

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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6 June 2014 Name.....

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

It is with pleasure that I welcome two new staff members to our school. Mrs Helene Saunders is teaching in Room 17 and Mrs Michelle Dibben has started as our new Deputy Principal. Both teachers are enjoying working with our students and looking forward to getting to know parents and caregivers.

## **SCHOOL PROPERTY NEWS**

Our middle school toilet block is open and the area is being landscaped. I am delighted that we have been able to enhance this area for our students and staff.

The old dental clinic has been converted into a meeting space for school use and will soon be available to take the pressure off our administration area. I congratulate our Board on having the foresight to make use of the building while maintaining its historical significance.

Our Board of Trustees has been in negotiation with the Ministry of Education for some time regarding the replacement of our oldest classrooms. The Ministry has listened to the Board's concerns and is considering a building project that will construct eight new classrooms on site.

I thank the Board for their determination to constantly improve the quality of the facilities and resources available to your children. We certainly have a school of which we can all be very proud.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

In this digital age it is very simple for parents to photograph their children at school events and send these images on for other family and friends to enjoy.

However, we must be careful not to include pictures of other children when placing images on the web as this is an invasion of their privacy.

Consequently, I ask that you do not place pictures of children other than your own on social media sites. Thank you for your help with this.

## **A POLICE MESSAGE**

Our School Community Police Officer, Sarah Wright, has expressed concern that parents are taking their children across Hill Road at 3 o'clock without using the pedestrian crossing at Great South Road.

Sarah and I agree that this practice sets a bad example to children and we ask that you use the traffic lights especially at the end of school when the road is very busy and dangerous.

## **AT SCHOOL ALL DAY EVERYDAY**

Readers of this newsletter will be aware that I am regularly reporting on school attendance. This is because missing school even for one day has an impact on a child's learning. This is especially so when children are young.

I am pleased that our school wide attendance rate for 2014 is 95.5%.

However, lateness continues to be a concern. It is very important that children are at school ready to begin at 9am and it is important they stay until 3pm. Time out of class is disruptive and does reduce learning.

On five days last week 39 children arrived late and 9 left school early.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

**L. Thew  
Principal**

# IMPORTANT DATES

## JUNE

- 9 Reading Together session 3 6pm
- 16 Reading Together session 4 6pm
- 20 Counting Together 1.30pm
- 23 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 24 Interschool volleyball
- 26 Chai and Chat 12.30 to 3pm
- 27 Student Files of Work home (Years 3-6)
- 27 Next school newsletter
- 30 Matariki celebration

## JULY

- 4 School closes to end term 2 at 3pm.
- 21 Term 3 begins at 9am.

## Welcome

**To pupils who have joined us recently**  
Rishika Prasad, Danielle Tara, Mandy Chen, Portia Dalton.

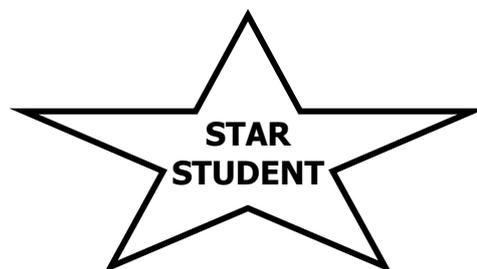
## Happy Birthday



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

## JUNE

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7 Srishti Kumar         | 7 Willie Dong                  |
| 7 Zivana Hafoka         | 7 Jagrith Narayan              |
| 8 Kevin Zeng            | 9 Caleb Barnes                 |
| 10 N'Kastro Mortensen   | 12 Kayla King                  |
| 13 Slade McKay          | 13 Alyssa Uluheua              |
| 13 Sahil Sandhu         | 13 Kiefer Wallen               |
| 14 Vanshika Mani        | 14 Ashleigh Bowden             |
| 16 Rebecca King         | 17 Bhavandeep Kaur             |
| 17 Hiria Matekahi-Henry | 17 Erishvir Singh              |
| 19 Daman Kumar          | 20 Jasmit Gosal                |
| 20 Fariha Mubarak       | 21 Mohammad Al-Kashoosh        |
| 21 Cameron Healey       | 23 Preceyis Samupo             |
| 23 Chelsea Tang         | 24 Aporosa Viria               |
| 25 Elijah Friend        | 25 Peter Willis                |
| 25 Logan Cook           | 26 Kaeamauri Totorewa Tauranga |
| 26 Sariah Inamata       | 26 Wiremu Connelly             |
| 26 Kenneth Zhu          |                                |



**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 Micah Ennion         | R2 Joline Yin           |
| R3 Reuben Lava          | R4 Ayden Harris         |
| R5 Mohammad Al-Kashoosh | R6 Jesse Grass          |
| R7 Rehan Mohammed       | R8 Alexander Tai-Rakena |
| R9 Dania Sadiq          | R10 Chelsea Tang        |
| R11 Rhys Tagi           | R12 Xanthe Paku         |
| R13 Ashleigh Solomann   | R14 Hannah Banatu       |
| R15 Fusi Vaioleti       | R16 Levi Gwynne         |
| R17 Karanbir Singh      | R18 Karlos Hati-Ross    |
| R19 Brock Jenkins       | R20 Rileigh Campbell    |
| R21 Braithan Forster    | R23 Vijayata Karda      |
| R24 Amber Lal           |                         |

# ROOM NEWS

## ROOM 2

Every Friday we go out to the turf to do sport with Coach George. We have been learning how to balance correctly. It was tricky to stay standing on one foot but Coach George showed us how to make aeroplane arms and look straight ahead. We really liked playing the game Medusa and SpongeBob! This week we are learning how to leap. It is so much fun!

