

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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23 April 2010 Name.....

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

Term two is now well underway and on behalf of our school community I welcome all new students and families to our school.

### NATIONAL STANDARDS

You may have seen in the news media that the government is now requiring all primary schools to assess their students against national achievement standards in reading, writing and mathematics.

You may have also noticed that the introduction of these standards has been criticised on the grounds that they are unnecessary, unhelpful and largely unworkable.

While I have major concerns at how these standards have been developed and implemented they are now a legal requirement. Consequently our staff is working hard to balance the new requirements with the needs of our students.

One of the major actions we have taken is to revise our written reports to parents. The new format has been approved by our Board and I trust you will find it useful when it comes to you in June.

These reports will now show how your child is achieving against the standards. We will show if your child is achieving as expected, above expectation, below expectation or well below expectation.

We have included sections on application and development in key competencies (from the NZ Curriculum) as well as development in our school values.

Teachers will also comment on student progress and the next learning steps required. They will also comment on how you can help your child achieve their learning goals. I believe this information will further enhance the partnership between home and school and assist your child with their learning. It will also provide you with the opportunity to celebrate the progress your child has made this year.

The reports will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and refinements made as required in the future.

### ANZAC DAY 2010

On Sunday, 25 April our school student leaders and staff will take their place in the traditional ANZAC parade. Our students will also lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

I thank our students, staff and parents for representing us on this important community occasion.



### SCHOOL LEADERS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have undertaken positions of responsibility for 2010. I know they will set an excellent example to our younger students.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

Sharon Luteru      Alisha Nair  
Roseanne Son      Faleola Toa  
Leli Tuiaki          Michaiah Tofinga  
Mitchell Bolton      Faith Nuku

## LIBRARIANS

Alisha Nair, Sweta Dass, Jaspreet Kaur, Caroline Meha, Matthew Foy, Navshina Moeen, Aaron Bradley, Faleola To'a, Camella Son, Joseph Carter, Chantelle Tamati, Roseanne Son, Torina Samuelu, Paris Newson, Jewel Harvey, Mikala Hope, Samantha Oh, Kanupriya Lalia, Faith Nuku, Lavinia Taufu, Ayensha Goundar, Savannah Brown, Shubh Waalke, Victoria Black, Jasmeet Singh.

## COMPUTER MONITORS

Archana Bala, Vincent Alexander, Alexis Kaing, Sharon Luteru, Kirsten Willis, Mitchell Bolton, Melissa Cadman, Eucharist Ieremia, Madison Harvey, Vishay Prasad.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations for positions of parent representative on our Board of Trustees closed on Friday, 23 April.

If the number of nominations exceeds the number of positions (4) voting forms will be sent by mail to all parents and caregivers of children enrolled at our school. If/when you receive voting papers I urge you to vote and return the forms by mail or drop them off at school. Voting closes at noon on Friday, 7 May 2010.

Thank you.  
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# IMPORTANT DATES

## MAY

- 4 Interschool cross country
- 6 Young Leaders' Day
- 7 Voting closes for Board of Trustees' elections.
- 10 Board of Trustees' meeting 7pm
- 13 Board election results of voting announced.
- 14 Student files of work home (Yrs 3-6)

- 14 School newsletter home.
- 15 (Saturday) School hockey begins
- 24 – 28 Art week

Term 2 ends on Friday, 2 July at 3pm.

# Welcome

*To pupils who have joined us recently*  
Dylan Taufu, Chloe Alexander, Sapphire Raana-McCafferty, Damian Rippingale, Nerisa Vavau, Alexis Farr, Tiana Thomson, Sandra Kingi, Boston Smith.

# Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

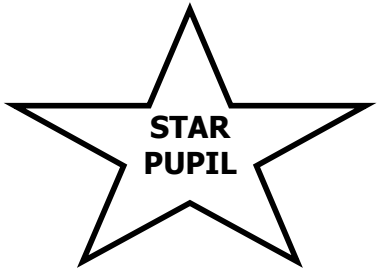
## APRIL

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| 23 Hannah Wallis           | 24 Tomilea Bourke   |
| 24 Nathan Nuku             | 25 Sophie Fraser    |
| 25 Taitusi Hafoka          |                     |
| 25 Phranklyn Mano Le-Mamea |                     |
| 26 Raven Bourke            | 29 Charnny Bun      |
| 29 Janelle Chicay          | 29 Chontelle Knight |
| 29 Jonathan Kumar          | 30 Joana Malewa     |
| 30 Alisha Nair             | 30 Jack Yarrall     |

## MAY

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| 1 Angel Sipeli-Muriwai  | 1 Yvette Kazo        |
| 2 Alesha Kant           | 2 Preeti Mala        |
| 2 Harvineet Singh       | 2 Brian-Jay Solomon  |
| 4 Solomone To'a         |                      |
| 5 Rhiannon Floyd-Crabbe |                      |
| 5 Daeun Jung            | 5 Anish Kumar        |
| 6 Tyler Bowden          | 6 Jaydah Croft       |
| 7 Victoria Te Rore-Watt | 7 Manveen Kaur       |
| 8 Siulolo Koloto        | 8 Amanda Nair        |
| 9 Connor Blackburn      | 9 Steffi Webb-Butler |
| 10 Angeline Ball        | 11 Joshua Bun        |
| 11 Keenan Motuliki      |                      |





