

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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24 October 2014 Name.....

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

The final term for 2014 is well underway and the next eight weeks will be very busy for everyone at our school. However, it is also a very exciting time with many interesting and fun activities planned. Parents, caregivers and whanau are all invited to a number of these events (please see the list of dates later in the newsletter).

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Manurewa Lions Club who recently donated four fruit trees. These have been added to our recently established school orchard which now has 16 fruit trees. We appreciate the local Lions Club for supporting our fruit growing initiative.



INTERNET USE

Digital devices and digital learning is a crucial aspect of learning in today's schools. Manurewa Central has been at the forefront of technology since the first computers were introduced.

Believe it or not computer technology has been part of our learning for 30 years. In 1984 the school purchased a number of Commodore 64's with amber screens. However, as you know, things have moved quickly ever since and our IT capacity including hardware, software and connectivity has expanded almost beyond belief.

Recently our Board of Trustees approved a further \$70,000 worth of expenditure to increase our iPad, laptop and digit camera numbers. Part of the money is also going to staff training and maintenance.

This year our school has also used our new ultra-fast broadband capability to connect to the Ministry of Education's "network for learning." (N4L). This gives our students and teachers access to fast, safe, unlimited data via the internet.

As children become more and more sophisticated in their use of technology it is important that they learn to use these tools wisely and keep themselves safe.

We have effective internet filtering systems and procedures to ensure digital access is secure. We are also developing a student digital citizenship agreement that will be introduced early next year.

In the meantime I am confident that our school use of the internet and related technologies is both effective and safe. As a follow up I suggest that families consider how digital access happens at home and discuss your home rules with your children. Together we can then ensure your children make the best of the opportunities IT presents.

CAN YOU HELP

We have an amount of waste metal we need removing from school. If you can help us by taking this away we would appreciate your help. Please phone Solly on 0272225604.

Thank you
L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 27 Labour Day. School closed
- 29 Science Investigations evening
- 29 Reading Together session 2
- 31 "Wheels Day"

NOVEMBER

- 5 Reading Together session 3
- 6 Parents' meeting Pasifika Education Plan 1.45pm
- 10 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 14 Next newsletter
- 26 Bible in Schools finish
- 26 School helpers' morning tea
- 29 Manurewa Santa Parade

DECEMBER

- 3 Senior School athletics
- 4 Junior School athletics
- 5 Middle School assembly
- 10 Year 6 Graduation evening
- 11 Student reports home
- 11 Middle School athletics
- 12 Junior School Assembly
- 17 Senior School Prize Giving assembly
- 17 School closes to end 2014 at 3pm.

School opens for 2015 on Tuesday, 3 February.

Happy Birthday

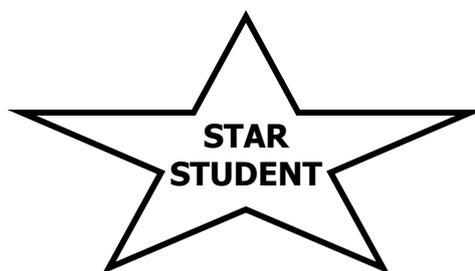
To people who have a special day about now.

OCTOBER

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| 24 Kulneet Grover | 24 Andrew Nuamaan |
| 24 Rickard Peniamin | 25 Ryan Guo |
| 25 Talita 'Ake | 26 Gursimar Kaur |
| 26 Brodey Goodall | 27 Kevan Lew |
| 27 Alex Kett | 27 Dhruv Rayat |
| 28 Diyari Delaiverata | 28 Sehajpreet Kaur |
| 28 Temalisi Langi | 28 Cruz Wiki |
| 29 Urima Mataafa | 31 Louisa-Bella Linaker |
| 31 Sebastian Richards | |

NOVEMBER

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| 1 Suraj Singh | 2 Lily Husband |
| 2 Melody Husband | 2 Brock Jenkins |
| 2 Rosa Marsh | 3 Krishan Prasad |
| 4 Tyler Jack | 7 Jemimah Miller |
| 7 Corrina Rota-Leggan | 9 Komal Deo |
| 11 Te Arahia Cookson | 11 Nha Nguyen |
| 11 Penieli Vaisagote | 11 Lachlan Gifkins |
| 12 Eva Perese-Wood | 12 Joshua Diack |
| 13 Mohit Gulati | 13 Akash Singh |



