

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**5 August 2016** Name.....

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 a number of major events in our school year.

## **PARENT INTERVIEWS**

These are arranged for next Thursday, 11 August between 3.30pm and 8.30pm. Thank you to parents who have already requested interview times. Confirmation of your time will come home on Monday 8 August.

If you have yet to request a time please return your interview slip to school.

## **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-A-THON**

Our big fund raising activity for the year begins today.

Information will come home with this newsletter. We ask that you assist 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 testing day is Thursday, 18 August. Once sponsorship cards are returned to you money can be collected and brought to school.

I will keep you informed as to progress as money comes in. It will be interesting to see if we can get close to last year's amazing total of over \$14,000.

General Knowledge-a-thon money goes towards buying extra exciting equipment for your children over and 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 individual choices, to develop skills and to learn to

interact socially in a range of ways. I believe our school environment is a model in that regard but we will keep on improving with your help.

## **EFFORT BRINGS REWARD**

Results have been received for the science examinations run by the University of New South Wales (ICAS).

Well done to everyone who sat these difficult tests. Special acknowledgement also goes to the following students who achieved particularly well.

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

Year 6 Thea-Rose Willcocks

### Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6 Tiana Thompson

### Merit (Top 35% of NZ students)

Year 6 Levi Gwynne, Erishvir Singh,  
Jennifer Zeng

Year 5 Louise Ponifasio, Alistair Stowers

## **READING TOGETHER**

Another series of this highly effective reading support programme will be run this term.

The programme runs over four Wednesdays beginning 24 August. Sessions go from 6pm to 7.30pm and we provide a crèche for children.

Please contact Mrs Griffin (269 0250) to ensure a place as this is both enjoyable and will improve your child's reading – guaranteed!

## **AT SCHOOL ALL DAY EVERYDAY**

Our Term 2 attendance rate of 91.5% is a slight drop from Term 1. This was possibly the result of winter chills and ills, however, it is timely to remind parents that regular attendance is important for success.

What is more concerning is lateness. Children should be at school by 8.45am and in their

classrooms at 9am beginning their day. At present we are averaging 15 children late every day. This not only teaches bad habits but does have an effect on learning.

### **EFFORT BRINGS REWARD**

Many parents and children will know Jack Davison who is a grandparent and long standing supporter of our school. Jack has helped our school in many ways for many years and we were delighted to nominate him for a community volunteer award presented by the Manurewa Community Board.

We were delighted when Jack was accepted as a "Local Hero" and was presented with this honour at a function on Friday, 22 July. Well done Jack. Effort does bring reward!

Thank you  
**L. Thew**  
Principal

## **IMPORTANT DATES**



### **AUGUST**

- 8 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 11 Parent interviews 3.30pm to 8.30pm
- 16 Parent interviews for Room 6.
- 18 General Knowledge-a-thon testing
- 22 General Knowledge-a-thon sponsorship cards home.
- 23 General Knowledge-a-thon donations collection begins in school library.
- 23 Manurewa Schools' Harmony Festival. Vodafone Events' Centre 7.30pm.
- 24 Reading Together programme begins 6pm
- 26 Next school newsletter.

Term 3 ends on Friday, 23 September.

## **Welcome**

**To pupils who have joined us recently**  
Eliza Paul, Miller Stratford, Micah Potatau, Liana Fransham, Fane Moala, Jovaniaah Storm Potatau, Sam Logo, Addison Baker, Tanna Coulson-Absolum, Gabriella Brown, Angelisah Vaigafa, Bronson Brown, Avni Rathore, Amela Lui, Alena Lui.

