

8 December 2017—Principal's News

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

Thank you to everyone who has attended our special end of year functions. We have had excellent turn outs of whanau for our Year 5 and 6 "Celebration Evening", our junior and middle school assemblies and our Year 6 Graduation Evening.

Thank you also to our students and their teachers for the wonderful performances we have seen. All have been outstanding and enhanced the mana of their families and their school.

I look forward to seeing families of Year 5 and 6 students at our senior school prize giving next Friday. Please remember to be seated on time as the ceremony begins at 9.30am and it is difficult to enter the auditorium once the programme has begun.

STAFF CHANGES

It is with mixed feelings that we farewell a number of our staff next week. On one hand I wish they were staying but on the other hand I wish them success as they move on to other exciting opportunities and experiences.

Mrs Gail Armitage has taught at our school since 2008 and her experience will be missed especially her work in technology. Miss Michelle Farrelly has taught at our school since 2011. Michelle's musical talents with our choir and instrument lessons will also be missed. Miss Claudia Chan and Mrs Kyla Boyle have been with us a shorter time but they made a significant impact and we thank them for that.

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

Congratulations to our Year 4 prize winners for 2017

Sowden Cup—Boys - Caydn Rupapara and Israel Wilson

Sowden Cup—Girls - Jayda Scanlan and Tea Lundon

Performing Arts' Trophy Harley Blair

Tombolato Cup for Literacy - Louisa-Bella Linaker

PREPARING FOR 2018

School opens for 2018 on **Wednesday, 31 January**, at 9 o'clock. Children assemble in their 2017 classes and will be given their new rooms for the year.

Stationery purchase will be available from school. Children will bring home a stationery list with an expected cost of around \$40.00.

Our Board of Trustees has eliminated the need for a school donation and this will not be suggested in 2018.

Our school does not have a uniform, however, students in Years 3 to 6 are expected to have shorts for physical activity. All children will require swimming togs for the first six weeks of the school. Sun hats are necessary in Terms 1 and 4.

Apart from these requirements all students are expected to come to school in sensible and practical clothing ready to learn and participate in school activities.

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2017

Our final newsletter for the year contains a number of valedictions from some of our Year 6 students who complete their time with us next week.

These personal stories remind us all of the important part school plays in the lives of young people. School, however, is a partnership and I thank you all for the strong support our school receives from the community.

Special thank you to whanau whose youngest child finishes this year. A number of you have worked closely with us over many years. You will be missed.

Our staff and Board of Trustees wish you all an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to working with you in 2018.

Thank you
L. Thew
Principal

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

DECEMBER

11 Daegon Rafferty	11 Divjot Kaur	11 Chloe Stevens
12 Harley Blair	12 Finlay Cooper	13 Kaylis Trail
13 Gurluv Singh	16 Holle Mason	16 Rami Zaya
17 Shaaz Othman	18 Darius Bell	18 Navya Sharma
20 Sukhpreet Kaur	21 Yico Gao	22 Kamryn-Ginny Rogers
22 Dekan Abdul	23 Zhyon Talatofi	23 Tyrone Smith
23 Naman Lal	24 Harrison Christensen	24 Sophie Glover Makata
24 Logan Samupo	25 Nivish Chand	25 Liam Leslie
27 Calvi Diack	27 Kdeniya-Maraj Mackay-Nicholas	28 Mexia Vaioleti
29 Patrisha Chand	30 Hector-Jack Saute	30 Joe Faataape
31 Ataahua Waaka-Iraia	31 Sophie Smith	31 Paige Dixon-Williams
31 Hudson Hooker	31 Jessica Kaur	

JANUARY

1 Vivan Kumar	3 Keren Prasad	3 Elaina Scorrige
4 Christopher Martin	5 Ryley Gifkins	6 Guneet Kaur Jassi
6 John Faataape	7 Karla Collins	8 Manaaki Thomson
8 Jovaniaah-Storm Potatau	10 Athina Shaba	10 Leaia Faalafi
11 Harshal Chhabra	11 Maddison Young	12 Aiislin Jorgensen
13 Tea Lundon	16 Lata Ailao	18 Michaela Spyve
19 Freedom Tonga	19 Setareki Bai	21 Nitishma Ashika
21 Maria Pearse	22 Mary-Anne Leslie-Nua	23 Karlos Hati-Ross
23 Kaleb Hati-Ross	23 Mikayla Tarai	23 Alisha Sardana
26 Nehemiah Vavau	27 McKenzie Martin	28 Jayden Foliaki
31 Flynn Head	31 Luke McKinnell	31 Jeremiah Faavae
31 Ashleigh Cooper		