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

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| R1 Emeth Casey | R2 Tea Lundon |
| R3 Tyson Luca Gardiner | R4 Ashlynn Mulley Wilson |
| R5 Casey Drake | R6 Lachlan Gifkins |
| R7 Akash Singh | R8 Trinity-Reine Spence |
| R9 Jaelyn Maletino | R10 Jamiel Te Wharau |
| R11 Chloe Morrison | R12 Te Aniwaniwa Bishop-Manihera |
| R13 Yashika Prakash | R14 Kalepo Solomona |
| R15 Kiran Singh | R16 Brendon Tse |
| R17 Jesse Hannah | R18 Vinayak Sharma |
| R19 Sofia Baker | R20 Irerhanna Mana |
| R21 Lachlan Smith | R23 Jayda Scanlan |
| R24 Gursimar Kaur | |

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently
Malachi Diack, Davejamin Asiata, Harjeevan Singh, Vanessa Soi, Asher Diack, Trinity Dephoff, Alyssa Honey.

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We wrote about our favourite place at home and at school.

My favourite place at school is the ICT room because I like Letter-getter. My favourite place at home is at the dinner table because mum cooks the best food. *Portia Dalton*

I like playing on the playground. We can play on the slide and we can climb up the ladders. That is my favourite place. My favourite place at home is my toy room. I can play with my toy cars. It is fun to make a race track.

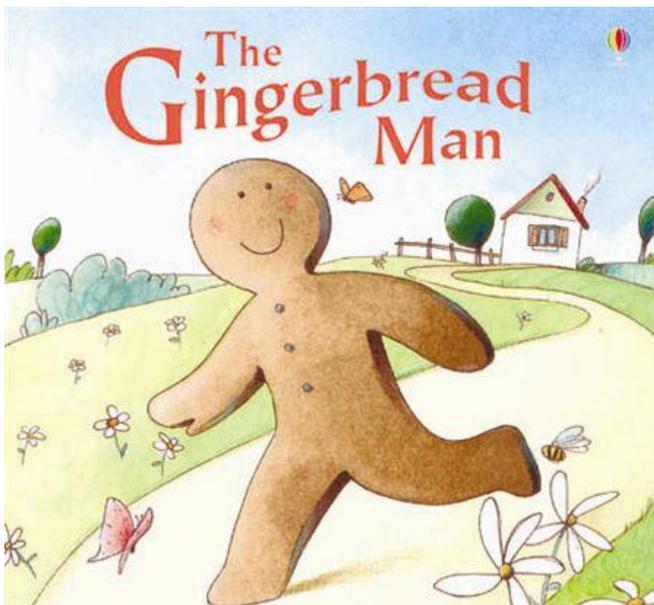
Vivan Kumar

ROOM 4

We are going on a trip around New Zealand without leaving the classroom! We will be using the library and the internet to research places around the country which are special to us. Here are some of these special places ...
"My Grandma lives in Dunedin." *Monty*
"I learned to body board with my cousins in Whangarei." *Israel*
"Grandad was born in Nelson." *Louisa-Bella*
"My mum grew up in Whangamata." *Caydn*

ROOM 6

We looked at the story of the Gingerbread Man and used part of the story for a science experiment. We were testing to see if Gingerbread would float or sink. To our surprise it floated for a bit, and then sank to the bottom. After a few minutes it floated right back up again. It was then that we learned about density. We had fun, but we were sad to see the gingerbread break up and go mushy. We all preferred it broken and mushy in our tummy's.



ROOM 8

Quietly I tiptoed up the dark broken stairs. Nervously I came closer to the black door. Carefully I pushed the door open. "Crreeeeaaakk." What will I find on the other side? "AAHHHHH! A ghost!" *Tanishka*

The monkeys saw the food of the shopkeeper and they gobbled it quickly. The shopkeeper came out and shouted "GO AWAY and don't come back again!" The monkeys made a huge mess in the house and they destroyed it. Then they were sent to a disgusting forest. *Saneh*

Cruz sold the apples and the witch gave the beans to Cruz to plant. *Cruz*

ROOM 10

Wow, what an exciting day we had on Tuesday. Why? Because of the Hockey Field Day. There was twelve teams of nine and we played 8 games each at Papatoetoe Sports Centre. There were short breaks between our games. The games were all tough and we got tired out. Some of the games were very close. We drank lots of water and ran and ran. At the end we got handed out certificates. These certificates were special ones for players that the referees thought played well with good skills and sportsmanship. The people who got these shook hands with Marcus Child who is a Black Stick player. We all also got participation certificates. Hockey Field Day was awesome.
Robin Dhaliwal

ROOM 12

Over 100 children in the auditorium were dressed in lots of different uniforms and were whizzed off by bus to play hockey. Rebels, Eggheads, Shadow Strikers, Thunderstorms and Supersticks were just a few of our teams. Exhausted after 8 games it was a day filled with fun and some super hockey shots!