## ROOM 4

We have been learning about pukekos. They are also known as swamp hens as they like to live where it is wet. We have painted some pictures of pukekos and they are up on our wall so please come and have a look. Here are some of our stories:

The pukeko has pretty blue feathers. She has long orange legs.

*Cameron*

The pukeko went to eat some wet grass. After it ate the grass it went to wash itself in the water.

*Caydn*



## **ROOM 6**

This week we have been preparing for 'construction week' next week. Apparently, 'Iron Man' will visit our class, and show off his cardboard constructed armour!

## **ROOM 8**

### **Autumn**

The trees are shaking from the wind. *Tavita*  
The leaves were dancing in the wind. *Danny*  
The trees were swaying from the wind. *Emily*  
The leaves swish and swirl in the howling wind. *Alex*

The wind was blowing the leaves away, they were dancing in the wind. *Christian*  
The leaves are swirling when they fall. *Juzmin*  
The leaves are shaking on the waving trees. *Saneh*

## **ROOM 10**

We have been creative and making our own animals. There was an animal called Trigerader, cybersource, and the Zebanna also a Catalator which is a cat and an alligator.

Room 10 has also been doing optical art which is when you get a shape and trace it on a paper and when you're done you cut it out with a razor but you have to be careful when you're cutting. When we did that we glued the shape back on a different way and it would look like an optical illusion. *Madison & Tiya*



## **ROOM 12**

We have been involved in an emergency! No, not really. We have been learning what to do if we are in such a situation. Sue from St John has taught us some lifesaving skills which we hope we do not have to use unless severely needed to save a life! Unconscious people and people needing CPR can now count on us to help. We know to plug a cut with some kind of cloth and to lift the limb up to prevent further bleeding. But what we have been wondering about is why the emergency numbers around the world are not the same?

*Khaine and Harkirit*

## **ROOM 14**

We have been very busy of late! We have constructed rich question wheels to display the findings of our inquiry work. They work by displaying four possible answers to our complex questions. We have found answers to complex questions like 'how do bats use echo-location to hunt?', or, 'why do whales get stranded on beaches?' Our iPads are real asset to have in class and have really helped this activity work.



For week six, we will be moving into construction. We will be building boats. The types of boats the class will build all relate to the different ways that people have immigrated to New Zealand in the past. Team work within our group is also a big part of the task. We are really looking forward to a fun and challenging activity for next week!

## **ROOM 16**

Everyone has been working hard creating their charts, learning their poems and practising reciting them with expression. We have enjoyed listening to everyone recite their poems in front of the class. These poems are now on our blog. We would love you to visit our blog and listen to our poems. [mightymc16.blogspot.com](http://mightymc16.blogspot.com) Also we would love you to leave a comment.

## **ROOM 18**

On Thursdays we go to the turf and we learn netball skills. Our instructors names are Ann and Tracy. They have been teaching us how to pivot by keeping one foot grounded.

Ms Alsari takes us out to play dodge ball to practise large ball skills. We are now very good at dodge ball and Ms Alsari has made the game more challenging by telling us we are stuck in the mud. That means we are not allowed to run around and we have to pivot around by keeping one foot planted on the

ground. We all like it because it's harder and more challenging. *Chloe and Hyson*

### **ROOM 20**

We are enjoying learning about a variety of animals. We know there are five groups re mammals, reptiles, fish, birds and amphibians. Do you know their characteristics?

School is such a lot of fun at the moment because we are learning basketball skills. We can't wait to play a full game.

### **ROOM 24**

Our Animalia topic is almost at an end. We have done lots of thinking and talking about animals. Here are some of our stories.

"The snake has no legs. A snake is a reptile. It has cold blood. They can climb up trees. A snake has no teeth. It swallows food." *Arush*  
"A frog is an amphibian. A frog has cold blood, not warm blood like us! They have skin like us too and they can breathe through their skin."

*Parmveer*

"A bat is a mammal. The bat has warm blood. The mother bat makes milk for her baby."

*Nirmit*

### **YOUNG LEADERS' DAY**

On Thursday the 29 May eight school councillors and Mrs Brown went to the Vodafone Events centre. There were five main speakers who talked to us about how to be a good leader. We were all given three D glasses and the theme was 3 D.

The 3 D theme was, dream, dare and develop. One of our favourite speakers was Frances Valentine. She told us never to give up on things, to always try our best and to challenge ourselves. One of her quotes was "never be afraid of making mistakes" and to live "in 3D". Some of the other quotes we remembered were "dream big and achieve more". Another quote was "always believe you can achieve your dreams."

After each speaker we had reflection time. We all enjoyed it. Next year councillors are really going to enjoy it next year.

*Sinead & Xanthe School Councillors*

### **SOCCER REPORT**

On 20 May Manurewa Central School went to the Interschool Soccer Tournament at Mountfort Park. There were two teams, a year 5 team and a year 6 team, a total of 20 boys. There were many soccer teams from different schools.

Our team tried hard and played fairly against the others. As a result of their effort, the year 6 team achieved second place in their division. A special thanks must go to our parent helpers, the tournament wouldn't have been so successful without them. *Jin Hui Wang*



# **Community News**

### **MANUREWA POLICE STATION OPEN DAY**

A free family event with fun activities for all ages. Saturday 14 June 10am to 1pm. For more information email [mike.fulcher@police.govt.nz](mailto:mike.fulcher@police.govt.nz) or phone Milk Fulcher 263 2783.

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### **MANUREWA HIGH SCHOOL WHANAU DAY**

A fun family day with entertainment, food and community stalls. Saturday, 16 August 10am to 2pm. Mark this day on your calendar.