

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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20 September 2013 Name.....

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

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to our General Knowledge-a-thon fundraiser. The total reached is \$14,453.00 which by far is our best ever result.

Thank you also to everyone who took time to complete our questionnaire. If you have not done so yet we would still like to hear from you. Results will be gathered next week and I will notify you in our newsletter and on our website.

2013 SPEECH RESULTS

Once again our students presented speeches of a very high standard. Our congratulations go to all successful participants named below.

Year 6 (Cooper Cup)

1st Seanna Lesimaikimatuku
2nd Stanley Brabazon
3rd Malama Ieremia
MC Rameka Maynard

Year 5

1st Cassandra Murray-Lynch
2nd Steffi Webb-Butler
3rd Ryan Garrick

MC Bradley Wingfield

ICAS RESULTS

We have received results of the mathematics examinations run by the University of New South Wales. Well done to everyone with special congratulations to the following students.

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6 Stanley Brabazon

Year 5 Kevan Lew, Zoraver Malhotra, JinHui Wang.

Credit (Top 30% of NZ students)

Year 6 Jeremie Bayaban, Jasleen Kaur, Anihira Lundon, Arabella Pearse, Bradley Wingfield.

Year 5 Vinesh Kumar, Larizza Melendrez, James Zeng.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

You will have noticed major property developments happening at school. By next term our staffroom work will be complete. We will then concentrate on construction of a new toilet block and swimming pool filtration upgrade outside Room 20. We are also in the process of converting the old dental clinic into a meeting space.

I appreciate the work our Board of Trustees is doing to ensure our facilities are the best we can make them.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Chetna Singh who won first place in the oracy contest run by the Hindi Language and Culture Trust of New Zealand. Well done Chetna.

Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 21 Saturday hockey finishes
- 25 Information evenings at Greenmeadows and Manurewa Intermediate Schools for parents of students enrolled there for 2014.
- 27 School closes to end term 3 at 3pm

OCTOBER

- 14 Term 4 begins at 9am.
- 21 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 25 School newsletter
- 28 Labour Day. School closed.

School closes for the year on Friday, 13 December.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Cadyn Rupapera, Monty Singe, Ekamjot Singh, Agnes Levave-Meleisa, Ardasdeep Singh, Paramveer Singh Brar, Tyson-Luca Gardiner, Ezerkiah Muir.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

SEPTEMBER

22 Okusitino Tuipulotu	23 Sinead Miller
23 Skye Collins	25 Iccer Lum
28 George Kolazar	28 Sharbel Kolazar
28 Bailee Nicholson	29 Dwayne Reid
29 Sheneah Bayaban	30 Rangi Waenga
30 Madison Franklin	

OCTOBER

4 Skye Pratt	5 Gurshan Singh
6 Levysa Lemoa	6 Katalaina Manu Saute
7 Radhika Kumar	7 Tisha Naicker
7 Josaia	7 Levi Rota-Leggan
Lesimaikimatuku	
8 Nyla Verma	10 Rileigh Campbell
10 Darah Miller	12 Corilee Boylan-Small
13 Benaiah Casey	13 Felix Jones
14 Vincent Tonga-Ngatai	14 Kaveni Caba
15 Abby Casey	15 Gareth Mirko
15 Leonie Renata Green	15 Liam Dixon-Williams
17 Cameron Spyve-Shea	17 Abby Cooper
18 Noah Love	18 Tane Falesa Talbot
18 Kendall Nguyen	19 Damien-Jirah Graham
20 Levi Bowden	20 Jayden Fountain
23 Mehar Kaur	23 Ariana Faaiuso
24 Kulneet Grover	25 Ryan Guo
25 Talita 'Ake	



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

R1 Yvonne-Rose Menke	R2 Skye Jenkins
R3 Dania Sadiq	R4 Ravi Chandra
R5 Phakchira Smith	R6 Casey Drake
R7 Shahana Ali	R8 Isaac Botuyan
R9 Ariana Faaiuso	R10 Kevin Zeng
R11 Rohan Chand	R12 Kendall Nguyen
R13 Apoiniva Asiata	R14 Harjapjeet Kaur
R15 Steffi Webb Butler	R16 Damien Rippingale
R 17 Kiran Gill	R18 Jesse Hannah
R19 Elijah Miller	R20 Keira Miller
R21 Blake Allan	R22 David Knowles
R23 Bailey Goodall	R24 Vyaansh Permal

