

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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4 November 2011 Name.....

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

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our "Greats and Gran's" afternoon. We had a wonderful time and I thank our students and staff for the care they took hosting our many guests.

## **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS (ICAS)**

Results have been received for this year's mathematics competitions. Well done to everyone who participated with special congratulations to the following pupils.

High Distinction (*Top 1% of NZ students*)

Year 5 John Chen, Aaron Lew

Distinction (*Top 10% of NZ students*)

Year 5 Aimee Lew

Year 6 Deken Gillard, Sonatane Kaufusi  
Bridget Ong, Mitchell Piskulic,  
Benjamin Tse, Valerie Wong.

Credit (*Top 30% of NZ students*)

Year 5 Jaydah Croft, Navneet Dhaliwal

Year 6 Lauryn Conlogue,  
Luke Stainthorpe.

It was also noted in the Howick College newsletter that one of our past pupils Hanzhi Wang achieved the highest mark of all Year 10 students in New Zealand in maths. Hanzhi has thus won an ICAS gold medal. Amazing.

Congratulations also to Hanson Chong and Valerie Wong who were selected to take part in the Auckland Primary Principals' Association 3 day music school. Hanson and Valerie will be playing violin with the schools' orchestra in the Auckland Town Hall in November.

## **YEAR 6 SPEECH FINALS**

This year's finals were of a very high standard with a wide and interesting range of topics. Congratulations go to the winner and recipient of the 'Cooper Cup' Gracie Bruce.

Well done also to our runner up Luke Stainthorpe and our excellent Master of Ceremonies, Deken Gillard.

## **SUNHATS**

Summer is nearly here and teachers are working to get all our students in sunhats. Please ensure your child has a named hat to wear outside. This will help keep everyone safe on summer days.

## **SCHOOL DONATION**

Thank you to everyone who has paid this year. Term 4 donations are now due and may be paid at the office at any time. This donation has remained at \$40 per child per year (or \$10 per term). This equates to \$1 per school week but is very helpful in enhancing the excellent equipment and facilities available to your children.

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012**

Over the next month pupil evaluations will be completed and class lists drafted for 2012.

Class organisation for next year will continue as for this year. Children in Years 3 to 6 will be placed in mixed classes which have a two year range in each room.

This arrangement provides younger children with the opportunity to work with and learn from their older classmates. In time they become the older role models and have an opportunity to take on a leadership role.

As a rule children are deliberately placed with a new teacher each year. This allows pupils to experience a range of teacher strengths and interests as they move through their time at

school. Only in exceptional circumstances would a child have the same teacher for two years.

All classes from Years 3 to 6 are “mixed ability”. This means there is no “top class” and all groups are expected to reach similar levels of achievement.

When children begin at 5 years of age they are placed in a reception class taken by Mrs Tombolato (Room 1). Children are eventually grouped according to literacy progress and move classroom when ready.

After at least 2 years at school children are classified Year 3 and move to the middle school.

Each year classroom placements are made by very experienced team leaders who know children very well. Consequently most placements are straight forward. However, staff will approach parents when required.

If you have information about your child that you think would help this process please contact the appropriate teacher by the end of November. These are Mrs Griffin (junior school), Mrs Sowden (middle school) and Miss Lindsay (senior school). The school number is 269 0250.

Please note that contact is only necessary in special cases. Parents are not able to request a particular class placement as this is ultimately a responsibility of the school.

Thank you.

**L Thew – PRINCIPAL**

## Welcome

### *To pupils who have joined us recently*

Sheneah Bayabank, Felix Jones, Ariana Faaiuasoa, Anika Todd, Talita ‘Ake, Hyson Witehira, Damien-Jirah Graham.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## NOVEMBER

- 8 Board of Trustees’ meeting 6.30pm
- 9 “Kids for Kids’ performance at Telstra Clear Events’ Centre.
- 15 & 17 “Showcasing our Pupils’ Talents”  
Tickets available from school office only.
- 25 Next newsletter

## DECEMBER

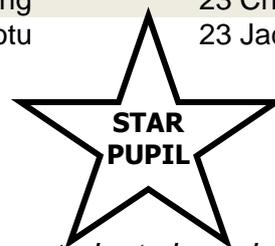
- 2 Middle school (Years 3 and 4) end of year assembly 9.30am
- 6 Junior school (Years 1 & 2) final assembly 9.30am
- 15 Senior school (Years 5 and 6) prizegiving assembly 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend these special events.
- 15 School closes for the year at 3 o’clock.

## Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

### NOVEMBER

5 Malama Ieremia	5 Mark Pearse
5 Ursula Te Wharau	6 Aayah Al-Abri
6 Bobby-Jo Lushai	6 Monica Tang
7 Jasmine Faust	7 Jemimah Miller
9 Rameka Maynard	10 Surya Tejpal
11 Te Arahia Cookson	11 Nha Nguyen
11 Penieli Vaisagote	12 Eva Perese-Wood
12 Lenica Ropati	13 Hanson Chong
14 Elijah Miller	15 Dylan Prasad
16 Nathan Do	18 Brenden Foy
18 Jasmin Holden-Whiu	19 William Do
20 Pranav Gulati	20 Zaeem Mohammed
20 Jin Hui Wang	22 Ruben Bharot
22 Jennifer Zeng	23 Chance Tavita-Jackson
23 Tau Tuipulotu	23 Jadyn Wordsworth



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

R1 Susana Malewa	R2 Abby Casey
R3 Kash Singh	R4 Ashour Chiba
R5 Mark Ball	R6 Connah Pihama
R7 Ramsina Shaba	R8 Jacob Honey

R9 Victoria Touli

R10 Tori Harris

R11 Preeti Mala

R12 Julia Lemoa

R13 Suliasi Ikavuka

R14 Brenden Foy

R15 Jasmine Faust

R16 Bradley Wingfield

R17 Leilani Faaiuas

R18 Rohan Chand

R19 Abby de Bruin

R20 Jacinda Barnes

R21 Faith Ropati

R23 Thea-Rose Willcocks

R24 Netani Lesimaikimatuku

# ROOM NEWS



## ROOM 1

My Grandpa came to school to play with me. He made patterns on the table. He ate his lunch with Dad, me and Leilani. At assembly Leilani sang

the national anthem in Maori all by herself. She played the piano. I was happy.

*Ariana Faaiuas*



My nana played with me in the playground. I love my nana because she gives me big kisses and hugs. She helped me make a pattern on the table. *Zara Smith*

## ROOM 3

We are all back for an exciting last term of the year where there are lots of interesting things to do. It was very exciting to be back to school after the All Blacks became the champions in the Rugby World Cup.

*Jaylene Levavae-Meleisea*

It was grandparents' day and my granddad came to my class. He saw all the lovely things I do at school. He was very proud of me.

*Erishvir Singh*

## ROOM 5

Greats' and Grans' afternoon last Friday was enormous fun. Lots of our families came to have lunch with us. We showed them around our school and around our classroom. After lunch we sang some songs for them. In the auditorium we performed for a large audience. We dressed up in our korowai and rapaki to sing two waiata. Jonti and Levi wore the special feather korowai because they announced our items. We all felt proud of our performance.

## ROOM 7

Last Friday it was Grandparents' Day. At lunch time my brother and I had an amazing and super surprise. It was fish and chips. It was like a dream come true. Then Room 7 got dressed up and went to the auditorium to do a Samoan dance, the sasa.

*Tiana Thomson*

Room 7 has been doing some patterns for Diwali. We put the patterns on Room 7's door so we could welcome people to our classroom during Diwali.

*Mya Peturssen*

## ROOM 9

Silver is for doorknobs and handcuffs and crowns. Silver is for a donkey and pencils and saucepans. Silver is for crowns and handbags and jewellery. Silver is happy, the colour of smiles.

White is for claws and teeth and icebergs.

White is for snow leopards and fur hats and ice-cream. White is for glasses and snow and paper. White is scared, the shade of ghosts.

