Kaur             |
| R17 Olivia Polglase       | R18 Jaylen Levave-Meleisea |
| R19 Teleise Solomona      | R20 Gurleen Kaur Grewal    |
| R21 Gurtek Singh          | R23 Raymond Ma             |
| R24 Rosa Marsh            |                            |

## ROOM NEWS

### ROOM 2

We had a visit from Constable Kata. Here are some of our stories.

My dad came to school in the police car. He showed us the handcuffs. He gave us a police sticker.

*Isaac Kata*

I sat in the police car. I got to wear his hat. The police car goes very fast.

*Nicholas Duggan*

I went in the police car. I put on the hat. He put on the siren. It was loud.

*Jerome Rakoia Brown*

I went in the police car to take my picture. He has a holster for his gun.

*Harley Blair*



### ROOM 4

We went to the zoo and saw the flamingos. We wanted to know why they were pink. We emailed Laura, a zoo keeper at Auckland Zoo and she told us that flamingos were pink because of the food that they eat. Their food has the same substances that are found in carrots – luckily we don't turn pink when we eat carrots!

## **ROOM 6**

Last week we created these cool and crazy animals. They were hilarious. Next term you can check them out on our display wall outside the classroom.

## **ROOM 8**

Room 8 has been asking questions about animals.

How do flamingos balance on one leg?

*Juzmin*

What is the most poisonous snake? *Zayden*

Where do snakes live? *Aiislin*

How do penguins stay warm? *Komal*

How does a lion hunt for food? *Jashandeep*

Why do gorillas beat their chests? *Cruz*

Why do penguins wobble so much?

*Trinity-Reine*

## **ROOM 10**

It has been a fantastic term in Room 10. We loved creating and working on artwork. We have all really enjoyed creating our split pictures on an animal we like. There were cats, dogs, rabbits, tigers and many other kinds of animals. When they were finished they all looked super amazing. We made David Hockney pictures using photos of ourselves. We cut up the photos and rearranged the pieces into different positions.

We also loved watching the Duffy Show. The whole school really loved watching it. We learnt to read, read and read and one day we could become a famous writer. This term has been a memorable term and we are all still ready for the rest of the year. *Evaine Falelogi*

## **ROOM 12**

Animals are taking over our room! They are in collage form, on posters and even jumping out of our iPads. We have even started to create some pretend zoos. The names of our zoos are quite unusual. We have Central Park, Wonder Zoo, Bubbly Bubbly Zoo and Burger King Zoo. We are a little frightened about what might be lurking in these zoos. We have also found so many weird names for groups of animals such as sute, bellowing, rabble, clowder and peep! These will all be displayed on a poster in our room. *Room 12 Zoo*



## **ROOM 14**

We have been making endangered animal posters. We tell the reason why the animals are endangered and how you can help them survive.

This week we are going to learn about ANZAC Day and the reasons why it is important to New Zealanders.

Room 14 has been writing reports. We are using paragraphs and specialised vocabulary. We also know how to check our work with a buddy. We are now looking forward to the holidays and term two.

## **ROOM 16**

We have had a great time doing drama with Mrs O'Connor based on Peter and the Wolf. Here is one of the letters we wrote to try and sort out our wolf problem.

Dear Zoo Keepers,

Can you keep our wolves for a couple of weeks? After we finish making our own zoo we will come back and get our wolves. There is one mother wolf and six baby wolves that are cubs. Can you keep the wolves in a safe comfortable place? Please make sure you feed them, give them water and please don't let them harm any people or animals. Thank you zoo keepers. *Mehar, Sumsijah and Ashleigh*



## **ROOM 18**

We are learning about animals. We went to the zoo to do more learning. We split up into groups and we went exploring. We saw a tortoise, giraffes, an elephant, a hippo, monkeys, guinea pigs, penguins, alligators, a red panda, meerkats and the cheetah. We went to the education room. We saw the back of a turtle shell's spine. We got to touch lots of animal skins like a python's and a polar bear's and we saw some taxidermy animals. We had lots of fun but it was a hot tiring day!

## **ROOM 20**

Bonjour mes amis. This term we haven't had a Bible teacher but we've been fortunate because Monsieur Addi has taught us some French. It has been fun learning how to pronounce French words. We have learnt a little bit about France as well. We would love to visit in the future and see the beautiful art and architecture. Of course we'd also like to eat some French food!

## **ROOM 24**

The juniors have had a great time this term with the coaches from Counties Manukau Sport. We have learnt some wonderful new skills. When we turn our hands into "m"s and "w"s we are learning to throw and catch the ball. When we use the bat we know to stand sideways and swing it to our shoulder. Tee-ball is our new favourite game because we get to practise the skills we have learnt. Thank you Coach Rama, Coach Manu, Coach George and all the other fabulous coaches who have come to our school. We think you are all wonderful.



# Community News



## **5 Years of Nanaksar Education Phulwari Childcare Centre**

Our community childcare centre is celebrating 5 years of successful operations! We welcome children, families and whanau to join us in our celebrations on

**Saturday, 19 April 2014 from 11 am to 4 pm at 106 Great South Road, Manurewa** (behind Sikh Temple) - to enjoy a bouncy castle, face painting, magician and children's performances. For more information call 2689539



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## **MANUREWA PARENTING HUB**

Sessions for parents of tweens (10-16 years) are being run under Toolbox Parenting next term at Manurewa South School. These are on 19 May, 26 May, 9 June, 16 June, 23 June and 30 June at 11.30am.

Normal cost is \$67.50 per person but we can offer it at \$10 per person. Limited spaces.

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## **Manurewa AFC Soccer Games' Holiday Programme**

April school holidays Mon 28 to Thurs 1 May (4 days). All players welcome, boys and girls, ages 6 to 11 years. Registrations essential by Wednesday 23 April. Email [coaching@manurewaafc.org.nz](mailto:coaching@manurewaafc.org.nz) or phone 021 02636300.

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## **MANUREWA LIBRARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Exciting events include:

- April 24 "Horrible histories and heroes – quiz time."
- April 30 "Lego fun with histories and heroes."
- May 1 "Photography special – make an historical photograph."
- May 2 "Horrible heroes' puppet making"

All events begin at 10.30am and are free. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage literacy and creativity. For more information phone 3010101.