

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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25 October 2013 Name.....

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

The final term for 2013 is well underway and the next seven weeks will be very busy for everyone at Manurewa Central School. (Please see the list of dates later in the newsletter.)

SCHOOL DONATION

Thank you to everyone who has contributed this year. Term 4 donations are now due and may be paid at the school office at any time.

This donation remains at \$40.00 per child per year (or \$10 per term). This equates to \$1 per school week but it is helpful in enhancing the range of equipment and excellent facilities available to your children.

PROPERTY NEWS

The Board of Trustees has been busy progressing property plans. We have recently expanded our staffroom facility and are in the process of building a new toilet block and a new pool filter room close to our swimming pool. We also have plans to refurbish the old dental clinic to enable the space to be used by the school.

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

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

High Distinction (*Top 1% of NZ students*)

Year 6 Alesha Kant, Jasleen Kaur

Distinction (*Top 10% of NZ students*)

Year 6 Jeremie Bayaban, Stanley Brabazon, Anihira London, Arabella Pearse.

Year 5 Kevan Lew, Larizza Melendrez.

Credit (*Top 30% of NZ students*)

Year 6 Leilani Faaiuso, Bradley Wingfield

Year 5 Jackson Beaven, Zoraver Malhotra, Jin Hui Wang, Steffi Webb-Butler, Kevan Zeng.

CHILD SAFETY IN CARS

You may be aware that from 1 November the law on the use of child car seat restraints is changing. An information pamphlet from NZ Transport Agency should come home with this newsletter. This outlines the new requirements. The school would like to obtain a child booster seat that a teacher could use if a young child has to be transported in an emergency situation. If you have a booster seat you could donate to the school for such a purpose please contact Donna in the school office. Thank you.

READING SUPPORT

This is a reminder that the Manurewa Library runs a very worthwhile Children's Book Club. Meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 4pm. To find out more phone 301 0101 or just turn up. I certainly recommend this opportunity to you.

Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

28 Labour Day holiday. School closed.

NOVEMBER

5 Interschool softball
15 Next newsletter
25 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
29 Middle School (Years 3 and 4) final assembly
29 Student files of work home (Years 3 – 6)

DECEMBER

6 Junior school final assembly
13 Senior school prize giving assembly
13 Last day for school for 2013.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Elij Ma'anaima, Israel Wilson, Darius Woilgramm-Croft, Kabilay Prabakaran, Josiah Cookson, Bhavandeep Bains, Sahib Singh, Arush Garg.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.



OCTOBER

26 Brodey Goodall	26 Kevan Lew
27 Leilani Faaiuso	27 Dhruv Rayat
27 Alex Kett	28 Sehajpreet Kaur
28 Diyari Delaiverata	28 Temalisi Langi
28 Cruz Wiki	30 Tibassa Savelio
31 Sebastian Richards	

NOVEMBER

1 Suraj Singh	2 Lily Husband
2 Melody Husband	2 Brock Jenkins
3 Krishan Prasad	5 Malama Ieremia
6 Aniah Mangakahia	7 Jemimah Miller
7 Corrina Rota-Leggan	9 Rameka Maynard
9 Komal Deo	11 Nha Nguyen
11 Penieli Vaisagote	11 Te Arahia Cookson
11 Lachlan Gifkins	12 Eva Perese-Wood
12 Joshua Diack	13 Mohit Gulati
13 Akash Singh	14 Noah Afakasi
14 Elijah Miller	14 Juliani Te Pou



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

R1 Caydn Rupapera	R2 Layken Attwater
R3 Arseen Chiba	R4 Kiefer Wallen
R5 Vanessa Chau	R6 Trinity-Reine Spence
R7 Talita 'Ake	R8 Cameron Kiriona
R9 Kamryn-Ginny Rogers	R10 Joshua Sila
R11 Christian Taanuu	R12 Radhika Kumar
R13 Rameka Maynard	R14 Avikesh Prasad
R15 Zane Moran	R16 Prabhjot Bhatti
R17 Erishvir Singh	R18 Slade McKay
R19 Zellas Uatisone	R20 Sanuj Sharma
R21 Levysa Lemoa	R22 Gurashish Singh
R23 Abby Cooper	R24 Aniah Mangakahia

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We love the fruit we have every day. Today we had yummy pineapple. It was juicy and sweet. When Israel bit into his piece of pineapple the juice ran down his arm and dripped onto the floor. Yesterday we munched on delicious bananas. Tomorrow we will eat delicious kiwi fruit with a teaspoon. Fruit gives energy for gymnastics and cross country running.

ROOM 3

We are very busy answering lots of interesting questions on water. Some of them are: What is water? Why do we need water? Where do we get water from? Water is a very healthy drink. We need to drink at least 6 glasses of water every day.

For gymnastics we are practising walking on the beam and jumping off the trampoline.

ROOM 5

What exciting school holidays the children in Room 5 had. We have been writing all about them and learning to include exciting adjectives, speech marks and similes in our stories.

Gymnastics has been a huge hit in the class and we have been learning to safely use the vault, beam, beatboard and the mini-tramp. We are really excited to be exercising with Room 22 too! When we are not busy writing and enjoying gym we have been strumming on ukuleles!

