

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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6 December 2013 Name.....

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

Only one week of school remains and our end of year events are nearly complete. Thank you to the many people who have attended our two excellent end of year assemblies and a very special Year 6 graduation ceremony. Once again our children have done their families and their school proud with their skill, concentration and belief that effort does bring reward.

Thank you also to our school staff for their organisation and extra work in preparing our students to such a high standard. We expect our pupils to reach to a high level of excellence and discipline and they have certainly done that.

SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING

Family members of students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to this event on Friday, 13 December at 9.30am. This is a formal assembly to acknowledge our students' successes and is not suited for pre-schoolers.

STAFF NEWS

At the end of term we farewell Mrs Janine Nguyen who has been with us for two years. I thank Janine for her contribution to our school and wish her well in the future.

As mentioned in my last newsletter Mr Kevin Hunt is retiring after 43 years' service to Manurewa Central. We certainly appreciate the amazing contribution Kevin has made and wish him well in the future.

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.

MANUREWA LIBRARY

I highly recommend the library summer reading

programme run by Auckland Libraries. This is an enjoyable way to keep children engaged in literacy over the summer. This also ensures your child gets a flying start to their learning in 2014.

PREPARING FOR 2014

School opens for 2014 on Tuesday, 4 February at 9am. Children assemble in their 2013 classes and will be given their new rooms for the year. Please ensure children bring a pencil to school on their first day.

Stationery purchases will be available from school. Children will bring home a stationery list. The cost will be around \$40.00.

Our school does not have a uniform but we expect children in Years 3 to 6 to have shorts for physical activity. Apart from this requirement all children are simply expected to come to school in sensible and practical clothing ready to learn and participate in school activities.

It is important to name all clothing that is likely to be removed at school e.g. hats, sweatshirts etc. This will help us return clothing and help you get your child's belongings back.

LAST NEWSLETTER

Our final newsletter for 2013 contains valedictions from a number of Year 6 children.

These children remind us of the important part school plays in the lives of our students. School is, however, a partnership and I thank you all for the strong support we have received.

Special thanks to whanau whose youngest child finishes this year. A number of you have supported us over many years and you will be missed.

May I wish you an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to working with you in 2014.

Thank you
L. Thew - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 9 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm.
- 11 Student individual reports home.
- 13 Senior school prize giving assembly
- 13 School closes at 3pm

FEBRUARY

- 3 School office opens
- 4 Students begin school

Welcome
To pupils who have joined us recently
Temaleti Tatola

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

DECEMBER

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| 9 Tamati Peters | 9 April Samuelu |
| 14 Shannon Foy | 16 Sofia-Moana Taelangi |
| 19 Bailey Hall-Danilo | 20 Sukhpreet Kaur |
| 22 Elijah McKay | 22 Kamryn-Ginny Rogers |
| 23 Manav Pillay | 23 Tyrone Smith |
| 23 Cody Puru | 24 Gabrielle Davies |
| 24 Tynesha Scott | 24 Sophie Glover Makata |
| 25 Lloyd Baladad | 26 Demetri Carson |
| 28 Abigail Mirko | 28 Sasha Kudriavtcev |
| 29 Nicholas Smith | 30 Remini Vitale |
| 30 Hector-Jack Saute | 31 Ataahua Waaka-Iraia |

JANUARY

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| 1 C J Silab | 2 Max Groves |
| 4 Christopher Martin | 5 Kiran Singh |
| 6 Kash Martin-Singh | 6 Sumsijah Prabakaran |
| 7 Karla Collins | 8 Manaaki Thomson |
| 9 Arabella Pearse | 9 Gagandeep Singh |
| 10 Leaia Faalafi | 10 Athina Shaba |
| 11 Jasmine Kaur | 12 Shanya Kumar |
| 12 Aiislin Jorgensen | 13 Vinayak Sharma |
| 14 Luke Eramiha | 15 Coby Garrett |
| 15 Maraia Lunjevich | 15 Samuel Honey |
| 15 Pearlina Menke | 16 Nishchal Goundar |
| 17 Ansh Raj | 17 Navjot Singh |
| 17 Alayna Fa'aati | 18 Michaela Spyve |
| 19 Avikesh Prasad | 20 David Kako |
| 20 Muhammad Zabhi | 21 Maria Pearse |
| 21 Bailey Samuels | 21 Zellas Uatison |
| 21 Kiran Gill | 22 Mary-Anne Leslie-Nua |
| 23 Cassie Murray-Lynch | 23 Kaleb Hati-Ross |
| 23 Karlos Hati-Ross | 24 Anmol Buttar |
| 25 Cody Matthews | 25 Garry Singh |
| 25 Reason Cooper | 26 Nehemiah Vavau |
| 27 Ramsina Shaba | 27 McKenzy Martin |
| 28 Alexander Tai-Rakena | 28 Aviu Aviu |
| 30 Rhea Deo | 30 Layken Attwater |
| 31 Ashleigh Cooper | |

