

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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4 December 2015 Name.....

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

Less than two weeks of school remain for 2015 and we have started our end of year assemblies and special celebrations.

On behalf of parents and caregivers I thank our school staff for their extra work and organisation in preparing our students for these events. We expect our pupils to reach a high level of excellence in achievement and discipline and I am sure they will do us proud.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our final two assemblies and our Year 6 Graduation.

READING MATERIAL

By now all library books, journals and junior readers should be back at school. Please assist us by checking at home for any school material. Thank you.

SCHOOL CLOSURES 16 DECEMBER

This is a very busy and important time in the school year. Please ensure your child attends right up to the end of year and please ensure children arrive at school before 9 o'clock. Regular attendance and punctuality are important things for children to learn.

MANUREWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

I highly recommend the library summer reading programme run by Auckland Libraries. This is an enjoyable way to keep children engaged with learning over the summer. This also ensures your child gets a flying start to their learning in 2016.

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

Our National Standards data has been collated for 2015 and I am delighted to share the following results which show the percentage of students achieving "at" or "above" the standard this year.

Government target for New Zealand is 85% "at" or "above" by 2017.

Manurewa Central 2015

Mathematics	81%
Writing	83%
Reading	85%

Importantly there is no obvious difference in achievement across ethnicities. These are very pleasing results and reflect the commitment of school staff and whanau. Effort does indeed bring reward.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

I would like to acknowledge and thank the following people and organisations who have been very generous to our school in recent weeks.

Thank you to David Wardell from the Pakuranga Rotary Club who presented each Year 4 student with their own personal illustrated Usborne dictionary to use at home. This is an annual gesture from Pakuranga Rotary and which is much appreciated as this year's dictionaries alone have a retail value of approximately \$2,500.00.

Thank you to the Variety Club of New Zealand who have organised end of year gifts for all our students. These will be presented to children on Monday to acknowledge the place of Christmas in New Zealand life.

Thank you to our new Duffy Books in Homes sponsor. The telecommunications company AT & T have kindly agreed to sponsor our school for next year. The annual cost of our Duffy books is \$14,000 with \$7,000 donated by AT & T and the balance from the school.

Thank you to Frith and Laird, Manurewa optometrists who have once again donated sunglasses to all our new entrant students. This is wonderful support for your young children who all look very cool in their chosen frames and colours.

GREAT ART WORK ON DISPLAY

A partnership between Auckland Transport Authority and Manurewa Central School has resulted in a uniquely designed bus shelter by Manurewa railway station. A collection of our students' art work was compiled by teacher Barbara Brodien into an attractive art feature. This was used by Auckland Transport to beautify our town. I suggest you have a look at this when the opportunity arises.

Thank you

L. Thew - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 7 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
 - 9 Year 6 Graduation evening
 - 10 Middle School athletics 9.15am
 - 11 End of year reports home
 - 11 Junior School final assembly 9.30am
 - 16 Senior school final assembly at 9.30am
 - 16 School finishes for the year at 3pm.
- School opens for 2016 on Wednesday 3 February.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Raahil Kumar, McKenzie Funaki Sterling, Deshan Siriwardana.

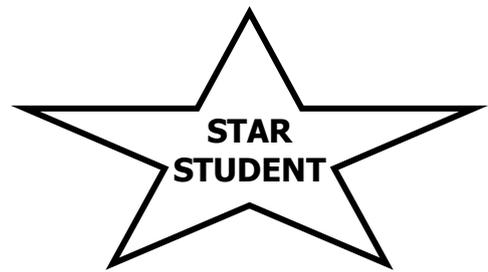
Happy Birthday



To people who have a special day about now.

DECEMBER

- 6 Jerome Rakoia Brown 8 Otene McKay
- 9 April Samuelu



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 Maea Linaker | R2 Mikaere Gwynne-Takamore |
| R3 Karel Te Pou | R4 Trey Jack |
| R5 Mila Tautogia | R6 Alyssa Honey |
| R7 Sahib Singh | R8 Delorus Siriwardana |
| R9 Tyler Jack | R10 Awhina Kingi |
| R11 Riya Kumar | R12 Jasmin Holden-Whiu |
| R13 Hannah Banatu | R14 Richard Cole |
| R15 Rileigh Campbell | R16 Jaraiyus Perkinson |
| R17 Darrah Miller | R18 Jasmandeep Kaur Sarao |
| R19 Komal Bavaji | R20 Avkaran Singh |
| R21 Kaleb Hatti Ross | R22 Jashika Prakash |
| R23 Darius Bell | R24 Robbie Ge |

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We have been practising how to run in our lanes as we have our athletics day soon. Bumble bees can fly up in the sky. They can get honey from a flower. *Elyama*

In the weekend I saw a penguin at Kelly Tarlton's because I was good! They live in the cold. A penguin is black and white. *Ethan*

In the weekend I was playing with my friends at my house. *Avisa*

ROOM 3

We have nearly come to an end of an exciting fabulous year. We can sit back and reflect on all the great fun things we did.

The swimming carnival, going to the zoo, folk dancing, cross country races, athletics, special visitors like Ronald McDonald. We just can't wait to see you all on 11 December to showcase our achievement.

ROOM 5

It has been so much fun learning about fairy tales in our class. We planted some magic beans and grew our own beanstalks like Jack and the Beanstalk. Goldilocks gobbled up Baby Bear's porridge and we made our own sticky, yummy, gooey porridge to gobble up. Red Riding Hood had trouble following the rules that mum gave her. We made up some rules to help her do the right things.

