

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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25 March 2011 Name.....

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

Our thoughts are still with the young people of Christchurch as they slowly come to terms with the massive disruption the February earthquake caused.

It is pleasing that most have returned to school and have reunited with friends and teachers.

Last Friday we joined other Auckland primary schools in running a "Red and Black Day". It was a wonderful occasion when we all wore Canterbury colours and took part in the fund raising ventures. My special favourite was the cup cake decorating. We had dozens and dozens of fancy cakes for consumption.

Together we raised \$1,600. This money will go directly to the neediest schools in Christchurch as determined by the Canterbury Principals' Association. Thank you very much to everyone involved. It was wonderful to see Manurewa children supporting Christchurch children.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY-ELECTION

At the end of 2010 we regretfully accepted the resignation of Reuben Wharawhara who was one of our four elected parent representatives on the Board.

Our Board of Trustees has decided to hold a by-election to fill this vacancy. This will take place during Term 2. More information will come home next term.

STUDENT FILES OF WORK

Every student in Years 3 to 6 should have brought home a personal folder of work samples today. These files of work are a very important part of our reporting process. Each file enables parents to see the standard of work being achieved. I ask that you discuss the work with your child before making a comment and returning the file to school.

Further samples will be added and the file will come home a total of six times throughout the year. Over the coming months parents will be able to see and monitor the progress their children are making. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's learning successes.

CONGRATULATIONS

We always enjoy hearing about the success of our ex pupils.

Well done to:

- ❖ Tessa Bruce who is Head Girl at Remuera Intermediate School
- ❖ Katie Hohaia who won three gold, two silver and one bronze medal as an 11 year old at the recent New Zealand junior swimming championships
- ❖ Ella Beattie, Ualesi Fuilala, Caroline Hamilton, Rose Johnston and Caitlyn Turner who are Year 8 student councillors at Greenmeadows Intermediate School this year.

We are very proud of you all.

Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

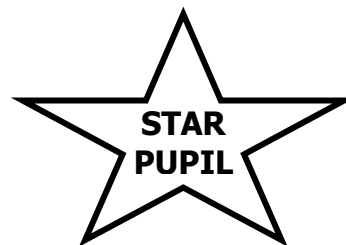
MARCH

28 Duffy Book assembly

APRIL

- 4 Senior school Snowplanet trip
- 15 Next newsletter
- 15 School closes at 3 o'clock to end Term 1.

Term 2 begins on Monday, 2 May
Term 2 ends on Friday, 15 July.



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 Kiran Gill | R2 Ruben Bharot |
| R3 Mehar Kaur | R4 Dylan Prasad |
| R5 David Kako | R6 Mia Puru |
| R7 Tiana Thomson | R8 Quilaryn Breach |
| R9 Dylan Ross | R10 Kahn Collins |
| R11 Ursula Te Wharau | R12 Prabjit Kaur |
| R13 Aimee Lew | R14 Hayley Sephton |
| R15 Jaydah Croft | R16 Harleen Bhathal |
| R17 Isaac Uluheua | R18 May Dong |
| R19 Leonie Renata-Green | R20 Jamal Todd |
| R21 Sinead Miller | R23 Kaia-Marie Tuiono |

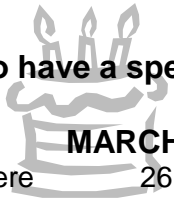
Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Methila Rahman, Stacey Reid, Sartaaaj Nagra, Campbell Allan, Mharsal Kaokao, Gurleen Kaur Grewal, Lora Lee Stark Rowe, Jaylen Levave-Meleisea, Harjashan Deep Singh.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.