Meanwhile back at school our Diwali lanterns began to take shape and can be seen hanging in our windows. If you have a chance pass by and watch the sun twinkle off the glitter and cellophane.
Hiria and Srishti

ROOM 14

We have been doing valedictions. We have been recapping what we have done from the beginning of the year to now like outdoor education, sport tournaments and so on.

We have also been doing our own version of fairy tales like Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty. Mr Baird did the story of 'Cofferella', it's about a man who wants to go the grand opening of a famous coffee shop. *Melody and Ella*

ROOM 16

We have been learning about the early settlers emigrating from England to New Zealand. In our writing books we have been writing a letter describing how life on the boat was when it took about 4 months to travel to New Zealand. Many children got sick and died because of the cramped conditions and poor food such as

ship's biscuits and weevils.

We are just starting to research an important person in New Zealand's history to write a biography about. *Hare and Sumsijah*

ROOM 18

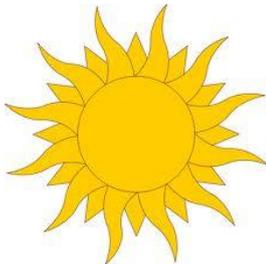
We have been learning about descriptive writing.

"Leslie's red hair blends in with her red, dark bow short arms, as short as a flower. She has loads of puffy hair that surrounds Leslie's face. Her shoes are white with a pretzel like shape. Her blue socks match her stripes on her dress. Leslie's dress is as puffy as a palm tree."

Karla Collins

ROOM 20

We are busy preparing for our end of year production. We are learning songs, dances and how to act. The teachers are busy organising props and costumes. It is a lot of work but it's exciting! Can you guess what our theme will be?



ROOM 24

We have been learning about sun safety.

"The sun is hot and we need sun screen to protect our skin from sunburn. The hat will protect us. The sun shines the whole world up."

Leyton

"The sun keeps us warm. The sun is good because the sun makes the flowers grow up. If you don't wear a hat your nose will bleed."

Aporosa

"The sun makes trees grow. The sun makes sunlight so we can see. When the sun is out we play outside. Then we need to wear a hat."

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DUFFY SUMMER READING

Brochures for the \$5.00 parent offer have been sent home. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to purchase books for summer reading and for Christmas gifts. There is a great selection of titles again this year. Activity books, non-fiction, puzzle books and old favourites. Orders for the \$5.00 parent office close on Tuesday, 4 November.

Barbara Brodien
Duffy Co-ordinator

TERM THREE REPORT

In term three what type of superb things did I do? There was Funtime Lunchtime, General Knowledge-a-thon and junior school folk dancing.

My favourite is Funtime Lunchtime. The game I did was Twister cups with Dipshika which is you have to find a cup and one cup of the three cups has candy inside it. There were pancakes made by the talented Mrs Sowden. She could probably enter My Kitchen Rules! The pancakes were cooked by the lovely Mrs MacLeod and Mrs Baird. The pancakes tasted like heaven I thought I was in a dream. There were also games like "Hit the Target" and "Mystery Dice."

There was General Knowledge-a-thon which is to test your knowledge. You have to answer fifty questions and I go 50/50. I was so happy it hit me like dynamite! Kindly all the money goes to the school to buy sports equipment and anything like that. We raised more than thirteen thousand dollars!

Last week the little people were doing folk dancing! This is for Year 1 and 2. Each class did two dances each. The junior school looked like little marshmallows dancing around. Folk dancing is for festivals or special events.

Term 3 was awesome for me I think it was one of my best terms in 2014. I hope next term will be even better for me.

Victoria Touli Year 5

Community Notices

AUCKLAND COUNCIL FREE PARK FUN DAY

Fun for the whole family, including a bouncy castle, sports games and activities, music and lots of prizes to be won. Come along and join in.

When: Wednesday, 29 October

Time: 3.30 till 5.30pm

Where: Anderson Park

Cnr Great South Road and Grande Vue Road.