

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

www.mancent.school.nz

1 August 2014 Name.....

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

Term 3 is off to a very busy start. Classroom programmes are well underway and we are planning for a number of major events in our school year.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

These are being arranged for next Wednesday, 6 August between 3.30pm and 8.30pm. Thank you to parents who have requested interviews. If you have yet to organise a time please return the interview slip to school. Times are allocated on a first come first served basis.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

Our big fundraising activity for the year begins today.

Information should come home with this newsletter. We ask that you assist your child with sponsorship perhaps from family, friends, workmates. Please also help your child to learn the answers to a wide range of interesting and challenging questions.

The big testing day is Wednesday, 13 August. I will keep you informed as to progress with fundraising once the sponsorship money comes in. It will be interesting to see if we can get close to the record amount of \$14,450 we raised last year.

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

Manurewa Central "Wild Hair Day" held last term raised \$332.00 for Starship Children's Hospital. This term we are collecting old mobile telephones that are no longer needed. These old phones will be recycled and help to fund the Starship National Air Ambulance Service. Thank you all for your support.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT (ICAS)

Each year selected students from Years 5 and 6 are given the opportunity to participate in five academic competitions run by the University of New South Wales. We congratulate all our students who work hard to prepare for these difficult tests that are run under strict examination conditions.

The first results for 2014 have been received. Well done to the following students who achieved particularly high passes.

Computer Studies

High Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6 Larizza Melendrez
Year 5 Robin Dhaliwal

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 5 Zoraver Malhotra

Credit (Top 35% of NZ students)

Year 6 Lloyd Baladad, Jackson Beaven,
Priyanka Chand, Kevan Lew,
Jin Hui Wang, Steffi Webb-Butler.
Year 5 Harkirit Dhaliwal

Merit (Top 45% of NZ students)

Year 6 Brooklyn Baker

Science

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6 Kevan Lew, Kevin Zeng

Credit (Top 35% of NZ students)

Year 6 Jasmit Gosal, Zoraver Malhotra,
Taylor Maskell, Larizza
Melendrez, Khaine Park,
Jin Hui Wang, Steffi Webb-Butler
Year 5 Robin Dhaliwal

Merit (Top 45% of NZ students)

Year 6 Jackson Beaven
Year 5 Chetna Singh

HARMONY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our festival choir is practising hard, under the guidance of Miss Michelle Farrelly, for the Manurewa Schools festival on Tuesday, 26 August.

This will be a special event involving over 500 children from fifteen schools performing in the Vodafone Events Centre on Great South Road.

Tickets are on sale at the school office from 4 August.

Cost: \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child
Family ticket \$25.00 (2 adults, 2 children).

Parking is free.

This is always a very special and enjoyable evening.

AT SCHOOL ALL DAY EVERYDAY

You will be aware of our drive to get children to school every day, on time and ready to learn. Our attendance for 2014 is running at 95.4% which is pleasing. Monday morning is the worst day for lateness. The number of children being collected early has greatly reduced which is helpful to classroom teachers.

Many thanks for your support on this important matter.

L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- 4 Music Festival tickets on sale from school office
- 6 Parent Interviews (3.30 to 8.30pm)
- 7 Chai and Chat 1.30 – 2.45pm
Room 22
- 11 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 13 General Knowledge-a-thon testing day
- 20 School cross country (Years 3 – 6)
- 22 Next newsletter
- 26 Music Festival performance at Vodafone Events' Centre

Term 3 finishes on Friday, 26 September.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Marcus Franklin, Sarah Pham, Navam Sharma
Jasmandeep Kaur, Donny Kako.

Happy Birthday



To people who have a special day about now.

AUGUST

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 Rhys Tangi | 3 Tarandeep Singh |
| 4 Zoraver Malhotra | 5 Tavita Moses |
| 5 Nimit Singh | 6 Richard Cole |
| 7 Chloe Groves | 7 Jackson-Lee Tonga-Ngatai |
| 7 Liam Miller | 8 Emily Tchikha |
| 9 Ana Adams | 12 Shivanshu Sharma |
| 16 Reuben Lava | 16 Ardasdeep Singh |
| 16 Dohnovin Dalton | 16 Laura Foy |
| 16 Luke Brooks | 16 Willow Motuliki |
| 17 Michael Holden Whiu | 17 Sydney Palalagi-Sami |
| 17 Emmanuel Emmanuel | 18 Baihlee Te Pou |
| 20 Evaine Falelogi | 20 Tanishka Chetty |
| 21 Preston Cooper | 21 Hare Hemopo |



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

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| R1 Portia Dalton | R2 Nicholas Duggan |
| R3 Jasleen Malhi | R4 Louisa Bella Linaker |
| R5 Glenn Solomann | R6 Labron Gwynne Asoava |
| R7 Shama Goundar | R8 Cruz Wiki |
| R9 Tear Andrews | R10 Laura Foy |
| R11 Remini Vitale | R12 Riya Kumar |
| R13 Emma Polglase | R14 Dylan Ross |
| R15 Lepani Uludole | R16 Mereani Uludole |
| R17 Boston Smith | R18 Corrina Rota-Leggan |
| R19 Slade McKay | R20 Mamia Marsh |
| R21 Jennifer Zeng | R23 Tyler Jack |
| R24 Kabilaya Prabakaran | |

ROOM 2

Last week we read a book called How Maui Slowed the Sun. Here are some of our stories. The sun came up. Maui said, "Now my brothers, catch the sun with the ropes!"