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

12	Year 1 and 2 athletics 9.30am
13	Year 5 and 6 athletics 9.30am
14	Year 3 and 4 athletics 9.30am
15	Senior school (Year 5 and 6) prizegiving assembly 9.30am
15	School closes for 2017 at 3pm to end 2017

JANUARY

22	School office opens
31	School opens for students at 9am



Valedictions for 2017

A boy was lost. Not knowing his place in the world. Then, he arrived at Manurewa Central School where he was pushed further than a vehicle can go. This year was the hardest year for all these seven years I've been here. With graduation, leaving the school and intermediate to think about, it all just rushes your mind. Your life just accelerates past. As Steve Jobs says, "If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." And my vision is pulling me towards graduation and intermediate. I realised near the end of 2016 that I didn't want to leave Manurewa Central. But it was on my birthday that I realised, it's now or never.

I never realised until now, that every ending is a new beginning. Leaving primary, new beginning. Leaving friends, new beginning. Leaving teachers, new beginnings. And of course at the end of every year comes a whole new year. Even though I am leaving my friends, good friends don't say 'Goodbye', they say 'see you soon.' The most painful goodbyes are the ones that are never said and never explained. A memory lasts forever. True friends stay together. They never say goodbye. To wrap up my years here at Manurewa Central School I would like to say one more thing. 'Today, I close the door to my past, open the door to my future, take a deep breath, step on through and read a new chapter in the book of life.' **Alistair Stowers**

Ko Whakatere te Maunga
Ko Ngatokomatawhairoa te waka
Ko Waimai te awa
Ko Otatara te marae
Ko Ngapuhi te iwi
Ko Pani Mokaraka te rangatira
Ko Elizabeth taku mama
Ko Benjamin taku papa
Ko Anaru taku ingoa

Anaru Thomson

I've come from being a little 5 year old boy to being a school councillor. My teachers, my friends and my family have helped on this wonderful journey. I'm proud of a lot but one that stands out is being a leader in Taōnga Tapu. I've also learnt "Effort Brings Reward" and through my efforts I've received awards, I've also achieved my goals in hockey and my personal goal of becoming a school councillor. Overall this journey has been great it's sad to be saying goodbye to this school.

Salty tears rolled down my eyes as I walked through a huge green gate for the first time. As I walk into my first class I was nervous and scared. I was also amazed how I saw new faces and my first teacher.

The greatest highlight was going to Chosen Valley camp. We spent 2 days at the camp and my dad came to help. I liked going on the water slide and the kayaks. I loved it there. By then I had grown up and I made more friends. Another great highlight of this year was when I represented my school rugby team at Bruce Pulman and came first place. I've represented by school in many sports throughout the year. The sports I have been involved in were ... rugby, league and netball. As a person in a movie said "Good journeys must come to an end." I was really sad. The hardest part is saying goodbye to this school. I will miss all my teachers and I will always remember our school motto. EFFORT BRINGS REWARD. **Karlos Hati-Ross**

My time at Manurewa Central School is coming to an end. I have been at this school my whole life and I don't want to go. My journey here all started in Room One.

I had a nervous look on my face, my legs were shaking and my hand was firmly gripped around mum's fingers. It was my first day at Manurewa Central School. I was excited but very nervous at the same time. As I walked into Room 1 and looked around, the rest of the class were practising their alphabets. I quickly joined in. Before I knew it I was having the time of my life.

All my years at Manurewa Central School have been a blast, but my favourite was this year as a Year 6. There are so many good memories to look back at this year including camp, netball and just hanging out with my friends. I also really like spending time with the teachers. They have a younger sense of humour than I thought. **Davina Aviu**