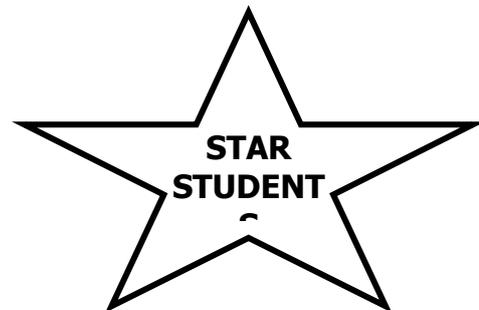
# **Happy Birthday**



**To people who have a special day about now.**

### **AUGUST**

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 5 Nimit Singh                  | 5 Nawaab Singh         |
| 5 Tavita Moses                 | 6 Zenith Jacobsen      |
| 6 Gurkeerat Singh              | 7 Liam Miller          |
| 7 Jackson-Lee Tonga-<br>Ngatai | 7 Rocquel Jennings     |
| 7 Prabhveer Brar               | 8 Georgina Odicho      |
| 8 Emily Tchikha                | 9 Chloe Time           |
| 10 Davejamin Asiata            | 12 Tanvi Thakur        |
| 13 Jabez Halofaki              | 15 Iosefa Tusani       |
| 16 Reuben Lava                 | 16 Ardasdeep Singh     |
| 17 Jason Abdal                 | 17 Michael Holden Whiu |
| 17 Taparia Engu                | 17 Emmanuel Emmanuel   |
| 18 Baihlee Te Pou              | 20 Tanishka Chetty     |
| 21 Hare Hemopo                 | 22 David Emmanuel      |
| 22 Maria Faapo                 | 22 Mele Ailao          |
| 23 Suiligi Mah Chong           | 24 Christian Touma     |
| 24 Darcy Puru                  |                        |



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

R1 Izaiah McCown	R2 Navneet Kour
R3 Bhakti Tiwari	R4 Charlotte Millet
R5 Presley Lunjevich	R6 Amanpreet Singh
R7 Munis Ahmad	R8 Alisha Sardana
R9 Jovaniaah Potatau	R10 Charlie Miller
R11 Mary Anne Leslie-Nua	R12 Chloe Chong
R13 Isaac Botuyan	R14 Trinity Spence
R15 Shawneqwa Pemberton	R16 Tanishka Chetty
R17 Raymond Ma	R18 Malachi Tagi
R19 Venya Sharma	R20 Sam Logo
R21 Sebastian Richards	R22 Ethan Soalii-Taulu
R23 Sin'ead Norman	R24 Bella Gardiner

# ROOM NEWS

## ROOM 2

We have been getting ready for the Olympics. We watched a short clip on the smarboard. This is what we saw.

The Olympic torch has some fire. They pass the torch around. They were running on the road. People have been cheering. The fire burns at the Olympics. *Jade*

The Olympics are in Brazil. In Rio they have a big Olympic stadium. They bring the torch to the stadium because they use it for every game. *Gurkeerat*

The Olympic Games will soon start. People pass the torch around Brazil. The man on the parachute was holding the fire. He is taking the torch to the stadium. *Lovedeep*



## ROOM 4

Here are some amazing stories from Room 4's clever writers!

I can see the orange flowers in the garden and I gave them to mum. *Chanelle*

I am at soccer and we have a break at the end. *Miller*

I went to the zoo and I saw a giraffe playing with his friends. *Liana*

I am at the beach swimming with my mermaid friends. *Angel*

## ROOM 6

We have been very busy in Room 6 learning apple maths? Apple maths is when you use apples to solve maths problems and find the correct answer. We love doing apple maths. Mrs McCreight and Room 6 made apple crumble after our apple maths lessons.

## ROOM 8

Room 8 has been learning about spiders. Some spiders are poisonous with sharp fangs.

*Zion*

The spider is on the web. *Yousif*

I saw white webs. They are shiny webs.

*Sacha*

Spiders spin webs to catch insects.

*Karel*

Spiders have 8 legs. *Davejamin*

Hairy black spiders have 8 skinny legs. *Karla*

Spiders trap prey and then eat the prey.

