

Congratulations to our school sports teams who continue to do well in Manurewa Interschool competitions.

Over the past few weeks our Rippa rugby team finished first, our tackle rugby finished fourth and our girls' won their netball.

Just as pleasing is the way our students perform with skill, determination and sportsmanship.

Well done and thank you to our many representatives and their coaches, managers and parent helpers.

### WHANAU SUPPORT

Thank you to whanau who attended our three workshops on maths learning. Those who were able to attend found them helpful for understanding how maths is taught at school and how they can assist their children to both succeed and enjoy maths.

Time now for reading. We will begin our next Reading Together series on Wednesday 13 June at 6pm. This popular programme runs over four Wednesdays and ensures children's reading achievement improves.

More information will come home from Mrs Griffin but you can call the school now to ensure a place. I highly recommend this programme.

Parent feedback comments from our Term 1 workshops:

*"Excellent programme. I wish I had done it sooner."*

*"Getting it right at the beginning of school will make reading and school more fun!"*

*"A very valuable workshop"*

*"A must for all parents".*

### TEACHER NZEI MEETING

In order to discuss the serious situation around teacher retention and recruitment an afternoon meeting will be held on **Monday, 18 June**. On this day children may be picked up at school in person from their classroom between 12 and 12.30pm. Children who remain at school will be supervised under teacher supervision until 3pm. **No children will be sent home prior to 3pm.**

This is the second of two such meetings available each year to teacher NZEI members under their Collective Agreement. Thank you for your understanding and support for our staff during this difficult time.

### GREAT ART WORK

One of the curriculum strengths at our school is the Arts which includes music, visual arts, dance and drama. At present we have some excellent student art on display both inside and outside classrooms. I hope you enjoy it.

Laurie Thew  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNE

- 4 Queen's birthday holiday—school closed
- 7 School hockey finals 3.10pm
- 11 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 13 Reading Together workshops begin 6pm to 7.30pm
- 18 NZEI stop work meeting
- 20 WIG Day. Fundraiser for children ill in hospital
- 22 Next newsletter

### JULY

- 6 Term 2 ends at 3pm
- 23 Term 3 begins

Term 3 finishes on Friday 28 September

# Welcome

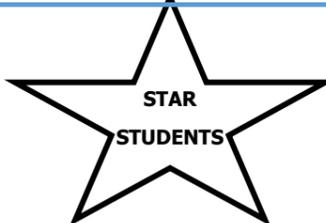
### To pupils who have joined us recently

Darius Trail, Abualfadl Al Kashoosh, Azaria Govinda, Nellie Ruawhare, Pol Placido Jr Candia, Lyla Munro, Sehraj Singh Deol.

# Happy Birthday

### To people who have a special day about now.

JUNE		
1 Christine Uludole	1 Lexy Coe	3 Andres Rakoia Brown
4 Te Aroha Marsh	5 Joshua Engu	5 Jashika Prakash
6 Baylee Trego	8 Melissa Ngatai	8 Khiem Tran
9 Zachariah Hobson	9 Ayush Kumar	11 Angel Pillay
11 Gunawardeep Dadyal	11 Caitlin Tamati	12 Viva Friend
12 Rasman Khatgar	12 Horeen Horeen	12 Japjot Kaur
13 Kiefer Wallen	13 Sahil Sandhu	13 Prabhjot Singh
13 Aleesha Nowley	14 Rushikesh Naicker	14 Izaiah McCown
15 Cairo Friend	16 Jagbir Singh	18 Andrena Oliver
18 Jay Sohal	19 Samuel Solo	19 Kevin Ratahi
21 Mohammad Al-Kashoosh	22 Ethan Head	



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

R1 Kevin Ratahi	R3 William Leslie-Nua	R4 Leilani Irwin
R5 Naman Lal	R6 Jet Green	R7 Dan Hooper
R8 Maryam Sahib	R9 Rehan Mohammed	R10 Inise Malewa
R11 Johanna Stowers	R12 Rosa Marsh	R13 Ardasdeep Singh
R14 Guvind Dhaliwal	R15 Avisa Isanejad	R16 Patrisha Chand
R17 Dilveer Cheema	R18 Jamima Aviu	R19 Joshua Engu
R20 Kaylis Trail	R21 Pharron Maletino	R23 Ava Taiaroa
R24 Myles Saavedra		

## Community Notices

Adventure Outdoors—School Holidays Camps  
 These July school holidays we are running 2 awesome camps. Tramping, rock climbing, Possum trapping, team building challenges, hot pools and much more.  
 Adventure Winter Camp Mt Pirongia, July 9-13th Adventure Winter Camp, Aongatete Lodge, July 16-20th - 8—14 year olds, OSCAR available. Pick up/drop off Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Waikato  
 Book at [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz) or email [mark@edventure.co.nz](mailto:mark@edventure.co.nz)

Answers to Room 1 clues

Autumn leaves, Frog, Bat, Pencil

# Room News

### ROOM 1

We enjoyed creating riddles with tricky clues. Here are some for you to guess...