MARCH

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| 25 Summer Tamihere | 26 Priyanka Chand |
| 26 Faith Taelangi | 26 Kerina Tiai |
| 27 Cade Cumming-Mitchell | 27 Kendra Rangituitia |
| 27 Jamal Todd | 28 Chloe Alexander |
| 28 Dylan Taufau | 28 Muna Vete |
| 29 Kurt Grass | 29 Damian Rippingale |
| 30 Boston Smith | 31 Neha Ali |

APRIL

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| 2 Asuelu Amituanai | 2 Nerisa Vavau |
| 3 Aliyyah Ali | 3 Ayianna Seymour |
| 3 Daeshan Tairaoa-Williamson | 5 Larizza Melendrez |
| 5 Zane Moran | 7 Laysha Harrison-Ngati |
| 9 Sapphire Raana-McCafferty | 9 Sanjay Wanoa |
| 10 Vinesh Kumar | 11 Ezra Seiuli |
| 12 Gabrielle Adams | 12 Rosa Young |
| 13 Nathan Kumar | 14 Nathanael de Bruin |
| 14 Lora Lee Stark Rowe | |

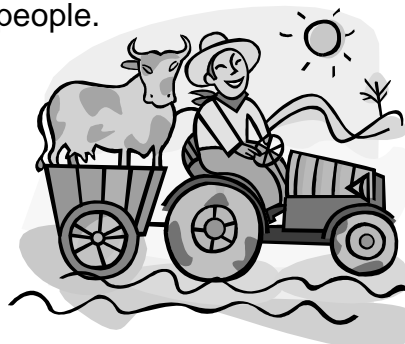
ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

Old MacDonald's Farm came to visit us at school. We had our photo taken with the pony and had to step really carefully around all the baby animals in their special enclosure. The big sheep liked bumping into us. The calves were tired and wanted to rest. We liked the rabbit the best with his soft furry ears.

ROOM 4

Our news topic is animals. Animals are living things. We have been learning about what makes something living. If it can breathe, eat, drink, move and grow it is living. We went on a hunt around the school looking for living things. We found birds, trees, spiders, ants, caterpillars, vegetables, worms, butterflies and lots of people.



ROOM 6

We have begun our new topic 'Animalia'. We had a wonderful time on Tuesday with Old MacDonald's Farm.

"While I was waiting to have a turn to hold the rabbit, a little piglet tickled my leg with her tail."

Jason Martin

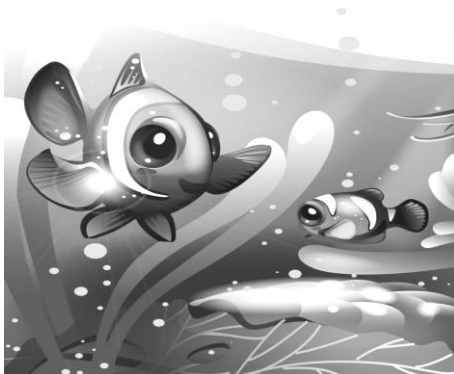
We are also investigating why bees make honey.

"Bees make honey so they can survive in winter. Bees get nectar from flowers. Bees need honey because they will get hungry in winter when there are no flowers."

Ayianna Seymour

ROOM 8

When Old MacDonald's Farm came to visit us this week we got to pat and feed the animals. When we fed the animals their mouths tickled our hands. Some of us even got our fingers nibbled. We asked lots of questions about Cricket the pony, and the farmer even showed us Cricket's teeth. They were very large. We also got to hold some of the animals. The guinea pigs were lovely and soft and so was the rabbit. We liked learning about animals and we are going to be doing lots of creative writing and art this week, especially about our farm unit.



ROOM 10

Goat Island was one of the best trips ever. My group went snorkelling first. The wetsuit was a real challenge to put on because it is made out of rubber. We also had to wear flippers, a mask, a snorkel and a green hood just to make sure we were safe and always together as a group. Mrs McHaffie-Green was in a canoe keeping an eye on us all. I felt like she was our lifeguard as she was watching carefully.

We saw many different fish like snapper, blue maomao and schools of little grey fish. It was amazing swimming and looking down at fish in their own homes. Next we went on a glass bottomed boat which took us around the island and into many caves. The biggest cave is meant to have a taniwha living at the back of it.

