

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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1 March 2013 Name.....

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

I am delighted that 2013 has started smoothly and all our programmes are well underway.

We are certainly experiencing a busy and exciting term with swimming, outdoor education, new roles for senior pupils and a range of assessments and student testing to complete.

Through all of this teachers are delivering learning programmes every day and your child should be very busy engaging in the range of activities we have at school.

Please remember that if your child is not bringing reading and/or homework you need to contact your child's teacher. Rest assured we quickly contact parents when we have concerns so don't hesitate to call us.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Many parents will be aware that we have a school website that is maintained by Mrs Patsy France. This site contains samples of children's work and photographs including class photos.

Although photographs are popular there may be parents who do not want their child's identity placed on a public website. If you do not want your child's photograph displayed on the internet please notify the principal in writing. No reason need be given.

Some parents may take their own photographs at school events. Please respect pupils' privacy and do not put photographs or video clips on the internet of anyone other than your own child. Privacy is a very important matter and must be respected.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

This is a brief reminder that the Bible in Schools' programme (for Years 3 to 6, 9am to 9.30am on Wednesdays) is optional.

If you do not want your child involved in this Christian based programme please inform your child's teacher in writing. The programme begins on Wednesday, 13 March.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

The first of our parent interviews is planned for Wednesday, 20 March.

This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's current learning needs, classroom programmes to meet these needs and ideas as to how you can help at home.

The aim is to enhance the partnership between home and school and thus ensure student achievement is enhanced. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. More information to come.

MR FERGUSON RETIRES

It was with reluctance that our Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of our caretaker Hadyn Ferguson. Mr Ferguson has been a major contributor to our school team since 1993. Before that he was caretaker at Mt Richmond Special School for seventeen years so his contribution to children has been very significant.

Over the past 20 years Mr Ferguson has helped implement major property development and enhanced the many resources available to our students and their teachers. He is also a man of great integrity and has been an excellent role model to our school and community. Mr Ferguson will finish his time with us later this term when a replacement is found. He will be missed by many people young and old but he will always be welcome at the school that he helped make so special.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ELECTIONS

Board elections are held every three years and are due to take place over the next few months.

Key dates:

15 April	Nominations called for
14 May	Voter rolls close
16 May	Nominations close
21 May	Voting papers distributed
30 May	Voting closes
5 June	Result announced
6 June	New Board takes office.

For information about the role of school boards please see the pamphlet accompanying this newsletter.

PUPIL LEADERS

At this time of year we name our Year 6 pupils who have been selected for school leadership roles for 2013. Our congratulations go to the following pupils. I know they will all work hard for our school and be excellent role models.

School Councillors

Seanna Lesimaikimatuku, Stanley Brabazon, Bradley Wingfield, Malama Ieremia, Arabella Pearse, Jeremie Bayaban, Jasleen Kaur, Leilani Faaiuas.

Computer Monitors

Sam Ward, Taitusi Hafoka, Zane Moran, Garry Singh, Ezra Seiuli, Rishi Sharma, Jeremie Bayaban, William Do, Arabella Pearse, Harleen Bhathal.

Librarians

Seanna Lesimaikimatuku, Apoiniva Asiata, May Dong, Alyse Allan, Sam Megson, Taumatina Natini, Denise Falelogi, Rameka Maynard, Cole Wilkinson, Anihira London, Linda Du, Ezekiel Ah Ching Lava, Alayna Fa'aati, Radhika Kumar, Shundiil Prasad, Kristika Lakshmi, Amanda Nair, Christian Taanuu, Tisha Naicker, Jacinda Barnes, Zoe Nelson, Tyrese Makoare, Precious Te Whata.

Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- 4-8 Outdoor Education Week (Yrs 5 & 6)
- 11 Board of Trustees' monthly meeting 6pm.
- 12 Interschool cricket
- 13 Bible in School lessons begin
- 18 – 22 Outdoor art display
- 19 Teacher stop work meeting (see green notice)
- 20 Parent interviews 3.30 to 8pm
- 22 Next newsletter
- 29 – 2 April Easter break. School closed.

