

2 June 2017—Principal’s News

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

Congratulations to our school rugby team that recently won the Manurewa Interschool Competition. Our boys played with skill, determination and sportsmanship.

The Manurewa Primary Schools Sports Association runs a series of interschool activities covering a very wide variety of sports. Points are awarded to participating teams for both winning and sportsmanship. I am pleased that so far this year our school is placed 2nd out of 23 schools for tournament success and 1st out of 23 for sportsmanship. These are very pleasing results that reflect the values our school has in skill, commitment and fair play.

A NEW COMMUNITY OF LEARNING

With our Board of Trustees approval our school has recently joined in a formal arrangement with a group of local schools to form a combined Community of Learning (CoL).

This group includes Central, Everglade, Randwick Park, The Gardens and Manurewa East primary schools plus Greenmeadows Intermediate and Alfriston College.

Together we will be able to increase resourcing, share expertise and ensure a smooth pathway for students throughout their schooling. Our overall aim is to raise our student achievement collectively. I will keep you informed as to progress.

STARTING SCHOOL AT FIVE

As you know children in New Zealand traditionally start school on, or around their 5th birthday.

However, the Government has recently made changes to the Education Act that introduces the possibility of cohort entry.

Cohort entry means that young students would begin school at the start of the term closest to their 5th birthday. This would give four starting dates each year.

The age at which a child must begin enrolment remains at 6, however, most children begin when they are 5. This means that parents can decide when their child should start up until the age of 6.

Later this year our Board of Trustees will consider moving to cohort entry or retain enrolments at 5.

To assist with this decision I am asking early childhood providers, teaching staff and parents for their views.

If you would like to contribute your view please write to me or email me at adminoff@mancent.school.nz. We have information at the school office if you would like to collect a copy. I will keep you informed.

Thank you
L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- 5 Queen’s birthday. School closed.
- 12 Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
- 14 Reading Together. Last session 6pm
- 23 Next newsletter

Term 2 ends on Friday, 7 July at 3pm. School is closed for two weeks.

A reminder that if you would like to make your school donation through internet banking please use the following information:

Manurewa Central School BOT Bank Account - 12-3109-0012252-00
Particulars (*Child’s Name*), Code (*Room No.*) Reference (*School Donation*)

A receipt for this money will be sent home with your child.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Alyssa-Leigh Mana, Trey Jack, Tyler Jack, Dhushmeet Sidhu, Kingston Jack, Manmeet Sidhu, Amelia Brown, Ethan Jack, Hargun Kaur, Sarah Winstone, Kaylis Trail, Eknor Singh, Abhideep Singh Sarao, Isabella Tith, Kruz Rangi, Zion Guataga, Leilani Irwin.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now. JUNE

3 Darius Va	3 Gurpartee Benipal	3 Andrews Rakoia Brown
4 Te Aroha Marsh	4 Alistair Stowers	5 Jashika Prakash
5 Joshua Engu	6 Baylee Trego	7 Mathew Tai Rakena
8 Melissa Ngatai	9 Ayush Kumar	9 Zachariah Hobson
11 Angel Pillay	11 Caitlin Tamati	12 Viva Friend
12 Rasman Khatgar	12 Mere Haerewa	12 Syeda Horeen
13 Prabhjot Singh	13 Aleesha Nowley	13 Kiefer Wallen
13 Alyssa Uluheua	13 Sahil Sandhu	14 Rushikesh Naicker
14 Izaiah McCown	14 Ashleigh Bowden	16 Jagbir Singh
18 Reihana Edmonds –Dwyer		18 Andrena Oliver
19 Samuel Solo	19 Daman Kumar	21 Mohammad Al-Kashoosh
21 Cameron Healey	22 Ethan Head	



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

R1 Maryam Sahib	R2 Richard Tuipolutu	R3 Jada-Cee Rakoia Brown
R5 Flynn Head	R6 Daniel Otukolo	R7 Navroop Sangha
R8 Kimaanne Tuipelehake	R9 Jade McLeod	R10 Sophie Glover Makata
R11 Sharon Sheppard	R12 Ariana Faaiuas	R13 Gabriella Brown
R14 Noah Afakasi	R15 Afa Vau	R16 Ayveah Mizziebo
R17 Jessica Knight	R18 Maddison Young	R19 Daegon Rafferty
R20 Nicholas Duggan	R21 Darius Bell	R22 Syeda Horeen
R23 Te Ariki Waara	R24 Caitlin Tamati	



Rugby Review



On Tuesday, 23 May, thirteen future All Blacks from the senior school travelled to Bruce Pulman Park, Papakura to compete against other schools from Manurewa in the Year 5—6 Open Weight Tackle Tournament. We were put into a very competitive pool and made it into the finals unbeaten. Our goal for our tournament was to have fun and display sportsmanship to our peers.