*Chanel Cribb*

## ROOM 11

This term is a very short term. We are all in a bit of a panic to get everything done on time. It is really testing our time management skills! We have just had Grandparents' Day and completed our science investigations. Coming up we have Kids for Kids' choir performance, showcasing our talents' performance nights, athletics, the school picnic at Totara Park, Year 6 graduation, and end of year prize giving. Phew! That is a lot to keep us busy for the next 6 weeks!!

*Karen, Zaeem and Colis*

## ROOM 13

We have just finished off our science investigations. They were on display on Tuesday afternoon. We were all looking forward to seeing what everyone else did. There were some really interesting investigations.

Basketball has just started on Monday and Friday lunchtimes. We have people coming into the school to help teach us all the skills. This term is a short term but it is a busy one. We have a lot to look forward to.

*Rachel Douglas and Talia Sloane*

### **ROOM 15**

Most New Zealanders get to travel overseas during their lifetime. Most travel as a young adult. They get to experience what it is like to live in another country including their language, traditions, festivals, culture, food and way of life. What country would you like to visit when you are older?

For homework we had to choose a famous New Zealander who had been successful overseas. I chose Susan Devoy. She is famous for playing squash.

*Moishna Moeen and Bridget Ong*

### **ROOM 17**

Did you know that kumara probably came from Polynesia and was brought here to New Zealand by the early travellers?

Room 17 has a new student teacher called Mrs Mathlay. She has taught us so much about early New Zealand history. We love having Mrs Mathlay as she is such a fantastic teacher and is always lending us a helping hand.

*Zoe Nelson*

### **ROOM 19**

During last week we discussed the importance of having good leaders, such as Richie McCaw who is the captain of the All Blacks. We looked at the things that made a good leader. Taia said they had to show courage. Others suggested that persistence, aiming for accuracy, managing impulsivity and thinking before acting were qualities of being a great leader. We realised we had also used some of the "Habits of Mind" statements. Maybe one day someone from Room 19 will be a great leader.

### **ROOM 21**

The end of Term 3 was a busy time. The World Cup looming made everyone feel excited and we were buzzing with anticipation. We went all out for the final parade and nearly everyone supported the All Blacks by wearing black costumes.

When we came back to school in Term 4 we thought there would be no more celebrations, but... then there was Grandparents' Day! This was fantastic and many children shared their talents with the grandparents. Wow! Do you know that we have some clever people at our school?

### **ROOM 23**

We have been getting stuck into learning since returning from holiday. We are getting much

better at writing. We are learning to use simple punctuation to create structure in our stories. We've enjoyed writing on topics such as the library, making play dough and Kiwiana.

### **DUFFY BOOKS**

Congratulations to three of our parents who were "Caught being Good Dads" last term. Sonatane's dad, Mr Kaufusi, Nerissa's dad (R7) and Nicholas Smith's dad all received a rugby book from Duffy.

It's time again for the wonderful \$5.00 parent book offer. Brochures and order forms will be sent home soon. Parents can order fabulous books for only \$5.00 each. They make great gifts or just to read and enjoy with your family at home.

Thank you Duffy and Scholastic for making this offer available to us. It's cool to read.

*Barbara Brodien - Duffy Co-ordinator*

### **TWO SPECIAL EMAILS**

*From the Auckland Art Gallery to Mrs Sowden following a visit by our Year 3 and 4 students.*

Thank you and your wonderful students for being such a lovely school. Two quotes from my gallery educators.

*"Room 17, wow, what a LOVELY class!"*

*"That group was the best I've had in my entire experience here!"*

Your classes were wonderfully behaved, and wonderful thinkers and learners. How proud you must be (and a big clap for what a great job you guys must be doing!).

**Christa Napier-Robertson**  
**Schools' Programme Coordinator.**

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**To Manurewa Central School staff and pupils,**

I have just had the pleasure of attending your Grandparent's Day and would like to tell you how impressed I was with the day!!

I have never been to the school before as my granddaughter has just started there but have been to other family days at other schools and would just like to say you should be proud of your staff but more so the children!!

Not only was the concert amazing but the children were so polite and their manners were wonderful. So many said hello to me as I was wandering around. So a big thanks to you all and looking forward to the next event.

*Linda Williams*