Term 1 finishes on Friday, 19 April.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Navjot Singh, Venya Sharma, Genesis Tapora, Cruz Wiki, Harman Singh, Juliani Te Pou, Baihlee Te Pou, Paul Auva'a, Labron Gwynne-Asoava, Glenn Solomann, Arseen Chiba, Vyaansh Permal, Rehan Mohommad.

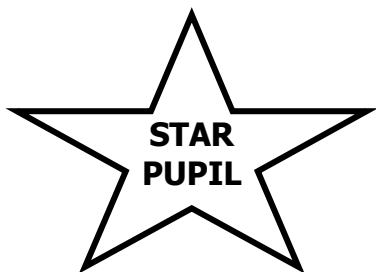
Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.



MARCH

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| 2 Stavrow Karimo | 2 Gauravpreet Singh |
| 3 Campbell Allan | 3 Tanraj Bains |
| 3 Zane Hills | 5 Theon Pearse |
| 6 Stacey Reid | 6 Noah Singe |
| 6 Phakchira Smith | 6 Hamish Trembath |
| 6 Mereani Uludole | 7 Mharsal Kaokao |
| 7 Xanthe Paku | 7 Laichen Samupo |
| 8 Nirari Chiba | 8 Harman Singh |
| 9 Zak Reid | 16 Sarrah Hassan |
| 16 Jaylen Levave-Meleisea | 16 Rhylee Peita |
| 16 Khloe Scott | 17 Shama Goundar |
| 17 Isaac Uluheua | 19 Prabhjot Bhatti |
| 19 Amanda Tchikha | 20 Tony Julian |
| 20 Astyn Smart | 22 Makayla Gurnick |
| 22 Mya Petursson | 23 Max Richards |
| 23 Leandro Sawa | 23 Justin Tiai |
| 24 Samuel Megson | 25 Summer Tamihere |
| 26 Priyanka Chand | |



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

R1 Leaia Faalafi	R3 George Kolazar
R4 Ashley Chand	R5 Nirari Chiba
R6 Casey Drake	R7 Daman Kumar
R8 Rohan Klair	R9 Pearlina Menke
R10 Shannon Foy	R11 Jusdeen Samupo
R12 Denise Falelogi	R13 Tisha Naicker
R14 May Dong	R15 William Do
R16 Ormy Kolazar	R17 Riya Kumar
R18 Deprey Rimunui-Fasitua	R19 Courtney Nelson
R20 Ebonie Lambert	R21 Blake Allen
R23 Abby Cooper	R24 Sharbel Kolazar

have weighed ourselves, measured our height and discovered that our fingerprints are not the same patterns! The children totally respect each other's differences.

ROOM 7

We have been learning all about us. We have several displays up that tell you things which are special to us so come and have a look. We have also been swimming most days which we really enjoy as it is so hot in the afternoon.

ROOM 9

We have a baby frog. We have to feed him with bugs and insects and tiger worms from the worm farm. He is very cute.

My cat is stripy like a tiger. She has very, very sharp claws. There are three claws on each paw. She is old. She wastes cat food and spews it up. Her body colour is brown and black. She has green eyes. I pat her all the time because I feel sorry for her. Her name is Poose. *Sophie*

ROOM 11

This week Room 11 has been on a roll trying to finish off work including our self-portraits. We have extraordinary pictures of ourselves. It almost looks exactly like we are twins!

We've also been practising our swimming strokes in the afternoon getting ready for our next swimming lesson but as the pool has been out of action we weren't able to proceed with our swimming sports.

Every day after morning tea we have maths. For maths we do family of facts and then we work as three different groups. We have been learning about graphs, equations, rounding numbers and many other interesting maths' activities. It has been a busy start to the year!