VALEDICTIONS FROM YEAR 6

Tisha Naiker Room 13

I wonder why it takes a second to say hi and forever to say goodbye ...

I can't believe how fast these last two years have been for me! Throughout my senior school life I have faced a lot of challenges. Luckily I had Mrs Zandbergen to the rescue! As I took my first steps in Room 14 as a Year 5 I knew it was going to be an amazing year for me. I appreciated all that she did for me so Mrs Zandbergen, thank you.

My life as a Year 6 will never be forgotten. I acknowledge all that Mrs Brown has done for me. She taught me how to be a responsible librarian. Mrs Brown has helped me learn in all the subjects. I really liked creative writing and using the Literacy Shed on the smartboard.

Mr Hunt, thank you for teaching me and exploring the depths of maths. I have learnt a lot more about maths than I ever thought I would. As for Miss McHugh, Mrs McHaffie Green and Mr Baird thank you for being there for me and guiding me through my two years in the senior school.

"With great power comes great responsibility!" Miss Lindsay has taught me all about being a leader and being responsible. She also taught me respect, integrity, diversity and excellence. I will never forget Mr Thew and Miss Lindsay. They will always be in my heart. I will never forget how Manurewa Central was filled with activities during lunch and class times such as: choir, Irish dancing, library, ICT, sports, iPad etc. Fulfilling my dreams in primary school was extraordinary. I reached high goals such as being in ICAS, being a librarian and getting into the speech finals.

Forever in my heart will be my friends who have supported me and encouraged me during bad and good times. My friends have helped keep my future bright.

Manurewa Central School has helped me so much as when I started I was very shy but now I am very confident! Also Manurewa Central taught me how to stand up for myself in a tough situation. Since I have been here I have been able to communicate with teachers, parents and friends. Finally I would like to share three unique words, "Effort Brings Reward!"

Corilee Boylan Small Room 11

I have had an extraordinary year this year. It all started when I was sitting on the hot grey concrete waiting for my name to be called by Miss Lindsay. Heaps of things were rushing through my mind like a waterfall tumbling down.

Anxiously I looked at my mum and my mum look back at me with a smile. My name was finally called out and I stood up. My knees were a bit wobbly at first but then I managed to keep my balance. My class was then led to our room by a very nice man, Mr Hunt. He had a smile on his face that was so delightful and welcoming that I knew straight away this was going to be a good year.

We were then safely seated in our new class. Of course we had already said our goodbyes to our parents and found our new desks. I sat next to one of my best friends Precious. Time flew by like a monarch butterfly gliding through the breeze.

The most enjoyable time of the year (Outdoor Education) had finally arrived. I was sooo excited. When I brought the permission slip back most of the spaces had already gone. I was at least able to kayak and on top of that to go rock climbing all in one day. Rock climbing was a real challenge. Later there was a notice for the people who didn't get to go to Snowplanet giving them a chance to go with Miss Lindsay. I was lucky enough to get my parents to pay enabling me to go. It was sooo awesome.

Once outdoor education had finished it was back to doing regular schoolwork. It was almost halfway through the year and a lot had happened. My next highlight was going to MOTAT. It was really fascinating and my mum and aunty came as parent helpers. My mum and aunty teamed up forming a gigantic group. It was the best time ever especially the fact that my aunty and mum got to come. It was awesome.

Thank you to everyone who supported me the whole way through my six years. I will remember you in my heart for now and forever.

Mere Aria Room 14

I'm so surprised that one year can fly by so fast. I have made great memories with my friends and classmates. My teacher this year was my first and

last teacher at Manurewa Central School (Mrs Zandbergen). She was helpful, caring and a beautiful teacher. Sadly she was expecting a baby, so she left half way through term 4 and Mrs Styles replaced her.