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2 FRUIT, FRUIT, FRUIT

I have fruit at school every day. I love to eat kiwifruit and oranges. Fruit makes me healthy. I sit in a circle and take turns to get fruit. We are lucky to have fruit. *Kingston Jack*

I have fruit at my school. We have green apples and we have red apples and oranges and kiwifruit and bananas too. Our teacher cuts up fruit for us to eat before we go out for morning tea. Fruit is good for us. We are patient when we eat the fruit. *Maraia Lunjevich*

ROOM 4

Every day we get a piece of fresh fruit to eat. So far we have had apples, bananas, oranges and kiwi fruit. Just before we go out to morning tea we get to choose our fruit. We use the fruit to do maths as well. We practise fractions. If we cut them into two equal pieces they are called halves. If we cut them into four pieces then they are called quarters. We have also made a graph of what our favourite fruit is. Room 4's is bananas – what is your favourite?

ROOM 6 Maths' Week activities

In Maths' Week we made board games. First we designed the games. Second we drew them. Third we numbered the squares. After that we published our work. We laminated them. Finally we played the games.

Sahil Sandhu

Today we made lady bugs. First we traced the lady bugs body. Second we traced the wings and cut them out. Third we put dots on the wings. Fourth we glued the number ten on. Then Mrs Nicholas put a pin in the middle of the wings.

Gurtek Singh

ROOM 8

We have been learning about tuataras. We are writing information reports about them. Here is some of our class shared writing.

Tuataras

Tuataras are a reptile, not a lizard. Tuataras have 3 eyes. One is on top of their head but they can't see with it. Perhaps it was to see danger up high in the sky? Tuataras have spikes down their backs. Males put their spikes up when they are fighting or trying to find a girlfriend. Tuataras can live to over 100 years. Tuataras are carnivores and cannibals. Young tuataras hunt during the day to avoid being eaten.

ROOM 10

Saturday hockey has been go, go, go on the hockey field every Saturday. All the learning of skills, passing and working together as a team, all the bumps and bruises have been worth it.

The other great thing we have been doing is The Cloak Project. Max and Jake have shown us how to be focussed and proud actors. We have had a great time learning lots of fun commands and actions to help us to always be ready and prepared. Siliga Sitoga is a Pasifika artist who is helping us to create our own turangawaewae cloak. *Shannon & Astyn*

ROOM 12

Have you ever wished that there was a book that could change font instantly with just a touch? How magical is that? Or have you ever wished that you could change the page with just a flick of your hand? Well we can! Do you know what we are talking about? Yes! The e-Readers! Room 12 has been introduced to a fabulous device that can make all your reading dreams come true! The font can grow as big as a tree or shrink as small as an ant. We have been challenged to read many classic novels over the coming months.

Anihira and Seanna

ROOM 14

For maths' week we got fun homework, created neat tessellations, did interesting patterns for our Islamic art and made 3D shapes out of paper and ice-block sticks. Our maths' week was super fun.

Then we moved on to our new topic "Water and Weather." We read a lot of books about our topic, researched and found a lot of mind-blowing facts. Did you know water is everywhere in fountains, lakes, rivers, oceans, taps and even our own bodies? Also did you know that tsunamis can travel at 700km per hour?

Priyanka

ROOM 16

We have been going to Sykes Road pools for the past seven watery weeks. We have been taught by three fabulous teachers who worked hard to teach us how to swim and learn about water safety. Sadly this was the last week of swimming.

Room 16 has also been learning about water. Do you know how much water is in the human

body? 75 percent of the human body is water. We have been also learning about flight. We tested paper planes and we thought about which flew the longest. Some people thought the dart would fly the longest, some thought the arrow flew the longest. But altogether everyone thought something different. We had a great time testing our planes. *Robin & Harkarit*

ROOM 18

We made play dough for maths' week. We had to halve the recipe that Ms Alsari gave us and we had to measure everything carefully. We made play dough of all sorts of colours. For art we have been making Aboriginal dot art. We did warm colours for the land and cool colours for the water and we picked either a land animal or a water animal. Speaking of water, we have just finished 7 weeks of swimming at Sykes Road pools.