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

R1 Joana Malewa    R2 Khushi Rayat  
R3 Marion Karimo    R4 Zane Walker Prujean  
R5 Jin Hui Wang    R6 Peni Vaisagote  
R7 Shivanshu Sharma    R8 Sarah Bain  
R9 Philippe Benedito    R10 Torina Samuelu  
R11 Daeun Jung    R12 Lauryn Conlogue  
R13 Camella Son    R14 Vishay Prasad  
R15 Shivnil Lal    R16 Kervin Guttenbeil  
R17 Jacinda Barnes    R18 Rishi Sharma  
R19 Llexis Trembath    R20 Savanah Konia  
R21 Siulolo Koloto    R23 Caleb Barnes

## **ROOM NEWS**

### ROOM 2

Our holidays were exciting and we have been busy writing about all the wonderful things we did. Although it was fun being at home we are happy to be back at school to share our stories, learn new things and see our friends. We are in our new classroom and can't wait to fill up the walls with all our work. It is going to be a very busy term!

### ROOM 4

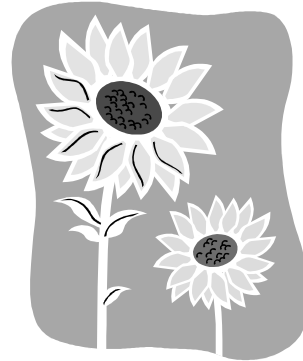
Room 4 has got bigger! We have three new students in our class and we are all helping them to settle in. Everyone had a great holiday and we all did wonderful things. Now that it is autumn we are looking forward to watching the leaves change colour and then floating down off the big oak tree in the playground. If we are really lucky we will get to play with them.

### ROOM 6

Some of us have been making ANZAC biscuits – they are round and brown and they smell delicious. We mixed butter, golden syrup, sugar, flour, coconut and rolled oats together. We rolled the mixture into balls, squashed them flat and baked them! Yum Yum. Mrs Holmes and Mrs Scott helped us.

### ROOM 8

We have returned to walls filled with gorgeous sunflower art and hungry caterpillars climbing up the walls. If you haven't already come in and read our descriptive string poems and admired our beautiful artwork we would love you to do so. Butterflies are soon to be added to our walls with poems to match. Over the next few weeks we will be exploring our neighbourhood finding out our favourite places in the school and our local town.



### ROOM 10

In Term 1 we met our new classmates for 2010, wrote interesting sentences, learnt senior school rules, represented Manurewa Central at swimming, made new friends, got exhausted climbing Rangitoto, went to beautiful Hunua Falls, scaled scary high walls, aimed for the bullseye at archery, enjoyed the quiet library, had our photos taken, created awesome collage pictures, made it into the choir, had an amazing funtime lunchtime, went to the fantastic maths' roadshow, researched for whiz kid quizzes, played games fairly, got organised before school . . . and had lots of fun.

### ROOM 12

Room 12 has gone kiwiana mad! Did you know ...

- In 1950 the cereal boxes contained little plastic toys which you had to hunt around for in the cereal?
- Jelly-tip ice creams were also invented around this time along with the appearance of fake butterflies on the outside of many houses?
- Our much loved chocolate fish appeared in the 1930s?
- Togs were originally clothes designed for a special occasion or sporting event in the early 1900s? At some stage New Zealanders used to refer to them as swimming togs.

There are so many things that make New Zealand a special place in the world.

*Monisha and Lauryn*

### ROOM 14

What an excellent start to the term. We have been learning about World War 1 and ANZAC Day. Did you know the war started because Archduke Ferdinand, future king of Austria, and his wife were shot in Serbia? Did you know ANZAC stands for Australia and New Zealand Army Corps? Australians and New Zealanders wanted a good adventure and joined the war not knowing the risks they were taking. About 18,600 New Zealanders died and 50,000 were wounded. World War 1 was really interesting to learn about.

We have also been doing our hibiscus flower art with collage instead of colouring pencils. Come inside and have a look at our fabulous flowers!

*Vishay Prasad and Abdul Khalaf*

### ROOM 16

We have had a great start to Term 2. Miss Daji says that we are working very hard and staying focussed. We are being good learners.

Our big challenge at the moment is the cross country run. We are trying to do an extra lap every day to build up our fitness. Nicholas and Kanwar did ten laps! We need

to have a big breakfast to give us enough energy to run for a long time.

*Aayah and Alesha*

### ROOM 18

In Room 18 we have been learning about new words. It's amazing how many new words we collected in a few days.

We also learned about ANZAC Day which reminds us of the people who sacrificed their lives for us in the war.

Did you know that Andy Griffiths who wrote 'Just Shocking' signed books especially for our class? We have also been learning about different cultures, including how other countries count on their fingers.

### ROOM 20

During the holidays two boys from our class, Parambir Singh and Harvineet Singh, as well as Jasmeet Singh from the senior school had their photo in the Times. They had been performing Indian dances in a number of public libraries. They did this to celebrate the Indian harvest festival of Vaisakhi. They looked fabulous in their colourful costumes.

Now that we are back at school we are trying to improve our fitness by practising for the cross country. When the real event occurs we'll be as fit as the Indian dancers.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### COUNTIES MANUKAU NETBALL

Netskills Academy for Years 3 – 8. Starting Tuesdays 27 April until 2 June at The Gardens' School, Manurewa. The cost is \$112.50 for the 10 week programme. All players receive a t-shirt and training diary. For more information or a registration form visit [www.netballcm.org.nz](http://www.netballcm.org.nz) or email [devofficer@netballcm.org.nz](mailto:devofficer@netballcm.org.nz) or phone 299 1806.