What a magnificent trip it was to Goat Island.

Austin Graham-Fremlin

ROOM 12

Wow! My class had a fabulous time during outdoor education week. I went to Omana and on the Rainforest Express. I enjoyed Omana the most because we did kayaking off the beach, rock climbing, mountain biking and archery. My favourite was the kayaking. We were out in the open sea. I was having so much fun that I forgot that there were dangerous things around. It was a hot day and I was burning up. I was glad that I did my best and that I had the opportunity and courage to try new things.

Prabjit Kaur

ROOM 14

I am so tired after that fantastic week doing outdoor education. During Outdoor Education Week there were four trips and one 'inschool' education day. The trips were Omana Beach, Snowplanet, Rainforest Express and Goat Island. My favourite trip was to Omana Beach.

In class we have been doing our self portraits. All the self portraits are looking great so far. We have been working really hard on these portraits and Mr Hunt is very impressed with us.

Kallani & Jade

ROOM 16

On Tuesday we had an extremely interesting day at Auckland Zoo. We learnt lots of amazing facts about animals. Did you know that a turtle can't get out of its shell because its spine is part of the shell? Levi learnt that a rhino's horn is made out of thousands of little hairs. Christian discovered that blue and gold macaws are endangered because they are losing their habitat. Patrick learnt that animals are being killed for their horns, tusks and fur. Noah found out that a kiwi's egg is almost the size of its body. Harleen read that orangutans are losing their habitats because people are destroying the rainforest and planting palm trees.

Community Notices

KidzaCool Adventure

Applications are now being sought for 'KidzaCool Adventures' programmes for children in care, being held at Pakuranga Children's Health Camp between 17 and 21 April.

The free programmes are a great opportunity for children and their carers. They give children a five day holiday at one of seven Children's Health Camp locations across the country.

The five day camp gives children a variety of action, adventure, games, arts, crafts, quiet times and socialising. At the same time, they give carers time to relax or catch up with friends and family.

Applications for the April school holiday programme close on March 31st. Carers can apply for children in their care who are aged 5 – 12 and who have lived with them for more than 12 months.

Carers can get information and application forms on the Te Puna Whaiora Children's Health Camps website

www.healthcamps.org.nz or by emailing Pakuranga@healthcamps.org.nz or alternatively by phoning 09 534 4017.

NATHAN HOMESTEAD HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We have recently sent home information on the holiday programme for 18 – 29 April. Please call into the school office if you did not receive one and are interested.

ROOM 18

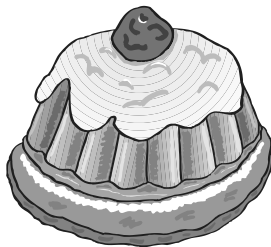
We went to the Auckland Zoo. Our whole school is learning about endangered animals. We learnt that kiwis are endangered. We also learnt that they are nocturnal. Did you know a kiwi is the only bird that has its nostrils at the end of its beak?

ROOM 20

We travelled to the Auckland Zoo on a bendy bus. Some of us actually sat in the moveable section which we always enjoy.

At the zoo we saw a number of interesting animals. We really liked watching the monkeys because they did some funny tricks. One tiger surprised us because it roared loudly.

We also learnt a lot in the education room and we actually touched seal and lion skins plus the shell of a turtle. We even touched a lizard that was alive. It felt hard and bumpy.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR "RED AND BLACK DAY" CUP CAKE WINNERS

<u>Junior School</u>	1 st Richard Cole 2 nd Cody Puru 3 rd Skye Pratt
<u>Middle School</u>	1 st Brooklyn Baker 2 nd Caelan Kerr 3 rd Hayong Jung
<u>Senior School</u>	1 st Austin Graham-Fremlin 2 nd Nathan Ward 3 rd Christian Lilo