

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

As the whole country comes together in a show of strength and unity in the aftermath of the Christchurch mosque attacks, I would like to express my gratitude for the support shown by our community, and the professional way in which our staff dealt with children’s questions and wonderings. If you would like to tie a white ribbon on the cenotaph gate as a mark of respect, please ask for one at the office.

Thank you to the parents and whanau who attended out teacher/parent meetings. Around 381 interviews were arranged to discuss children’s learning goals and how we can all work together to ensure progress this year. I remind parents that you do not need to wait for interview time to meet with your child’s teacher. If you have any matter to discuss please contact us at anytime.

Junior and middle school swimming carnivals have been a great success. Our programmes are planned to ensure children develop water confidence and skills for life. It was great to see children having fun in the water and working hard to improve their swimming techniques. The senior school swimming carnival takes place at 1:30pm on Friday 5 April. We have had both a fire drill and a lockdown practice this term. These practices are an important part of ensuring the safety of everyone in the school grounds should an emergency occur. We have good processes in place and our children know what is expected of them. In the event of an emergency please refer to our school website for up to date information. You should refrain from coming directly to the school as staff will not be able to help you at this time.

It gives me great pleasure to announce Kreas Padayachee as our recently appointed Deputy Principal. Kreas has been in an acting position since the beginning of the year and we are looking forward to him joining our senior leadership team as a permanent member from Term 2.

**Thank you**  
**Michelle Dibben**  
**Principal**

**MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL - SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**Mrs Michelle Dibben** Principal  
**Mrs Sandy Griffin** Deputy Principal  
**Mr Kreas Padayachee** Deputy Principal  
**Mrs Ann Sowden** Assistant Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

**School Photos on Thursday 11 April**

**Last day for Term 1 is Friday 12 April at 3pm**  
**Term 2 begins on Monday 29 April 9am**

**Mana Kids Nurse: Mrs Mele Simanu**  
**Mele will be available at school every Tuesday 11am-1pm to advise and support you with any health concerns regarding your child and whanau.**  
**She is available to offer hearing and vision checks and will throat swab for infection at your request.**  
**Please feel free to contact Mele at school at this time.**

# Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

MARCH	APRIL	5 Jase	10 Jeevanjot
29 Ashleigh	1 Sukhman	6 Isabella	11 Elisha
29 Yousif	2 J’Dahn	8 Ashlynn	11 Anisha
30 Gurit	2 Daniel	9 Jackson	12 Agnes
30 Maddison	2 Jasmeet	9 Angelisah	12 Keana
30 Mohammad	4 Solorah	10 Sarico	
31 Om	5 Evaan	10 Jared	
	5 Arnav		

**WELCOME ALL NEW STUDENTS TO MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Caleb, Luca, Preston, Lulu, Shanna, Harsimranpreet, Sehajpreet, Sonakshi



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

Rm 1 Lucy	Rm 9 Chloe	Rm 17 Izaan
Rm 2 Harleen	Rm 10 Patrisha	Rm 18 Daniel O
Rm 3 Gilbert	Rm 11 Kaden	Rm 19 Jetero
Rm 4 Rosa	Rm 12 Ardas	Rm 20 Trey
Rm 5 Elester	Rm 13 Mathew	Rm 21 Myles
Rm 6 Ranjot	Rm 14 R J	Rm 22 Mikayla
Rm 7 Darius	Rm 15 Jasmeen	Rm 24 Avisa
		Rm 24 Aanya

**Lost Property**

We have an enormous collection of clothing items misplaced by students-most items are unnamed. Please be sure to check it on **sunny days** outside the staffroom area where it will be laid out. We would like to send it all back home!