ROOM 7

We have been learning lots of things about water. Did you know we might be drinking the same water that a saber tooth tiger or even a dinosaur drank? We have learnt that all our water is always somewhere in the water cycle and this is why it is important not to litter or pollute our water. Who wants to drink water that's had rubbish in it? Not us!

ROOM 9

We planted sunflower seeds. We watered them and put them in a sunny place. Six seeds have germinated so far. We will take the gorgeous sunflowers home at the end of the term.

Room 3 and Room 9 are doing gymnastics together. We are learning to balance, jump, land safely and do forward rolls.

ROOM 11

Term 4 has officially taken off and Room 11 is about to explode with all the work we've been doing. All we hear in the afternoon is the noise of our pencils scribbling away to our hearts' content.

On Wednesday, the senior school saw a play about nurturing our forest. The auditorium bubbled with laughter all through the play. We got invited to enter the Wearable Arts' contest. The point of the contest was to recycle old materials to make a costume to wear on 12 April 2014. The winner gets \$1,750 for their school. Imagine what you would do with that much money!

The term has started off well and we're looking forward to the rest of the term (as long as we don't explode). *Larizza Melendrez*

ROOM 13

Some senior school pupils were selected to be in the Highwire programme at Papakura. I was one of the lucky people to be selected for the programme. I was really excited because I would get to do things I had never done before. One of the important things we learnt about was respect for other people and for our families. Some of the activities we were involved in were the highwires. It is just like being at Rocket Ropes out by Butterfly Creek. We also did argo racing (this is a vehicle which goes on land and water) cooking, problem solving games and BMX bike riding. It was a really good experience and the instructors were great. We were so lucky to be involved in such a fantastic experience. *Rameka Maynard*

ROOM 15

We have been very busy. We have been architects building our own houses. We were inspired by two incredible architects.

We have been creating our own fabulous poems like haiku, limericks and ballads. Most of them are very enjoyable to read.

We have also been learning about water molecules and the atmosphere we live in. We did a science experiment about the process of evaporation.

ROOM 17

We have been learning all about water and no, not just about drinking water but the water cycle too! Did you know that water is the main ingredient of our blood? Water also makes up about 65% of our body weight. Now, whenever it starts to rain, we say that it is precipitating outside. It's a fancy way of telling someone that it's raining. *Ella Lupan*

ROOM 19

Last Thursday we made sushi. We had to cook the rice, chop a variety of vegetables, and then roll all the ingredients up in the nori. Nori is the special green seaweed that covers the sushi. For cooking this week some Year Threes did a "Master Chef" Cook off. We had a special judge arrive to taste their baking.

We are all enjoying having Mrs Paton as our student teacher. She is teaching us a lot about water. Did you know that a lot of people around the world can't get clean water from a tap, or have a shower? We are so lucky to live in New Zealand.

ROOM 21

We have been learning about the colour wheel in art. There are so many colour combinations that look great together. Unfortunately, there are a lot that don't!! We have also been practising our brushing techniques and are becoming 'Young Picassos'.

ROOM 23

This week Room 23 got three new children. They have come from Room 1 and we are so lucky to have them. We have also started doing gymnastics. We are learning to jump, land and balance. We are enjoying learning new skills.

Community Notices

Children's Book Club

Every second Thursday at 4pm. This is an excellent way to support your child's reading and encourage library use.

Auckland Splash Water Safety Family Day

Saturday, 9 November 10 – 4pm
Waterfront Reserve, Mangere Bridge.
Free entry. Learn about water safety and pool education. Helicopter rescues and lifesaving demonstrations.



I'd like to take this opportunity to explain the school's telephone system, how it operates and how it will be of benefit to our families.

Do you want to record a child's absence? Would you like to get information regarding school events for the week? Follow these steps . . .

**TELEPHONE
2690250**

**If you are phoning regarding an
absent child please dial 1**

**You will hear "Welcome to Manurewa
Central School. If you know the extension
number of the person whom you wish to
speak to, please dial that now.**

**To hear today's announcements
please dial 3.
(Please note that announcements will
be posted by 9am on Monday)**

**Or hold to speak to the
office. Thank you**

A BIG THANK YOU

The Junior School staff wish to acknowledge the generous donations given from the following businesses.

- Mr Dean Alderson
Alderson Bulk Haulage
Papakura
- Mr Frank Urgert
Urgert Engineering
East Tamaki
- Mr Bruce Chellew
Chellew Engineering
East Tamaki

Our Year 0 and Year 1 children were able to attend the live performance of Mrs Wishy Washy a much loved character from stories created by Joy Cowley at the Pumphouse Theatre.

A huge thank you for your generosity.

By recording a message on the absentee line this enables us to know that your child is safe with you. Please endeavour to leave a message for us each day your child is absent so we know of their whereabouts.

On the announcements we'll include times for school events, information regarding class and school programmes and any changes/postponements/cancellations to class or school events.

Please avail yourself of this facility that we offer. It will enable you to keep informed especially when postponements are necessary.