ROOM 7

The last two terms have been wonderful with our buddy class Room 10. We see them every Wednesday and always look forward to doing reading and other activities together. The last two weeks have been about tigers. Room 10 shared books, puzzles, photos and iPad activities with us.

ROOM 9

On Wednesday morning I found a huhu beetle outside Room 23. We wrote about it.

When I saw the beetle I was scared. The bug has a black and yellow tummy. The beetle can bite people. Ms Brodien got the bug so she can scare us. *Temaleti*

The fantastic beetle had spiky antennae. Jayda and some more people were terrified! It was a brown, hairy beetle that was so cool. It was shivering and wobbling because it might have been tired. I wasn't scared. *Ninorta*

If my sister saw it, she will shiver and shake until she screams her heart out. *Josiah*

ROOM 11

We are doing mathematical art called symmetry art. It's a type of art where you fold a piece of paper into eight equal triangles so it looks like pizza shapes. After that you draw your name on one of the shapes and outline it in vivid. Once you have drawn that you trace it onto all of the other bits and colour them in. They look amazing.

It's so good to start swimming again because it is really hot at the moment.

Kash, Preston and Kulneet

ROOM 13

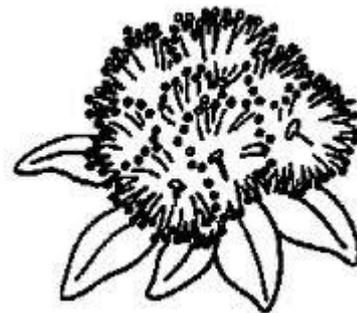
The senior school has just started swimming again just in the nick of time. It's been getting hot around here, this will really cool us down. Friday next week will be Fun day Friday for Room 13, 14 and 15 in the pool. We get to do a range of different activities.

We have been focusing on our research medieval times. We've been working in groups for several weeks. We have been busy typing our information up on our iPads. Once completed we will have a lot of facts about life in the Middle Ages. Now we are ready to publish and present our information. Our groups question is "How did Royalty become Royalty and rule countries in the Middle Ages?"

Jennifer and Tiana

ROOM 15

We have started Pohutukawa collage art. First we looked at pictures of Pohutukawa trees in bloom and then we sketched them. Now we are ripping up little pieces of coloured paper from magazines to do the picture in collage. They are beginning to look great and making us feel like summer is coming!



ROOM 17

We have enjoyed our time playing dodge ball. Room 17's rule for dodge ball is only under arm throws and you can roll the ball on the ground. You can also get the other team out by knocking over their cones.

Room 17 has been making Christmas card prints using pastels. We drew our picture then traced over it with a pencil to transfer the picture onto another paper.

Room 17's play is the Three Little Pigs. The theme for our play this year was fairy tales. The little pig's house is made from cloth and Mr Chin made the Three Little Pig's mask and the Wolf's mask.

ROOM 19

By the time you read this our final assembly for the year will be over. Hopefully our friends and family enjoyed the event. It was lots of hard work, but great fun preparing for it. We have so many talented children not only in our class, but also in the Middle School.

It has been a wonderful year and we have all enjoyed our learning journey. Some of the highlights have included our trip to the temple and to the Vodafone Events' Centre. We have also become even better readers, writers and mathematicians as well as amazing cooks! We continue to learn that if we work really hard, stay focused and positive that "Effort Brings Reward."

Have a wonderful Christmas and holiday break, but don't forget to read, do some writing and review your basic facts and times tables.

ROOM 21

Tena koutou whanau. We have been extremely busy, putting together our fantastic end of year production. Everyone's creative skills have been tested and we have accomplished our goal to produce an amazing production. We are a talented bunch.



ROOM 23

Our focus recently has been learning about Superheroes.

We have designed our own superheroes and they have very scary powers. Next we are going to create villains and put our heroes/villains together in our own comic strip.

"My superhero is Super Superfast Man! He has strong legs to run super-fast." *Darius*

"Knight Girl was the daughter of the brave knight before she was a superhero. She has the power to fight like a knight." *Tanishka*

ESOL BEACH TRIP

Our bumpy bus drove all the way to peaceful Omana beach on Thursday 12 November. On board were 41 excited Year 3 ESOL students, some looking forward to their very first Kiwi beach experience. We wished hard for the weather to smile on us and it did. We spent an exciting and fun day of learning on the sand and in the rock pools. Thank you to the lovely helpful parents who came too. We came home sandy, exhausted and happy!

Here are some thoughts about the day from some of our students:

It was fun finding camouflaged crabs in the sand. Then just before we climbed on the bus for home, we rolled down the grassy hill. We got so dizzy! My mum came for the third time on the best ESOL beach trip. *Inise*

I found lots of closed cockle shells in the wet sea. Mrs Sowden and I made a boat from the sand. It was nice that my grandad came on the trip with me. *Komal B*

I had a big smile because it was my first time making a sandcastle. I collected a lot of oyster shells in a blue pot. *Jayne*

I was lucky to go to the beach and I think the best thing was laughing with my mum on the bus. We made a big wet slide pool in the sand. *Lo*

It was my first time on a beach in New Zealand. I liked digging big holes. I liked sitting in the Pohutukawa tree and eating my food. I was hungry and I was happy. *Peter*

I dug a big huge hole and I put more and more water in it. I stomped down the sand in the pool to make it deeper. *George*

The water all went away because we used it up making our sandcastles and pools. *Akash*

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Well done to Mrs Ann Sowden and her team for producing another stunning 'Middle School Production'. Everyone lucky enough to view this performance would have enjoyed it and would have been amazed that these talented students are only 7 to 9 years of age.