

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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27 November 2009 Name.....

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

Less than three weeks of the school year remain before we finish for the year on Thursday, 17 December. Over this time we have a number of special events to which you are warmly invited.

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS' DAYS

The events are spread over three days to enable children to complete activities before the hottest part of the day arrives.

The dates for this year are:

Senior school (Yrs 5 & 6) Thurs, 3 December

Middle school (Yrs 3 & 4) Wed, 9 December

Junior school (Yrs 1 & 2) Thurs, 10 December

All events will begin around 9.30am.

## CAROLS' EVENING

This is set for Wednesday, 9 December. More information to come.

## YEAR SIX GRADUATION

Monday, 14 December. Family members of students finishing Year 6 are invited to our graduation function at 6pm in our school auditorium.

## END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES

Parents and whanau are invited to attend our end of year special assemblies. Three are held, one for each area of the school on the following dates.

Middle school (Yrs 3 & 4) Friday, 4 December

Junior school (Yrs 1 & 2) Tuesday, 8 December

Senior school (Yrs 5 & 6)

Thursday, 17 December

All these functions begin promptly at 9.30am. All visitors are asked to be seated before that time. As auditorium space is limited I ask that young children do not attend. I am sure you appreciate that these assemblies are an important part of our

school programme and are first and foremost for our students.

We will have staff to assist with seating and will do our best to accommodate everyone. Please remember to bring a cushion.

## REPORTING TO PARENTS

Pupils in Years 3 to 6 will bring home their individual Files of Work next Friday.

These portfolios are an important part of our process for keeping you informed about your child's progress. I trust you enjoy seeing the range of work and the improvement shown throughout the year.

These files do not need to be returned as new files will be started in 2010.

Teachers are completing individual written reports. These will come home on Wednesday, 9 December.

## 2010 CLASSES

Class list are currently being considered for 2010. You can help us greatly by letting us know if your child/children will not be returning next year (apart from Year 6). As usual class lists will be finalised during the school break and announced next year.

## SCHOOL DONATIONS

At the last Board of Trustees' meeting the Board decided to keep school donations at \$40.00 per child for 2010. This equates to \$10 per term or \$1.00 per week and the amount is tax deductible.

Thank you to everyone who has paid this year. Please remember that donations can be given in at the school office at anytime.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Our Health and Safety committee is reviewing the procedures for school visitors to ensure that everyone visiting the school between 9am and 3pm are identified and known to be on site.

When visiting please ensure that you sign the visitors book in and out at the school office. Please also wear your identification tag when on site. This will allow our staff to know you are here legitimately. Thank you for helping us ensure our school is safe at all times.

## PARENT SURVEYS

Thank you to everyone who returned completed questionnaires. We have more than 50% returned for both Māori and non Māori surveys.

Survey results are very positive indeed and support the current direction of the school and the work of our staff. However, the results will be carefully considered by our Board of Trustees and school staff and changes made as required.

I expect a summary to be given out with our next school newsletter.

Thank you  
L Thew  
Principal

# IMPORTANT DATES

## **DECEMBER**

3 Years 5 & 6 athletics 9.30am  
4 Years 3 & 4 end of year assembly 9.30am  
4 Student files of work home (Yrs 3-6)  
8 Years 1 & 2 end of year assembly 9.30am  
9 Student reports home  
9 Carols' evening  
9 Board of Trustees' meeting 7pm  
10 Years 1 & 2 athletics 9.30am  
11 Next newsletter  
14 Year 6 students' graduation evening 6pm  
17 Years 5 & 6 prize giving assembly 9.30am  
17 School closes at 3pm for summer holidays.

The first day at school for 2010 is Wednesday, 3 February.

# Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently  
Marion Karimo, Elijah Miller, Sarai Rahman,  
Ashlyn Rahman, Jasmin Holden-Whiu,  
Elizabeth Latu.

# Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

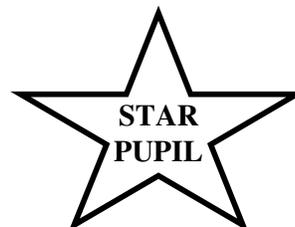


## **NOVEMBER**

27 Violet Beattie 28 Nathan Ward  
29 Ashley Prasad 30 Jamie Campbell

## **DECEMBER**

1 Nicholas Cook	1 John Karimo
2 Connor Hitchman	2 Emma King
4 Christian Mene	4 Sean Menke
4 Reece Parker	4 Faith Ropati
5 Freja Rahman	8 Colis Magatogia
8 Ryan Waterworth	9 Tamati Peters
10 Sukhmander Kaur	11 Savanah Konia



*The following students have been recognised by their class teachers as particularly worthy of special mention.*

R1 Kelly-Jo Meha	R2 Siolebronne Pearson
R3 Helen Asiata	R4 Amanda Tchikha
R5 Quinn Motuliki	R6 Sam Ward
R7 Kevin Zeng	R8 Apoiniva Asiata
R9 Adam Baker	R10 Kritesh Kumar
R11 Torina Samuelu	R12 Aaron Urwin
R13 Braden Robins	R14 Dominique Doolan
R15 Samantha Brooks	R16 Freja Rahman
R17 Alanna Burke	R18 Charnny Bun
R19 Kerina Tiai	R20 Dilraj Singh
R21 Waitangi Park	R22 Riya Kumar
R23 Charlize Nicholson	

# ROOM NEWS

## ROOM 2

We have been learning about seeds and plants. We know that plants need water, light, air and minerals to grow. We have planted our own seeds. We chose from sunflowers, peas and nasturtiums. We are excited to see them sprouting and shooting up out of the soil.

