

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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27 July 2012 Name.....

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

Thank you to everyone who has assisted with our General Knowledge-a-thon. This is our major fundraiser of the year and we certainly appreciate your support.

Testing was done last Wednesday and by now children should have brought home their answer sheet and their sponsor sheet. As the money is collected I ask that it be taken to the school library before school each day.

We will announce the growing total daily and I will let you know our result in the next newsletter.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS (ICAS)

Each year selected senior school students are given the opportunity to participate in five academic competitions run by the University of New South Wales.

Well done to all our students who work hard to prepare for these difficult tests that are run under strict examination conditions.

The first results have been received and I congratulate the following students who did particularly well.

Computer Studies

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6 Aaron Lew, Aimee Lew
Year 5 Alesha Kant, Bradley Wingfield

Credit (Top 30% of NZ students)

Year 6 Jaydah Croft, Navneet Dhaliwal
Year 5 Stanley Brabazon

Science

High Distinction (Top 1% of NZ students)

Year 6 Aimee Lew

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6 John Chen, Kervin Guttenbeil,
Aaron Lew
Year 5 Stanley Brabazon, Alesha Kant,
Jasleen Kaur

Credit (Top 30% of NZ students)

Year 6 Jaydah Croft, Navneet Dhaliwal,
Luke Liu, Jack Yarrall

Year 5 Jeremie Bayaban, Arabella
Pearse, Bradley Wingfield,
Kirstie Scotson

READING TOGETHER

We will be running another series of workshops on home reading later this term beginning on Wednesday, 15 August. There are 4 meetings that will start at 6pm and finish by 7.30pm. We do run a crèche for children to help parents attend.

These workshops are very worthwhile and very popular. If you are a parent of a 5 or 6 year old and would like to attend please ring Mrs Sandy Griffin on 269 0250.

ICT DEVELOPMENT

In order to keep our school up to date with current technology our school is trialling the use of iPads in two senior classrooms. Over the next couple of weeks the iPads will be introduced to these classes who will then share their capability across Years 5 and 6.

We are currently reviewing and upgrading our classroom security and surveillance in preparation. I thank the Board of Trustees for their support and encouragement of this exciting initiative.

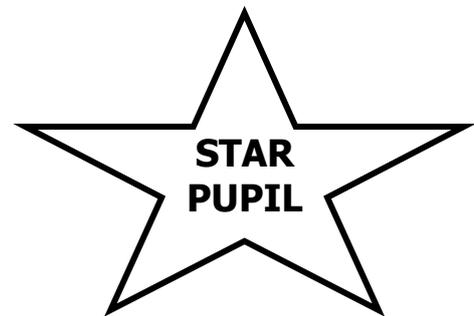
Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now
JULY

21 Anaru Thomson	22 Phoenix Afakasi
23 Glazcious Phares Vaega	25 Kervin Guttenbeil
25 Chris Momoemausu	25 Tiya Momoemausu
25 Rhys Stanley	26 Susana Malewa
26 Dylan Ross	27 Zoe Nelson
28 Naphnn Deng	29 Ramina Zaya
30 Taumatina Natini	30 Sukhdev Sukh
31 Olivia Polglase	31 Manmeet Singh

AUGUST

3 James Zeng	4 Zoraver Malhotra
6 Richard Cole	7 Alza Eldhose
7 Chloe Groves	7 Dedrick Sione
8 Harjashandeep Singh	9 Ana Adams
9 Tanveer Ummat	10 Patrick Aishow
12 Shivanshu Sharma	15 Tyson Uluheua
16 Luke Brooks	16 Dohnovin Dalton
16 Laura Foy	16 Willow 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 Samiuela Tuita	R2 Phillip Andrews
R3 Diyari Delaiverata	R4 Darius Westlake
R5 Courtney Nelson	R6 Slade McKay
R7 Siobhan Paku	R8 Kaveni Caba
R9 Rileigh Campbell	R10 Matthew Dennis
R11 Adam Baker	R12 John Chen
R13 May Dong	R14 Tisha Naicker
R15 Chelsea Tang	R16 Samuel Honey
R17 Lauryn Seiuli	R18 Sofia-Moana Taelangi
R19 Sasha Kudriavtcev	R20 Riya Kumar
R21 Aviu Aviu	R23 Isaac Botuyan
R24 Zayden Scott	

NEWSLETTERS

School newsletters are a very important part of our home school communication. They come home every three weeks usually on a Friday. Newsletters contain important information, dates of coming events, classroom news and community notices. The classroom news provides an excellent overview of the many exciting activities and programmes happening at school.

Our newsletters are placed on our website www.mancent.school.nz It is possible to use this site to translate our newsletter into around 50 different languages. If you know of someone who needs to read our news in another language please assist them to do so.

I believe that simply reading our newsletter gives everyone an excellent understanding of what is happening at our school.

Thank you
Laurie Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

7	Junior School "mini Olympics" day
10	Student files of work home (Years 3-6)
13	Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
17	Newsletter
23	Junior School folk dancing display
23	Manurewa Schools' choir performance at TelstraClear Pacific Events' Centre.

Term 3 ends on Friday, 28 September at the usual time of 3 o'clock.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Mannat Kumar, Heith Trembath, Blake Allen, Ashton Woodhouse, Komalpreet Kaur, Manaaki Wirihana, Anmol Buttar, Trinity-Reine Spence, Zyrus Uatisone

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

Tuesday was a spooky day for us because of the fog. We wrote stories describing how we felt.