We have worked so hard this term we are all looking forward to our end of term treat.

Bhavandeep and Olivia

ROOM 20

For the last 7 weeks, on Tuesday we have been going swimming at the Sykes Road pools.

We have thoroughly enjoyed swimming in the tepid water. Our kicking, breathing and strokes have improved. We know how to use a life jacket and what to do if we go overboard when we are in a boat. The swimming teachers were very encouraging and we loved travelling by minibus. We would like to go again next year.

ROOM 22

We have been writing stories about the weather.

I saw big fat raindrops falling down from the sky. *Jacy*

Today it is a sunny day and the sun came out. Mum woke me up to get breakfast. *Pure Jae*

I like to splash in the puddles. I get wet. *Samuel*

I looked at the rainbow to see the different colours up in the sky. *Ayveah*

We saw a black cloud up in the sky. *Mohammed*

ROOM 24

We have been learning how to make music in our classroom. It has been fun learning how

to make music with our bodies and how to make music with things in our classroom.

“I plucked the ukulele. I made a high sound and a low sound. We can stroke the strings on the guitar.” *Aniah*

“The drum is very loud. I can stomp to make a loud sound and I can tiptoe to be quiet like a feather.” *Nicole*

“I rattle the jovis to make a sound.” *Zoe*
“Things need to move to make a sound. I can scrunch paper to make a noise. I can bang on the cup with a teaspoon. I can clap my hands.” *Sophia*

THE CLOAK PROJECT

How lucky are we in Room 10? Max and Jake are taking us on a journey to Drama Island. We are involved in The Cloak Project and we first started with drama. They gave us a lot of exercises, not just for fun but to make sure we were ready no matter what. In drama the main thing is to keep your focus no matter what else is happening on stage.

Our first thing was to share our turangawaewae. Turangawaewae means where you stand and your place in the world. You can share your dreams with each other then because you know where you belong.

In our groups we shared with each other our own special turangawaewae and what it meant to us. We then acted out each other's Turangawaewae and froze a moment while we were acting so others could share what we were trying to say.

The next week Siliga Setoga came to visit to show us how to make our drama into a picture on our own cloak. We used ideas from our drama and learnt how to show our pictures and ideas using symbols and designs.

My one was that when I see old people it reminds me of my Nana and Grandfather who always feed and care for me. My symbols were hands, hearts and the patterns of my Samoan culture. Each person's cloak is personal to them and means something special to them.

Our turangawaewae drama and cloaks will be presented and displayed at the Vodafone Events' Centre on Tuesday, 22 October at 6.30pm. *Joshua Sila*

HOCKEY REPORT

It is amazing what you can do with a bent piece of wood! You can dribble a ball and score goals on a Saturday. Saturday hockey is about passing the ball to your team mates. That's how people get better at playing hockey. We have four tremendous teams that battle each other for the gold medal, but we suspect there might be just as big a battle for the sausages at the sausage sizzle. This Saturday there is going to be the parents vs the mighty children in a bone rattling, fast paced game. We think with the skills we have learnt we will come out on top as the champions. Thank you Mrs McHaffie-Green.

Sam Ward and Tyson Uluheua

DUFFY BOOKS

Congratulations to our 3 Dads “Caught Being Good”. David and Emmanuel Emmanuel's dad Daniel Youkhana, Robert Pearce, Theon's dad from Room 21 and Brendon Hills, Zane's dad from Room11. Each dad received a special book to acknowledge their support for our school. Well done!

Next Thursday we have our term 3 role model assembly. We are looking forward to welcoming Jo Holley as our role model. She is a qualified personal trainer, TV and events' presenter and actress. Jo also has a passion for encouraging rangatahi. Her message is “Believe in yourself and go after your dreams.”

Look at the Duffy website for more Duffy news.

Community Notices

Jellicoe Park Tennis Club is taking junior enrolments on Friday 20 and 27 September from 4.30 to 6pm at the clubrooms, Marr Road, Manurewa. All ages and skill levels welcome. Any enquiries please phone Noreen 266 7399 or 021 120 1672.

Child & Adolescent Community Dental Care
Browns Road Child & Adolescent Community Dental Clinic has been open since June of this year and children from our school community can be seen from here. The address is 5C Browns Road, Manurewa. Phone 264 0047 to make an appointment between 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.