

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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3 June 2016 Name.....

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

Recently our Board of Trustees received two very positive reports on our school.

The first report from the Education Review Office commented on the learning successes we have at Manurewa Central. The reviewers looked at our systems and processes for keeping our students safe, happy and successful. The outcome was very pleasing as I have described in more detail later in this newsletter.

The second report is the outcome of our 2015 financial audit. This document comments favourably on systems and procedures for ensuring Government funds are spent wisely in the best interest of our children. Our Board of Trustees will receive this report at our next Board of Trustees meeting.

CUP CAKE DAY

Thank you to the hundreds of people who supported our school fund raising exercise. Our students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in baking, selling and eating a vast array of delicious cakes.

Together we raised \$1,050.00 which will help three of our ex-students from Manurewa High School represent New Zealand at an international problem solving forum in America.

I am delighted that our students were able to contribute to fellow students from Manurewa.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

By the time you read this, voting will have closed and our Returning Officer will be counting votes.

I anticipate that the result will be available by next Thursday; however, I thank, in advance, our six parent candidates for the support regardless of their success in winning one of

the four available places.

The new Board takes over on Friday, 10 June and I will welcome all members to our first official Board meeting on Monday, 13 June.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL ON TIME

Every day we have around 10 – 15 children who arrive late for school. This is not helpful for their learning and sometimes emotionally upsetting.

Please remember that 9am is our start time not our arrival time. It is helpful to aim for being at school by 8.45am.

THANK YOU

To parents who have been able to attend several recent parent meetings recently. Our Chai and Chat and Reading Together sessions have been very helpful for those present.

Thank you
L. Thew
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES



JUNE

- 6 Queen's Birthday. School closed
- 8 Parents' meeting 1.45pm in staffroom. Senior staff will be discussing maths teaching and learning. All welcome from across the school.
- 8 Reading Together. Session #3 6pm
- 9 Results announced for Board elections
- 10 New Board takes office.
- 13 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 15 Reading Together 6pm final session
- 24 Next newsletter.

Term 2 ends on Friday, 8 July. School closed for two weeks.

JULY

- 1 Student files of work home (Years 3 – 6).
- 8 School closes at 3pm to end term 2.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Lele Duggan, Louie Blair, Charlotte Millett, Yashan Naidu, Janvi Sen, Unique Areli-Keat, Jasneil Sen, Madison Turner, Sahibjot Singh, Sarah Akhtar, Shaaz Othman, Zenith Jaccobsen, Steven Bun, Chanelle Tuhakaraina-Hemopo, Ayaan Faruque, Ervin Faruque, Eliezer Hukiavave, V.J. Vakaukamea, Fajzelh Stevenson, Fhallon Stevenson

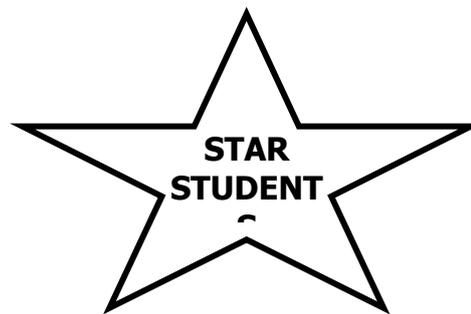
Happy Birthday



To people who have a special day about now.

JUNE

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| 3 Andres Rakoia Brown | 3 Gurpartee Benipal |
| 3 Darius Va | 4 Te Aroha Marsh |
| 4 Alistair Stowers | 5 Jashika Prakash |
| 5 Joshua Engu | 6 Baylee Trego |
| 7 Jagrith Narayan | 7 Zivana Hafoka |
| 7 Mathew Tai-Rakena | 8 Melissa Ngatai |
| 9 Ayush Kumar | 11 Caitlin Tamati |
| 12 Viva Friend | 12 Horeen Horeen |
| 13 Sahil Sandhu | 13 Alyssa Uluheua |
| 13 Kiefer Wallen | 14 Ashleigh Bowden |
| 14 Rushikesh Naicker | 15 Vitorah To'afa |
| 16 Jagbir Singh | 17 Erishvir Singh |
| 18 Andrena Oliver | 18 Reihana Edmonds-Dwyer |
| 19 Daman Kumar | 19 Samuel Solo |
| 21 Mohammad Al- Kashoosh | 21 Cameron Healey |
| 22 Ethan Head | 23 Preceyis Samupo |
| 24 Aporosa Viria | 24 Lanita Toomata |



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

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| R1 Charlotte Prasad | R2 Jade McLeod |
| R3 Setareki Bai | R4 Dayna Puru |
| R5 Logan Samupo | R6 Samuel Solo |
| R7 Lucian Maynard | R8 Nawaab Singh |
| R9 Janvi Sen | R10 Rosa McQuoid |
| R11 Kiran Gill | R12 Keira Miller |
| R13 Teleise Solomona | R14 Inise Malewa |
| R15 Awhina Kingi | R16 Alex Tai-Rakena |
| R17 Jasneil Sen | R18 Emily Tchikha |
| R19 Gursimran Kaur | R20 Jashika Prakash |
| R21 Guvind Dhaliwal | R22 Mila Tautogia |
| R23 Risha Kumar | |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

Today we had fun watching our bubbles go UP into the sky. We have been talking about light and how the light's reflection is what creates a rainbow. We can't wait to try an experiment and make our own rainbow.

If you ever feel like a boogie check out our favourite pack up song – Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling" from the up and coming TROLLS movie.