ROOM 13

Outdoor education week begins next week and we are all excited about what is happening. We have rock climbing, jet boating, kayaking, DC3 flying and skiing to look forward to. Even better on the Tuesday the senior school is spending the day doing activities like cooking, challenges and orienteering.

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We were all very excited when Mrs Griffin presented Leaia the first medal for the year. Leaia knows all her star, apple, whale and cat words. She has been working steadily on her learning book with her mum.

Lots of children and their families are working really hard. The teachers appreciate the excellent support the families give their children with their school learning.

ROOM 3

We have had an excellent start for Term 1. We are learning lots of interesting facts about ourselves. Why are we so special? What are we good at? Who helps us at home and at school? What things do we like to do with our families? We also enjoy swimming four afternoons a week.

ROOM 5

Room 5 children are little fish. We have really enjoyed swimming this year and are keen to race up to the pool each day. We can all put our heads under the water and use noodles and kickboards to get to the other side. We have also been learning about each other and how different and the same we are. We

ROOM 15

Wow! What a great start to the year! We have done some excellent pieces of art. You should come and check it out in Room 15. Mr Baird has really taught us how to do the basics of a face and heaps of techniques for drawing.

We have also been learning about New Zealand history and how it has affected New Zealand. One of the main events in New Zealand's history was the Treaty of Waitangi when the British and the Maori decided to share the land.
Leilani & Alesha

ROOM 17

In the past few weeks we have been swimming with a special lady, Beverly. She was so impressed with all the children blowing bubbles in the water – especially when we are gliding across the water with a flutter board. She also taught us how to dolphin dive. We are really looking forward to our next session in the pool.

Jonti-Armani Graham and Elyn Basilio

ROOM 19

Over the past four weeks the children in Room 19 have been working really hard. If we achieve our weekly goals we are able to cook with Mrs Sowden. It has been marvellous because we have learnt how to make homemade ice cream, hasselback potatoes, pikelets and even pizza. Some children even made a pizza the size of their lunchbox. Mr Thew thought the pizza we gave him was the best he had ever eaten.

Farani Momoemausu and Elijah Miller.

ROOM 21

We have been learning the beginning of the year routines, and how we must be kind to each other so we can work and play happily together. Our topic is 'Amazing Me' and it has been really interesting learning about how we are 'different' from other children and how these things make us individuals.

Swimming has been terrific, especially with Beverly coming to help us with our freestyle technique. We can't wait for the pool to be fixed so that we can learn some more.

ROOM 23

We have settled well into our new classroom and we all know why we're at school. We are having lots of fun learning how to read and write. Swimming in the afternoons is a highlight and a great way to keep cool on these hot days!

FREE ONLINE READING RESOURCES

Do you have access to the internet? Would you like to support your child's reading at home?

Dame Wendy Pye and the Pye Foundation (An international book publishing company) has an offer for families that is completely free of charge and provides online access for an extensive range of reading material and resources to use with children. Indeed over 500 titles, including both fiction and non-fiction, plus 1000 learning activities can be accessed for use at home.

To login, go to www.sunshineonline.co.nz and enter the username **sunshine2013** plus the password **newzealand**.

This is a very generous offer from the Pye Foundation and is certainly a wonderful extra resource that has been made available to New Zealand families.

Should you need to know the reading level of your child please contact your child's teacher. This information will be the starting point for you to work with your child to foster increasing skill and knowledge in literacy.

Community Notices

Children's Day Arts' Festival will be celebrated at Nathan Homestead on Saturday, 2 March 10am – 2pm. To launch NZ Book month at Nathan Homestead, Story Time, a children's art exhibition is being held from 1 March – 10 March. Art works will celebrate favourite story time characters. Students from Manurewa Central with art works on display are Braithan Forster, Ariana Faaiuasoo, Gaurav Singh, Alistair Stowers, Tear Andrews, Sarina West, Izaeliyah Tuaato and Esther Lemoa.