*Alisha*

## ROOM 10

What an amazing term we are going to have with our senior school production in week 8. It's called "A Pile of Tales" and rightly so because it isn't about one thing, its about a lot of twisted and funny tales. It isn't just acting either, there are some fabulous dances and singing. Everyone is busy learning their lines and moves. Room 10 is full up with animal costumes, hats, props, big books, backdrops and production paraphernalia, as well as children still doing their usual schoolwork. Benjamin Badger and Sophie Snowflake are the Central Television Network presenters who keep the whole production rolling along. Everyone is so excited and looking forward to performing for friends and family.

## ROOM 12

We are no sooner back at school and it's the Rio Olympics on our doorstep. We hope our New Zealand team can bring home lots of medals but they can leave the bug filled water behind! Already we have made posters about athletes going to the Olympics. We have also chosen a New Zealand athlete to follow during the games. We will also be working on times and distances during our inquiry maths.

You need lots of muscles and stamina to compete in any sports so our other topic on human anatomy is proving to be very interesting. We have chopped up a skeleton and found that muscles and bones stop us being like jelly! *Phoenix M and Kamryn-Ginny*

### **ROOM 14**

We are using Piggy Bank. With the Piggy Bank system we earn pretend money by completing jobs and set tasks on time. We are given fake money and can spend it on prizes and goods. Our wonderful teacher Miss Chan has decided that she might be holding an auction for us to bid on! We are all looking forward to participating and working with this Piggy Banking system. Also this helps us learn how to use money properly in the real world. We have much more surprises coming up this term.  
*Alesana and Gurtek*

### **ROOM 16**

We have been learning about fantastic fractions. We have learnt that the bottom number is called the denominator and it tells us how many equal pieces a whole has been cut into. The top number is called the numerator and tells us how many pieces we are talking about.  
*Kenneth and Jasleen*

We are so lucky to go to Manurewa pools for swimming lessons. On Wednesday Alex and Ashton swam 50 metres. Maya swam 4 lengths of the bigger pool and that was 100 metres. The water was nice and warm and the instructors were helpful and encouraging.

### **ROOM 18**

We have started our swimming lessons at Sykes Road pools. We will be going every Wednesday for a half hour lesson. We get to ride in a bus. On the bus we have to use quiet voices so it helps Whaea Pauline to drive us safely to the pools. At the pools we were put into 3 groups with a different teacher to help us learning different things. We had so much fun. My favourite part was learning freestyle.

*Cameron and Malachi*



### **ROOM 20**

Today we went swimming for the first time this term and we were really excited. We had to be quiet when Pauline, the bus driver, drove the bus to the Manurewa Pools because she had to concentrate. When we got into the pool we were put into groups so we could focus on what we had to learn. Glenn had a race against one of the teachers and he won! Maybe he'll swim in the Olympics in the future. We all enjoyed swimming in the warm water and we look forward to our session next week.

### **ROOM 22**

As a class we've been practising to take notes from information found on the internet. We've decided that it is very tricky because there are words that are too tricky to read. But we did it and we were able to write interesting facts about Rio de Janeiro. A few more practices and we will become expert note takers.

### **ROOM 24**

We are learning new routines and getting to know each other. We have been doing lots of reading, writing, art and inquiry maths. Please come and see our lovely writing about winter.

## **Community Notices**

### **KIA ORA TAI CHI**

Tai Chi lessons available on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning 8 August.

Place: Clayton Park School Hall

Time: 6.15pm – 7.15pm

Teacher: Jocelyn Watkin

phone 027 493 9851 or visit

[www.kiorataichi.co.nz](http://www.kiorataichi.co.nz)

Come and give it a try.

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### **THE PARENTING PLACE**

Parenting that fits – speaking your family's language with John Cowan.

Friday 26 August 2016 at Manurewa Baptist Church, 9 Lupton Road, Manurewa. 7 – 9pm.

Doors open at 6.45pm. Tickets \$5 per person.

For more information contact Emma

022 1852919 or the church office 267 4411.