I am brown, yellow and red. I am crunchy. I used to be green What am I?  
 I have four legs. I have a long sticky tongue. I eat flies.  
 I have very big wings. I am dark black. I fly at night.  
 I am used a lot. I am tall and skinny. I have a sharp point.

Capriani  
 Elester  
 Rhion  
 Keana

*(See the end of the page for answers)*

### ROOM 3

Magnets are cool things. The silver shiny glossy pins goes up to the magnets. The pins are made of metal.

Danny Mackay-Nicholas

The staples were flying to the magnets. The staples are made of iron.  
 Magnets can attract stuff in the air, in liquids and through solids too.

Lacey Murphy  
 Navseerat Kaur

### ROOM 5

It is Samoan language week and we marked this significant event by making ulas in our classroom. Traditionally they were strung with whale teeth and seeds. The modern versions we made use craft items such as pipe cleaners, beads, cupcake cases and brightly coloured handmade flowers. There are many reasons for wearing ulas. We will wear our ula with pride and respect, as we celebrate the Samoan culture and language.

### ROOM 7

We have been enjoying many new inquiries in our learning. Currently we have been exploring force and how we use push and pull in our daily lives at school. Over the last week we have been investigating areas in our school playground and how we apply these forces in our play. We also discussed the various ways of creating forms of motion.

We also joined in the celebration of Samoan language week and have been enjoying some stories from the Pacific as well as joining Room 5 to work alongside them collaboratively in creating some beautiful ula (garlands or lei). These will be displayed in our classroom very soon.

### ROOM 9

We have been learning many things. One change that has been made recently is how students in Room 9 can choose the topics that they wish to learn during inquiry time. Once they have chosen our topic we then investigate it using the research guides we have been given. It is very interesting to see what interests the students and how well we can answer our own questions using the internet. The students have also chosen novel ways to express their learning and their final creation will be quite unique. It will be interesting as a class to reflect on how well we have done with our inquiry and make improvements to the process for Term 3. Ask your child what they have chosen if they haven't already told you!

### ROOM 11

These last few weeks we have learned the art of conversation: when to listen and when to speak, responding to the idea and not the person. It's a hard task, but one that will make us people who communicate to understand and to be understood, collaborators and builders of the future.

### ROOM 13

On Friday last week the senior school went to the auditorium for what we thought was assembly. We were wrong—the teachers had organised a Mathex competition for us all to take part in. We were divided into groups of 4 and we had to solve maths problems. It was really noisy and crowded in the auditorium but it was so much fun. We had to solve 20 different problems, each time we thought we had the answer we had to run to a teacher for them to check it. If we got the question correct we would get the next question, if we got it wrong we had to go back and try and solve it again. We hope we have a Mathex competition again soon.

Sahil and Kenneth

### ROOM 15

We have been very busy in Room 15. Our topic this term is Space. We have been learning about the different planets, space explorers and technology that is used in space. We are all finding this very interesting. We have completed two more awesome art projects, on a cityscape inspired by New York artist James Rizzi. We are also in the process of writing letters to a class in Dunedin, it will be great to make some new friends in another part of New Zealand. Call into our classroom any time to see our work.

### ROOM 17

The last two weeks, Room 17 have been exploring space and launching rockets. We have launched balloon rockets, baking soda rockets and now we are working on our water bottle rockets. We are discovering all the problems that real engineers from NASA face when trying to launch rockets. Following on the theme of space and begin engineers, we have also been using our Edison robots to create machines to do everyday tasks. To infinity and beyond!

### ROOM 19

What a great start to term two in Room 19. Some of our highlights have included having Leighton, who is in our class, bring his drag car to school. We loved it when he zoomed around the field. We all were then able to hop in his car and pretend we were famous drag car racers too. We have also enjoyed doing some art on happy houses. Pop into Room 19 to see them on display. We have also participated in "bright day" and "pink day". These days make us focus on others less fortunate than us, and make us think about how to treat others with respect.

### ROOM 21

We have been reading a lot of biographies of famous people. One of our favourites is Anne Frank. We have been learning about what she went through in her short but painful life. She was a Jewish person in World War II when the Nazis came and wanted to capture her. Her family went into hiding. For her 13th birthday she got lots of presents but her favourite was a diary. She wrote in her diary every day and after she died her Dad published it so we know all about her life.

Horeen and Felicia

### ROOM 23

We are excited to be doing folk dancing. Our favourite dances so far are "Follow the Leader", "Carnalito" and "The Bird Dance". We have to move and skip in time to the music. It is so much fun and hopefully we get a chance to share what we have learnt with our parents!