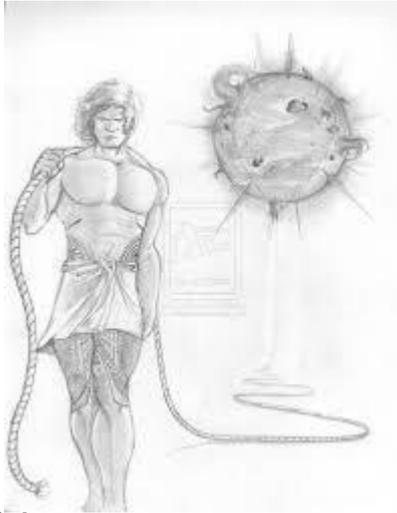
Gizelle Henry

Maui hit the sun with the jawbone. The 4 brothers tied the magic ropes onto the sun.

Harley Blair

Maui hit the sun with the magic jawbone. The sun said "Don't kill me!"

Jaskirat Hara



ROOM 4

We have been learning about how Maui made the sun slow down as people could not hunt or fish or see. Maui and his brothers used flax ropes to make the sun slow down. After reading the story we used paint to make our own suns. They are hanging up in the classroom so please come for a look when you can.

ROOM 6

To celebrate *Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori*, we learned a basic *mihi* to introduce ourselves. We decided to make our school our tribe, and adopt the Mountain and Ocean that is near Manurewa. We made a class mihi:

*Ko Matuku-tururu te maunga,
Ko Manukau te moana,
Ko Manurewa Central te Iwi
Ko Mr Malele toku Kaiako,
No Aotearoa te kainga,
Ko Room 6 toku ingoa
Tena kotou, tena kotou katoa!*

ROOM 8

We made healthy sandwiches this week. We used Te Reo Maori to ask for the different ingredients. Our sandwiches had cheese and lettuce. Some of us put marmite on our sandwiches but most of the class thought marmite was disgusting. We all enjoyed making our own healthy sandwiches and learning how to do it in a different language.

We have also been perfecting our sewing skills and this term we made teddy bears. We were allowed to decorate them with our own choices and we had Hawaiian hula teddies, punk rocker teddies and polka dotted teddies. We had a lot of fun making them.

ROOM 10

Our Claes Oldenburg food sculptures are going to be works of art! Room 10 have been working on food sculptures made out of papier mache, aluminium, newspaper, plates, plastic and foam. There are giant (really big) McDonalds chips, cupcakes, candy cane, ice cream cone, lollipop, tacos, hamburgers and pancake. So far we are only half way through, but already they look amazing. Wait until we paint them and add extras like sprinkles, butter, cherries, icing and all the fillings.

Madison Denton-Priest

ROOM 12

Do we really know what we are eating? Room 12 is abuzz with some horrifying facts. If you drink a 600ml bottle of soft drink every day, you will drink 480 teaspoons of sugar a month! That's 2 kg of sugar! A 350ml bottle of delicious fruit juice contains as much sugar as 25 jelly beans!

Read the labels on food. Adults are meant to have no more than 2300mg sodium (salt) per day yet some products such as readymade sauces have 1680mg in just one serve!

The average dinner plate has increased by 6cm in size from the centre to the edge so even without knowing it we are eating more!

Khaine and Dohnovin

ROOM 14

It was Maori language week last week. We made tiki faces. For our tiki faces we first divided the paper into thirds, secondly we started to sketch the face of the tiki. Then we used two dice to find the colours for our tiki faces, for example we rolled the dice and say it landed on ono (six) then the colour would be poroporo (purple). So then we would choose a part of the face to colour in. We would only colour half of the face then on the opposite side we would colour the background.



ROOM 16

MILK AND DETERGENT EXPERIMENT

Question: What happens when we put detergent in full cream milk and reduced fat milk?

Equipment: We used 1 litre of full cream milk, reduced fat milk, food colouring, detergent, plates and cotton buds.

Method: We watched Mrs Armitage put full cream milk into a plate. As the milk swooshed around Mrs Armitage chose 3 dye colours, red, blue and green. Mrs Armitage dripped some detergent onto a cotton bud and tumbled it into the white plate. It swirled around the plate. It looked like the northern lights! Then we went and did the same experiment in our buzz groups with reduced fat milk, except we used more detergent and different coloured dyes.

Conclusion: The milk moved because the detergent molecules tried to join the fat molecules, causing the milk to move. We used the dye to show us how the milk was moving. The reduced fat milk moved a little faster than the full cream milk but there wasn't much difference. *Thea-Rose and Alistair*

ROOM 18

We have been make a koru for our art. We have also been writing about how to put a hangi down. It has been a good week with our new teacher. *Kash*

ROOM 20

At the moment we are very busy learning about food. We have discovered that you need to eat a variety of food, so you can grow and be healthy. We know that we must eat some food from these groups – fruit and vegetables, grains, protein, milk and milk products plus fats and sweets. We hope you make good choices. Happy eating everyone!

ROOM 24

If I went to the Commonwealth Games I would get a gold medal for gymnastics. It is fun because you get to do hand stands and cart wheels. *Yvonne*



MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK

During Māori Language Week, Year 5 and Year 6 Whanau members had the privilege of going to the Vodafone Events' Centre to "Taki Rua" a play by Noa Campbell. The whole story was told in reo Māori. It was good for us to hear the reo in a narrative. We also go to experience Māori art forms – dance, poi, waiata and waiatatia.

Community News

MANUREWA HIGH SCHOOL WHANAU DAY

Saturday, 16 August 10am to 2pm. Manurewa High School hall and field.

A fun filled day with entertainment, sport, food and community stalls across the school. All welcome.