"I was in my car. My dad was driving. He saw a puddle. We nearly slipped on the gravel. When I go to school it was icy on the grass so I went to my sister." *Mary*

"It was wet on the road. I had my strong shoes for no slipping on the grass." *Mohit*

"I felt scared because it was so foggy. My dad turned on the car lights so he could see." *Simrat*

"I was riding in my car. I could draw on my window. I was scared. I wanted to close my eyes." *Davina*

ROOM 4

Welcome back. We all had a great holiday. On Friday we had two special visitors to school, Lionel and Lucy. They were 9 day old baby lambs. We got to touch them. Their wool was very soft. The lambs were wearing little woollen jackets to keep them warm. They got to drink their milk out of their bottle.

ROOM 6

We have been practising folk dancing. We practise with Room 8 and Room 9. We like skipping and dancing in a line.

Willow and Zivana

ROOM 8

We have been writing explanations about why we have night and day. Here are some extracts from our writing.

"We have day and night because the Earth spins on its axis." *Karanbir*

"When New Zealand has the morning, China still has night time!" *Ryan G*

"When the Earth is facing the sun it is daytime but when it is facing away it is night time." *Gaurav*

"Usually day and night are both 12 hours but in the winter the nights are longer." *Thea-Rose*

ROOM 10

Our unit study at the moment is 'New Zealand Adrift.' For spelling and handwriting we have been learning and using new words to do with the topic. I have found out a lot already. But even better, Leonie and I are studying and researching about 'Made in Earth.' This is all about the precious gemstones created in the earth's crust and mantle.

Emeralds are special and the origin of the name emerald is from the Greek word "smaragos" which means "green stone" which reflects the colour of the emerald.

Each gemstone is a special birthstone for each month of the year. Gemstones can be found in mines, underground caves or rivers. Other amazing names for gemstones are aquate, garnet, peridot, tanzanite, zircon and quartz.

Leilani Faaiuso



ROOM 12

Bang! Crash! We were moving but we were not in a vehicle! We were in a make believe house experiencing a volcanic eruption at the Auckland Museum. It's not a situation we want to be in. We saw displays and videos on New Zealand and its volcanoes including how Auckland was formed. This covered the complete development of our country from 26 million years ago.

Watching all of the volcanoes form in Auckland reminded us of how shaky our ground really is.

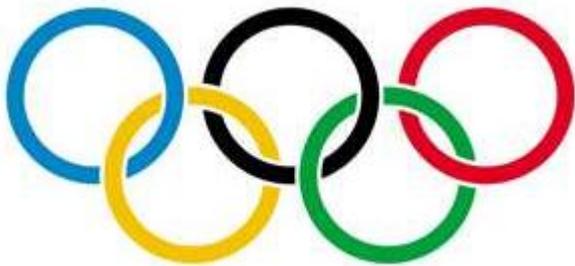
It is a real shame that we no longer have the pink and white terraces. The eruption of Mt Tarawera must have been spectacular. It was amazing to learning all of these facts about New Zealand. We thought the museum was awesome.

Bailee Afakasi and D'Cody Mortensen

ROOM 14

Welcome back everyone. Term 3 has seen a great start back to school for us. Room 14 has just recently been to the Auckland Museum. It was fun learning about New Zealand's natural history.

The volcanoes' area was probably the best because in class and throughout the senior school we are learning about New Zealand Adrift. Also there was a big house which we called the 'Shake House', as it imitates the movement of an earthquake and volcanic eruption as if it was happening right now! As well as the shaking and moving there was a 12 minute video that went with it.



You all know the Olympics are starting on Friday so to celebrate the senior school is going to have an indoor Olympics. Do you know that 205 countries are in the Olympics totalling over 10,000 athletes?

ROOM 16

We have been learning about the Earth, moon and sun. Did you know that the moon can turn red? Madison found out that it turns red because the light that was hitting the moon from the sun had to go through Earth's atmosphere. The atmosphere scatters blue light and what comes out the other side is red. This reddish light bounces off the moon. It comes back to Earth and straight into our eyes. This will be happening in 2013!

Swimming was awesome! It was fabulous shooting in the water like a huge arrow. We did streamline glide, kicking on our fronts and backs and rotations! *Jin Hui and Zane*

ROOM 18

On Monday it was the start of Maori Language Week. Our class learned numbers up to 1000 and Maori words we didn't know. We also had a quiz. The quiz was about numbers. It was fun learning about Maori numbers.

On Tuesday we went to Sykes Road swimming pools. We learnt how to swim. One of the instructors was named Kash. We were taught some techniques on how to kick and how to take breaths while we are swimming. It was a lot of fun at the swimming pools. We are going there for another six weeks.

ROOM 20

Since we've returned to school we have been learning the answers for the General Knowledge-a-thon test. We had the test on Wednesday and we've all done well.

We had our first swimming session at the Manurewa Pools. We thoroughly enjoyed it and know our swimming will improve so we're ready for summer. We are enjoying being back at school.

ROOM 24

We have five new people in Room 24. They are Maya, Esheeta, Alesana, Kalys and Cameron. They are very good at listening and learning. In Room 24 we have been learning some new Maori action songs. We love singing them every day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCOUTS NZ

Due to an increasing demand for scouting in the Manurewa area, SCOUTS New Zealand will open a new Kea Club at the Scout Hall in Gallagher Park, Alfriston Road, Manurewa to cater for boys and girls in Years 1 – 3 at school. For more information go to www.scouts.org.nz or phone 0800 SCOUTS. Monday 5.30 – 6.30pm.

BASKETBALL YEAR 5 & 6 BOYS

Is your son passionate about basketball? Does he have basic basketball skills and would now like to be part of a team? We have an exciting opportunity to be part of an entry level basketball tournament for local primary schools at Allen Brewster Recreation centre in Papatoetoe. Please register your son's interest asap by contacting me directly on 021 1400944 or email alex@tints.co.nz. Registrations end this Wednesday 1 August.