## ROOM 4

We are being gardeners and have planted sunflowers. We are remembering to water them regularly and give them sunlight so that they will grow big and tall. We have been learning a new dance with Room 2 which we will be performing at our end of year assembly. We cannot tell the name . . . it is a surprise. So please come and watch us sing and dance on Tuesday, 8 December.

## ROOM 6

Rooms 6 and 7 had a class market where we made things to buy and sell with plastic money. We learnt how to add money and to give change. It was just as much fun as funtime lunchtime! Mr Thew and Mrs Holmes came to buy food and magnets and have a turn at quoits. We have also decorated tins and planted seeds. Everyone will have a small sunflower, pea or bean plant to take home.

## ROOM 8

We have been in a creative frenzy finishing off our beautiful pacific tapa inspired creations. They look marvellous and will make very special calendars and cards. Thank you mums and dads for supporting all of our hard work by buying our masterpieces! We love them and think you will too. We have also been leaping, rolling, twirling and kicking up our heels in preparation for our final assembly. The dance is lots of fun and you will be able to see it all polished for our junior school final assembly. Put it in your diary so you don't miss out!

## ROOM 10



Dear Hockey stick

You were a birthday present. When my dad gave you to me I felt like I would be at the top of my game in every game. Boy have we been at the top of our game over the years! You are, were and always will be my favourite hockey stick. I have had you for over a year now. We have been to so many things in the past that I can't even count them. We used to spend a lot of time together. Remember those days six days a week on the field and off the field shooting for goals but usually missing them? At least we get them now. After all our games and adventures, tough times, sad times and great times you are still yet to let me down. I hope that you are still yet to let me down. I hope that one day we will be in the line up for the Black Sticks and that you are in my hands.

Yours in hockey  
Ezrah Lava

## ROOM 12

There are more tigers in captivity than there are in the wild! Frogs can look like they are dead when they are feeding! Tuataras can make you sick if you touch their skin and don't wash your hands afterwards. These are all endangered animals. We have made posters and booklets to help us understand more. Our trip to the zoo even included going into a classroom where we learnt more about animals.

We now know that humans are causing many of these animals to be endangered and that zoos help to protect them. We need to change our ways!

Sarah Bracewell and Jared Sephton

## ROOM 14

Recently the senior school went to the zoo to learn about endangered animals. We saw monkeys, rhinos, frogs and tarantulas. It was tiring and interesting. We went in to an educational room to learn about the endangered animals. We saw frogs, lizards, stuffed animals and other things too.

*Mitchell Dahl and Cassidy Ngaika*

### ROOM 16

This term our topic was 'Name and Describe Places.' We chose a country and then we studied it. We found out all kinds of things like the capital city, what language they speak, what their currency is and what kind of food they eat. Once we had enough information, we put it all on a big poster and added some pictures too. It is displayed in our room if you would like to come and see it.

We have also been doing lots of art this term. We created some beautiful Aboriginal art with dots. Some of them tell a story and some are hidden maps. *Mya and Maddison*

### ROOM 18

Kia ora all. We have been super busy because we have been preparing for our wonderful end of year production. The teachers have been teaching us some really professional dances for it.

We have also been painting calendars and our theme is the endangered takahe. We put all the painting and colouring techniques that we have learnt into that one beautiful calendar. *Gracie Bruce*

### ROOM 20

During the term we learnt about different countries around the world. We decided to create lavalava patterns for our calendars because they remind us of the bright, colourful flowers and plants they have in the Pacific Islands. We look forward to seeing the finished produce on our walls at home.



### ROOM 22

Greedy Cat has had lots of books written about him by Joy Cowley. This is what we think of Greedy Cat.

Greedy Cat is a big, fat, chubby cat. He is very greedy and always hungry. He is far too fat. Greedy Cat doesn't want to share his food. He thinks that all the food is for himself. Greedy Cat is a selfish Cat. But we think he's funny and we still like him.



### Three Cheers for Grandparents.

Three fabulous grandparents were recently presented with a special book from Duffy Books. The books are to recognise and acknowledge the wonderful contribution they have made towards supporting our school community and their grandchild's education. Our special grandparents are Mrs Brabazon (Stanley Room 8), Mrs Donovan (Alanna Room 17), and Mr Davison (Nicholas Room 8, Jonathan Room 12 and Logan Room 22).

## Community Notices

Manurewa Junior School of Music is now taking enrolments for 2010. We offer tuition in the following musical instruments: Clarinet, flute, guitar, keyboard, percussion, recorder, saxophone, trumpet and violin. Tuition is available to all primary and intermediate school students aged 7 and up. Fees for the year are \$65. Lessons are on Saturday mornings, with some keyboard lessons on Tuesday and Thursday after school. Please contact us as [mjism@greenmeadows.school.nz](mailto:mjism@greenmeadows.school.nz) or phone 269 5673 and leave a message.

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### MANUKAU LIBRARIES

#### Summer Reading Challenge

14 December to 22 January

Online enrolments begin on 7 December or visit your local library and ask.

The summer reading challenge is of immense value to children as it encourages reading over the holidays and ensures reading improvement continues. This programme is highly recommended.