Manurewa Central has been the best school I've been enrolled in so far. The best thing is that everyone engages with each other and gets to know one another. People know that I'm not a girly girl, so some of my lunchtimes I do play a game of tennis with my friends plus Jeremie and Bradley or have a game of volleyball with a group of people. Now that's what I mean when I say everyone engages with each other. I have never experienced this in any other school I've been in but I guess Manurewa Central is different.

I have had some ups and downs throughout the year, but I've made it through. I did go through challenging times but I faced all the challenges and made it. I loved reading, writing, maths and physical education. I used to be the kind of person who hated maths but when I met Miss McHugh she turned that all around. Miss McHugh's way of maths was incredibly fun. Miss McHugh was always helpful and caring. She's one of these teachers you would want to have.

Manurewa Central is a great school with a great principal, a great deputy principal and full of great teachers. Becoming a year seven means a whole new level in life for me. Thank you Manurewa Central for all the love and care. FAREWELL!!

Joshua Sila Room 10

It all started 2 years ago when I was so nervous. The pain was just rushing through my body, like a dog biting through my skin. I entered the classroom. Do I talk or be quiet?

Ms Madden was the teacher I had when I first started. She taught me from wrong to right. She was a very nice humble teacher which made me be just like her.

Miss McHugh was a very nice teacher also but I had a very bad year. I had bad language, I had fights, I hit someone in the hand with a hockey stick. I went inside Miss Lindsay's office for a long time. I got kicked out of sports' teams and 'Choices and Challenges'. But after a while the year ended and I was so relieved. I

felt sorry for Miss McHugh who had to put up with me for a year!

Mrs McHaffie-Green is a very strict teacher. Trust me, when you do something bad she gets really annoyed. So this year was the best year so far because there was no bad language and no bad things happening for me. This year I've done a lot of good things. I have enjoyed a lot of my time at Manurewa Central School. I shall leave the past and move on. Before I end I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Lindsay and Mr Thew for a lot of things. Farewell my friends and staff.

Ezekiel Ah Ching Lava Room 15

I've had a lot of ups and I've had a lot of downs but I have still had a lot of fun at Manurewa Central School!

First of all I would like to say thank you to all my teachers from year 1 to year 6 for helping me on my journey in this school and making all the fun things happen.

I also would like to say thank you to Miss Lindsay for giving me the opportunity to join the Highwire programme and to Mr Grover for taking our group on those visits.

I would like to say thanks to the teachers who were able to organise the outdoor education trips. My favourite outdoor trip when I was in Year 5 was the Omana Beach activities and my favourite thing this year was the jetboat and rock climbing day.

My favourite teacher of all is Mr Baird because he has really helped me this year and he has been kind and indeed awesome!

The final thing I would like to say to all future year sixes. When you reach this stage you need to be responsible which the teachers always tell us. Also, you need to hand in all work by the specified deadlines and do your best at school.

Stanley Brabazon Room 12

In my early years at Manurewa Central School I had so much fun learning and playing. I loved it so much that I wanted to stay on the weekends. These days I wish that I could personally thank the person who invented weekends! Through all my years I've learnt to have fun learning. I would like to thank all the

teachers, staff and especially my friends.

As I write this I'm thinking back to my favourite and worst memories like Outdoor Education Week or in Year four when I really stuffed up in our end of year performance in front of the senior school. I even remember that time I was late for a council meeting. Yeah, that was embarrassing! I'll probably remember my friends and our supervisors. I've had some funny, strict and overall awesome teachers. I've also had some rivals, some friends, some others. I'm saying no names.

This awesome school has given other fellow students besides me a heck of a lot of opportunities and I'm now very confident in everything I do. Being here has made me smarter, given me more skills and I've learnt new things that sometimes I didn't know existed.

A really special thanks to my family who supported me and came to everything through all my years here. They've been there for me all the time and even when they could be doing something fun they chose to do extra things that would help me with my school work. So thanks guys.

MATHEX **ASB**

Our Year 6 Mathex team competed recently against other Manurewa primary schools in the ASB Mathex competition. Our team comprised Jeremie Bayaban, Stanley Brabazon, Kirstie Scotson and Bradley Wingfield.

Mathex is a problem solving competition coupled with a race against time where collaboration within the team is paramount.

We congratulate our team who placed second winning magnificent ASB bags for themselves as a result.

Our thanks go to the ASB in Manurewa for kindly sponsoring Mathex 2013. Well done Jeremie, Bradley, Kirstie and Stanley.

