

4 August 2017—Principal's News

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

Term 3 is off to a busy start. Classroom programmes are well underway, reports have been sent home and we are preparing for parent interviews next Thursday.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, ask questions about the report if you wish and prepare for the next two terms of learning.

Thank you to parents who have already requested interview times for Thursday, 10 August between 3.30pm and 8.30pm. Times are allocated on a first come first served basis and confirmation of times will come home on Monday, 7 August.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

Our big fundraising activity for the year began this week. Information has been distributed and we ask that you support your child with sponsorship from family, friends and workmates. Please also help your child learn the answers to a range of interesting and challenging questions. Obviously we want children to score 50 out of 50 if possible.

The big test day is Thursday, 10 August. Once sponsorship cards are returned to you money can be collected and brought to school. General Knowledge-a-thon money goes towards buying extra equipment for our children over an above what we would normally afford. We have an amazing variety of music equipment, art resources, sports gear and digital devices. This enables our students to have opportunities to make choices, develop skills and learn to interact with each other. With your help we will continue to keep improving in this regard.

I will keep you informed as to progress as the sponsorship money comes in.

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

Results have been received for the science and spelling examinations run by the University of New South Wales (ICAS). Well done to everyone who sat these difficult tests. Special acknowledgement goes to the following students who did particularly well.

<u>Science</u>	Credit Pass (<i>Top 35% in New Zealand</i>)	Year 6 Lachlan Smith
<u>Spelling</u>	Distinction (<i>Top 10% in New Zealand</i>)	Year 5 Kaitlyn Tanoa'i
	Credit Pass (<i>Top 35% in New Zealand</i>)	
	Year 5 Danny Ge	
	Year 6 Teleise Solomona, Alistair Stowers, Brendon Tse	

THANK YOU

A special thank you to the Trustees of the Trillion Trust who have donated \$20,635.00 for the renewal and upgrading of sports uniforms for our students. This is certainly a very generous grant and very much appreciated.

Thank you
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Principal

IMPORTANT DATES



A u g u s t	7	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm	2 0 1 7
	8	General Knowledge-a-thon forms to school.	
	9	"Making Maths Count", evening for parents.	
	10	Parent/teacher interviews to discuss student reports. 3.30pm to 8.30pm.	
	14—21	General Knowledge money to school library before 9am	
	25	Next school newsletter	
	29	Interschool Cross Country	
29	African drummers visit.		

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Taleisha Tonga, Sapphire Maaka, Shaan Skinner, William Shaw, Yico Gao, Grace Gao, Brittannia-Lea Faamausili, Ekamjot Sidhu, Jehad Khalaf, Carley Graham, Daniel Hooper, Ekaaksh Wahi, Jay Singh Sohal, Madison Lyons-MacLean, Eva Sowden, Salem Kingi, Maxwell Tonga, Maringinoa Christensen.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

AUGUST

4 Lovedeep Karda	5 Tavita Moses	6 Gurkeerat Singh
6 Zenith Jacobsen	6 Jacob Haigh	7 Rocquel Jennings
7 Jackson-Lee Tonga-Ngatai		8 Emily Tchikha
8 Zion Fuataga	8 Georgina Odicho	9 Chloe Time
10 Davejamin Asiatu	12 Tanvi Thakur	15 Iosefa Tusani
16 Reuben Lava	16 Ardasdeep Singh	17 Emmanuel Emmanuel
17 Jason Abdal	17 Taparia Engu	17 Michael Holden-Whiu
18 Baihlee Te Pou	20 Tanishka Chetty	22 Maria Faapo
22 Mele Ailao	22 David Emmanuel	23 Eliano Emmanuel
24 Darcy Puru	24 Christian Touma	



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

R1 Eva Sowden	R2 Maddison Cassidy	R3 Angelina Sheemar
R4 Cairo Friend	R5 Aania Baloch	R6 Naman Lal
R7 Georgina Odicho	R8 Addison Baker	R9 Dilveer Cheema
R10 Wiremu Connelly	R11 Jaelyn Maletino	R12 Nirari Chiba
R13 Sarrah Hassan	R14 Cameron Kiriona	R15 Zak Reid
R16 Elle Funaki-Sterling	R17 Sahib Singh	R18 Mathew Kiriona
R19 Asher Diack	R20 Rishika Prasad	R21 Jared Chen
R22 Khalia Sauni	R23 Billie-Jane Maaka	R24 Dante Lole

Top Quality Writing

Winter

Winter trees
Icy cold trees
No leaves on the trees
Trees with ice
Every tree is sad
Raindrops on the trees
Rylan Boyle 6 years