**PARENTS —PHOTO PAYMENTS**

**Just a reminder to please return your children’s photo ordering envelopes to Mrs Cole at the school office as soon as possible, with the correct money in the envelope.**  
**If ordering online, or by credit card please also return your envelopes so**

- 17 We are starting to learn about towns in NZ and we are trying to find a town that starts with the first letter of our name. Only two students in room 17 were not able to find a town that starts with the first letter of their name. We looked at how far it was in relation to Auckland, how long it would take to travel there by car, bus and plane. Surprisingly, you cannot fly to some cities.
- 19 Wow, time flies when you are having fun! We can’t believe this term is coming to and end, but what a term it has been... We loved learning about the things that make us both different and the same as well as beginning to figure out our place in the world.
- 21 We are learning about Growth Mindset. Did you know your brain is a muscle? It is important to remember to keep on trying and never give up! by Daetyn and Taliah-Rose

# Room News

- 1 Last week, we had a special visitor. We had a pilot come to visit us. He brought pilot uniforms, engineers overalls and flight attendant uniforms. He even brought the lollies to give out while we landed. We made a plane in the classroom and Pilot Blaine took us on an adventure. Flight Attendants Aaliyah and Lucy made sure we had our seat belts on and Engineers Caleb and Evaan made sure the plane had enough fuel to get us there and back.
- 3 We have been busy doing lots of interesting writing and exciting art work. We love swimming everyday and are gaining confidence around water. Some of us are able to float on our back. We had a special visitor to give us our Duffy books. She was Alexis Pritchard an Olympic Boxing Champion. Her message to us was to always do our reading, try our best in everything and live our dream. I am good at riding my bike at the skate park. My mum helps me to ride my bike. Xavier. I help my Dad to wash his car and clean the garage. I help my mum to tidy up the toy box. Abhijot.
- 5 On Tuesday we received our Duffy Books that we had pre-selected and we are all so thankful as we love reading! We hope everyone had a great day on Wednesday and enjoyed the junior swimming carnival. Thank you for cheering all the children on! Aria, Harveen and Isabella
- 7 We have been busy learning different combinations of basic facts to 10 so that we can apply this knowledge to solve maths problems like 5+6+4+5+2+8=by finding the hiding 10’s. We have also been practising our swimming skills which we shared with our families this past Wednesday. As a class we have also been exploring new exciting language to add more depth and interest to our writing. Here is Elisha’s piece of writing about one of our favourite characters Greedy Cat. Greedy Cat’s eyes are sneaky and sly, spying for his food. Greedy Cat’s ears are pointy triangles to hear the squeak of the fridge door opening. Greedy Cat’s nose is long and pointy to sniff out the scent of food. Greedy Cat’s tummy is round and circular, he is fat like a ball. Greedy Cat’s feet are soft and fuzzy as he tiptoes around the house. Greedy Cat’s tail is long and slinky as he moves this way and that. What a sly, ravenous, sneaky cat is that Greedy Cat! by Elisha
- 9 We have been very busy building projects and improving our working environment. We have nearly finished our table project, come and have a look to see the advanced engineering and build quality. We have started on our new library and we are hoping to be done by the end of the term. Mr Baird is very happy with the work in our books too. We are all making good progress in the core subject areas. Have a great weekend!
- 11 We are really lucky at the moment because we have two Kaiako – Mr Malele and Mr Jackson. One afternoon Mr Jackson took us through a series of activities where we really challenged our mindsets and how we respond to others. It was a great lesson because our Duffy Role model, Alexis Pritchard, pretty much endorsed everything we did and discussed. our Minds have the ability to change the world – we just need to acknowledge that our minds can do amazing things.
- 13 We have completed some stunning art, which, now is up in the classroom, really brightening our walls. The process for our art was first to divide our page in half, we wrote our name in block letters and then coloured with crayons. On one side of our page we used hot colours, avoiding our block letters, and the other side in cold colours. Lastly Mrs Pemberton washed our art in dye. Check out Room 13’s page on our school website. We are sure you will agree, they look amazing!
- 15 Mrs Dibben has been at this school for 5 years. She takes care of the children in our school. She is proud of the school. Judah Mrs Cole works in the office. She answers the phone and helps children. Jaquaan King Mr Cheal helps take care of scooters and he is our school caretaker. He fixes the classrooms. Olivia Mrs Griffin is kind and she cares about us. She loves our school because of the trees and the children’s smiling faces. Ethan