All our players pushed themselves throughout the day with some stunning individual performances and contributions to the team. In the final we played Clendon Park. The game had to be decided in extra time, where we were put under pressure by Clendon constantly attacking our line before we scored a length of the field intercept try to be crowned champions.

Well done to the boys for their amazing effort. Well done Anaru, Mharsal, Braithan, Will, Andrew, Ashton, Tane, Reihana, Nehemiah, Afa, Caleb, Karlos and Roko.

Room News

ROOM 1

We have been exploring our seasons and loved crunching the leaves. We are learning about space this term and enjoyed making paper mache planets with Miss Atkins. We were very lucky to see “The Science Guy” last week who showed us some amazing experiments that made us jump in our seats. Room 1 is working hard during our literacy time and we love learning to music. We can rock along to many songs about syllables, rhyming and patterns. Little groovers everywhere.

ROOM 3

We are busy learning interesting facts about the solar system, day and night and seasons. The sun and the eight planets revolving around the sun forms the Solar system. *Rasman Kaur* My favourite planet is the beautiful planet Earth. The place where I live. *Nimrat Dhillon* We like going to the turf to practise our skills to hop, skip, jump, leap and run. *Sahibjot Singh*

ROOM 5

Last week we had a visit from a scientist. Here are some of the things we liked. I loved the clouds. They came from the bottle. *Gurluv* I liked when the marshmallows got big and then small again. *George* My favourite was the blue stuff going boom, it came down like a waterfall. *Tanna* I like the elephant’s toothpaste. It was blue and beautiful. *Aania*

ROOM 7

The children from Room 7 wrote a recount about The Science Guy visit in Week 4. Here are two of the students’ stories. ‘The scientist man made blue elephants’ toothpaste. It exploded in the air like lava.’ *Helen Leota* ‘The scientist made an explosion with balls in it. It goes KA-BOOM! It was cool.’ *Lincoln Smith*

ROOM 9

We were recently inspired by an amazing science spectacle. It was wonderful to see the wonder, fascination and pure glee that this science display brought to their faces. Science will continue in Room 9 as we delve into our solar system. It is evident we already have a few astro enthusiasts. It would be great to encourage and promote this further at home as we explore space and our home planet Earth.

ROOM 11

This week we have celebrated Samoan Language Week by putting together videos of diverse ethnic students speaking Samoan—a task and challenge we’ve thoroughly enjoyed. What we can take from this experience is that anyone who is willing to give another language a good go, is someone who is respectful and maybe a good person to have as a best friend.

ROOM 13

In Room 13 we have been learning about the food pyramid. We have found out we need protein for strong bones and to repair our bodies. We need carbohydrates for energy and fat is also for energy and to keep our joints moving smoothly. Students in Room 13 can read food labels now which will help us decide if a food is healthy or not. We were very surprised how much sugar is in some foods. Did you know there is more than a teaspoon of sugar in a glass of orange juice? Or that a can of lemonade has a bit more than 6 teaspoons of sugar in it? *Mary-Anne and Keren*

ROOM 15

We are all enjoying soccer with coach Kieran. He knows a lot about soccer and can teach professionals how to kick a ball. We want to become soccer pros with all his tips. *Bailey Goodall*

ROOM 17

Recently we went to the Nanaksar Thath Isher Darbal temple. We went there to learn about the Sikh culture. When we enter the temple, we have to take off our shoes, wash our hands and put on a head scarf. This is to show respect for the temple. We went upstairs to listen about the Sikh culture. Afterwards, we went downstairs to eat some yummy food. We ate rice, chipati bread and curry. Some of us thought the curry was spicy. We all loved the food.

ROOM 19

What a great trip we had to the Nanaksar Thath Isher Darbar temple. We were lucky because it is only a five minute walk away from school. When we arrived we had to take off our shoes, wash our hands, and wear a scarf on our head, as a sign of respect. Mr Singh took us upstairs where he talked to us about his culture and the Sikh religion. We then went back downstairs to have some lunch. We all sat down on a long blue mat and were served rice, hot roti and spicy curried beans. The food was delicious and very healthy. We all loved our cultural experience, and have great respect for the people who helped us at the temple.

ROOM 21

We have been working on our inquiry into space and beyond. It has been very exciting getting to know all about the planets. We have been lucky enough to have a netball coach come in and work with us for the past couple of weeks. It has been cool to learn the new five player game.

ROOM 23

The aliens have landed in the Room 23/22 area! As part of our exciting space topic this term, we have skilfully created aliens, written haiku poems on space, designed spaceships, crafted playdough figurines and learned so much about space.

Space Haiku by Aston Burrell

Rockets go to space, the Sun is a round hot star, stars are gigantic.