Meteoroid

In amongst the rocky field of debris
I see a glowing orb streak across the
night sky, bright.
I imagine with sight, it is a spacecraft
from a distant planet.
Lie tight, make a wish,
Tonight is a most magical night.
Emeth Casey 7 years

Black

Black is dark as a raven flying high in the azure sky.
Black is the soot of a crackling fire dying into flaky embers at a campsite; and the feeling of the soft, warm, luxurious fur of a silky black cat that lies in the warm sun.
Black is the impenetrable obsidian rock; anthrodite is prickly like a hedgehog's back and black is the wavering shadows that follow someone's footsteps.
Black tastes like Oreos that are crunchy with smooth, creamy insides; and the taste of juicy blackberries.
Black smells like something that has been left to burn in the oven for a millennium.
Black makes me feel relaxed as if I'm drifting slowly into a deep sleep.
Black is the sounds of an unforgiving storm that has mysteriously sunk ships in the Bermuda Triangle.
Black are the crickets that fill the night with a cheerful tune, or the eeriness of a silenced cave.
Brendon Tse 11 years

Room News

ROOM 1

We have made a great start to school and our learning journeys. We really enjoy our dancing and are practising folk dance songs ready to perform for the parents later in the term. We are learning how to be learners and what makes a great student at Manurewa Central.

ROOM 3

We have had an exciting start to term 3 sharing our holiday stories. Our topic for this term is Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. We are learning facts about what is rubbish, what happens to our rubbish, and how we can reduce our rubbish. We are very thankful to the KidsCan Charitable Trust for giving us a free raincoat that is very special to us.

ROOM 5

Room 5 children are learning to folk dance! We have to skip to the beat and remember where to go! It is a lot of fun. We have learnt 3 dances so far, one of them is called In and Out the Windows.

ROOM 7

We have been studying the great New Zealand author Joy Cowley. One of our favourite books to read is Mrs Wishy-Washy. Here are the children's art work of Mrs Wishy-washy and the Meanies.



ROOM 9

These are now displayed in our classroom and we are very proud of our efforts. Over the Matariki period we also celebrated our whanau by representing our family as koru in a personalised piece of artwork. These have been intricately patterned. Room 9 students enjoyed the process of layering patterns and depicting each family member. Please feel free to come in and celebrate our artwork and story writing.

ROOM 11

We are looking at making the right choice to best enhance our learning this term. We have looked at the following quote and have written about what this quote means to all of us: "We have 3 choices in life, give up, give in or give all you've got." We all agreed it all comes down to strength of character and positive motivation. Or as Trinity wrote, "you should not be afraid to try something new, take risks, or push the limits! There's no stopping, because you have to keep going, there's no end, no finish line! YOU HAVE TO KEEP GOING!"

ROOM 13

The senior school are studying natural disasters for our inquiry. We started our inquiry by looking at the Hawkes Bay Earthquake in 1931 and comparing it with the 2011 Christchurch earthquake. Did you know 256 people died in the Hawkes Bay and 185 people died in Christchurch? We have learnt what to do if we are in an earthquake and now we are making posters to inform other people what to do.
Kingston Jack and Ataahua Waaka-Iraia

ROOM 15

"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind" from WONDER by R J Palacio. As we read this story we are learning about friendship and empathy, and how living the right attitude can make a huge difference.

ROOM 17

This term we have been learning about food and how much sugar there is in the food and how much sugar there is in the food we eat. Did you know that there are 33 teaspoons of sugar in the Star Drink? Room 17 has also been learning about the Romans this week for topic study.

Kauri Hetaraka-Preece and Mr Chin

ROOM 19

Mrs Sowden has returned after her holiday in Italy. It is really lucky that we are studying the Ancient Roman civilisation this term, because she has lots to tell us about the Roman buildings and roads that are still there even today. We are loving our Inquiry Maths and are solving problems that are relevant to our Roman study. Last week we all made individual pizzas and we are able to choose our own toppings. Did you know the first pizzas were made in Naples in Italy?

ROOM 21

We have been working on some descriptive writing. We read one of the Toitoti journals of student writing. Here is one of our poems.

White is vanilla on the tippy-top of my cupcake.
White is polyester inside a fluffy pillow.
White is snow, fluffy on the mountains.
White is snowflakes fluttering down from the sky.
White is an envelope being watered in the rain.

Jared Chen

ROOM 23

We are so grateful to receive lovely, warm jackets from KidsCan. They are long and warm and keep us dry on wet days (and there has been a lot of these!) We are learning some exciting folk dances at the moment and laughing a lot when we forget where we are up to. We are helping Mrs Simpson a lot as her broken ankle mends itself.