ROOM 3

Room 3 are scientists. We have been learning about lava lamps. Lava lamps are made using oil and coloured water. When we add a magic fizzing tablet it dissolves and chemicals make the bubbles fizz up to the top. The more fizzing tablets we add the faster the bubbles burst to the top.

ROOM 5

We have really enjoyed learning about New Zealand authors. We have been reading many Lynley Dodd stories. Hairy Maclary is our favourite character and we have written adaptations from the story. In "The Dudgeon is Coming", we used the computer and our imaginations to create a picture of what we thought the character looked like.

Our school is so lucky to have an author. Mrs Scott told us we need to be detectives and keep our eyes open for ideas to write about. She inspired us to write a poem about what happens during our day at school. Please feel free to visit us and look at the work we have created because we are terrific authors.

ROOM 7

Did you know that Room 7 children are learning a musical instrument? We are just beginning to play the ukulele and it is so much fun! We have been learning how to hold, strum and care for the ukulele. C and F are the first notes that we are trying to make with our fingers. It is a bit tricky but we are getting better each week.

ROOM 9

We are doing some creative and descriptive writing. We described our playground. This is Harlem's writing;

*The deadly black hole feels really deadly.
The chocolate spider web has a web.
The dangerous slide has a gigantic spike.
The dangerous pole has boiling hot lava.
The deadly monkey bars have giant sharp teeth.*
Harlem Room 9

ROOM 11

We have been learning about famous people like Mother Theresa. She was a very kind nun in India. We have been making bio cubes on our famous people. We get to start the day with exciting quizzes. For example, where is the Eiffel Tower? We are also excited for the school production, that we are holding at the end of term 3. Ryan, Kiran and Riya

ROOM 13

We have been studying famous leaders from throughout history. We've been learning about their lifestyles and the choices they made that led to them becoming good leaders. We have also been working hard on our maths. We are looking at shape, it has been both challenging and complicated.

We are really enjoying using our Chromebooks to help us with our work. We love using them to create our writing and research. It is especially great to use to insert pictures into your work!

Teleise Solomona

ROOM 15

We have been researching the New Zealand author Margaret Mahey and we have written biographies about her. We found out she wrote more than 100 books and got the Order of New Zealand.

We have also been working on self-portraits. They are on black paper and sketched with white pencils. We think they are looking really good.

ROOM 17

We have started our new topic of electricity and also famous people. We are investigating the famous people who have made inventions that use electricity. We have also been doing some science experiments in class about electricity.

We started by looking at batteries and circuits and how they work. We learnt that the little plus sign on the battery is a cathode and the little minus sign on the battery is an anode. Electricity flows from the anode to the cathode. A circuit is like the road for electricity to travel. Electricity is carried by the electrons and this is how we get electricity to devices like lightbulbs and the TV.

ROOM 19

We have been learning our plurals. Mrs Sowden is away and we will follow her journey on Facebook and learn about the countries she is in.

We are doing inquiry maths and learning to solve problems with others. We look forward to learning new things too with Mrs Nyahore.

ROOM 21

Tena koutou. We have been very lucky to have the Counties Manukau Sport coaches come to our school to teach us hockey. Our skills are really improving and some of the class are keen to join Mrs McHaffie-Green's hockey team next year.

The finalists for our poem presentations have been picked and we are very excited to see who will win. We think we have some strong contenders and that they might do well.

ROOM 23

We have been discussing why electricity is important to us. Navam suggested that electricity makes TVs work and Finlay thought that if you don't have electricity the lights will go off.

Thank you to Mrs Scott a real live New Zealand author who shared her books with us in the auditorium. We are so lucky to have a very clever author working at our school!

Community Notices



Manurewa Library will be closed for refurbishment from Monday 20 June to Sat 25 June 2016. It will reopen on Monday 27 June at 9.00am. During this time you will still be able to return your books through the returns slot accessible from the New Hook Lane side of the library.

Items can be renewed online www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz or by phone on (09) 262-5420 (Mon-Fri) or (09) 269-0500 (Sat only). Requested items can be collected when the library reopens.

Please note that the library will not be available for children to use, or wait after school.

Auckland Council apologise for any inconvenience caused during this closure period.

ERO REPORT 2016

In February this year a team of three reviewers visited the school for four days to undertake a major review of the school. The process involved reading documents, meeting regularly with senior management, visiting classrooms and talking with parents, students and Board of Trustee members.

The final confirmed report has just been made public and I am pleased to tell you that our school has received a report of which we can all be very proud.

The full report (six pages) is available on our school website www.macent.school.nz and the Review Office website www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports. I urge you to look at the full report on our school when you can. I can however, quote several excerpts that give a flavour of the report.

Student Achievement

"The school's achievement information shows that a large majority of students including Māori and Pacific, achieve at or above the National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics." (Page 1)

Board of Trustees

"Trustees maintain a clear focus in their discussions and decision making on student outcomes, and demonstrate a strong sense of duty of care for students." "Board trustees bring a range of skills and expertise to their work. They resource the school very well, and are highly mindful of their responsibility to represent the school's diverse community." (Page 4)

Teaching

"Teaching practice continues to progress in accordance with current research about effective teaching and learning." (Page 3).

"High expectations of students and staff are evident." (Page 4)

Community

"Input from students and their families is an important element in decision making, helping to build strong learning – centred relationships between the school and its community." (Page 3)

Recommendations

Only one: *"ERO recommends that the school continues to use internal evaluation to promote excellence and equity for all students."* (Page 5)

These excellent comments are reflective of the good work done by everyone. On your behalf I thank our board, our staff, our students and our community for the wonderful partnership that brings about this success.