

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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8 February 2013 Name.....

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

Welcome to a new school year. A special welcome to our new students, parents and caregivers. I trust your association with our school will be an enjoyable and rewarding one.

I am pleased to report that our school has begun the new year very well. New enrolments have so far totalled 37 and pupils have settled in smoothly. Class programmes are underway and I thank all our staff for their preparation prior to school opening.

I am pleased to welcome two new staff members including Mr Callum Baird (teaching in Room 15) and Mrs Leigh Miller who is a new teacher aide on our team.

## **PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS**

Thank you to the many parents who attended our parent teacher meeting last Thursday. The next meeting is for parents of Year 5 and 6 children on Monday, 18 February at 7pm.

Please remember that we also welcome your approach at any time if you have questions about your child's progress. In the first instance please simply contact your child's teacher.

If you wish to make an appointment to see the appropriate team leader simply ring Mrs Sandy Griffin (Years 1 & 2), Mrs Ann Sowden (Years 3 & 4) and Miss Janice Lindsay (Years 5 & 6). The school phone number is 269 0250.

Regular contact between home and school is important. We will contact you if we have concerns and we welcome your enquiries whenever you wish.

## **SCHOOL SECURITY**

In the interests of security and child safety our school gates are locked between 9am and

2.55pm. Day visitors to the school are asked to sign in at the school office and wear identification while in the school grounds.

Except in rare emergencies our school day always finishes at 3pm. All children are expected to leave the grounds at 3pm and proceed home. You can therefore expect your child home at the same time every day.

I would also add that children are needed at school until 3pm. The end of day is a very important time for both teacher and students. I therefore ask that you do not pick up children early except in absolute emergencies. We want, and need your child to have every chance to succeed so please allow them to stay for a full school day.

## **BIBLE IN SCHOOL**

This optional programme takes place from 9am to 9.30 each Wednesday from 13 March to the end of November. The programme is for Years 3 to 6 only.

The lessons are taken by accredited Bible in School teachers and are Christian based. They are optional. If you do not want your child involved please inform your child's teacher in writing before 13 March.

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

We offer student banking facilities with the ASB Bank. Our banking day is Tuesday. If you would like your child to bank through the school please pick up a form from the school office.

## **SCHOOL FUNDS**

Each year I list the major items of expenditure from our school budget. This gives our parents an idea of how our money is spent across the curriculum.

Examples from our 2013 budget include:

Reading Materials	\$19,500
Library and text books	6,000

Sports' programmes	\$12,000
The Arts	6,900
Cultural programmes	2,500
Mathematics	7,400
Computer technology	\$65,500
School grounds	13,200

We can only commit such a high level of expenditure because of the wonderful support we receive with school fundraising. This includes:

General Knowledge-a-thon	\$12,000
School donations	\$10,500
Other fundraising	\$ 3,600

Our Board of Trustees is conscious of the cost of schooling and has kept the parent donation to \$40 per child for the year (or \$10 per term if you wish). Thank you to those who have already made their donation for 2013.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Our school is governed by a Board of Trustees who have overall responsibility for school success. Our Board consists of Chris Ward (Chairperson), Raj Singh, Ross Burr, Waru Clark and Jane Beattie (on leave). The school staff is represented by Sandy Griffin. Board meetings are usually held monthly and members of the public are welcome to attend.

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS**

Children were delighted to return to school to find a new playground and newly developed outdoor area between Rooms 13 and 14. Less obvious is the ultrafast broadband upgrade which, when completed will improve computer access across the whole school. I thank our Board of Trustees for their ongoing commitment to keeping our school facilities and equipment second to none.

### **CARETAKER NEWS**

It is with mixed feelings that I inform you of the retirement of our school caretaker Mr Hadyn Ferguson. While we will miss Hadyn greatly he has earned his retirement. He started at Manurewa Central School in 1994 and before that spent 14 years as caretaker at Mt Richmond Special School. Hadyn has certainly made a major contribution to the lives of thousands of children. Hadyn will finish his time here in March (when a replacement is confirmed) and we certainly wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

### **NEWSLETTERS**

These are a very important part of our home/school communication.

You can expect a newsletter every three weeks usually on a Friday. Newsletters contain important information, dates for your calendar and classroom news. The classroom news provides an excellent overview of the many exciting and varied activities happening at school.

Newsletters are placed on our school website [www.mancent.school.nz](http://www.mancent.school.nz) (follow the link through news). It is also possible to translate our newsletter into around 50 languages. If you know of someone who would benefit from this opportunity please assist them to do so.

I trust you find our newsletters interesting and informative.

**Thank you.**

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 11 Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm
- 18 Meet the Teacher evening (Yrs 5 & 6)
- 27 Senior school (Yrs 5 & 6) swimming sports.

### **MARCH**

- 1 Middle school (Yrs 3 & 4) swimming sports.
- 1 Next newsletter
- 4-8 Outdoor Education week (Yrs 5 & 6)
- 13 Bible in School lessons begin
- 29 – 2 April Easter break. School closed.

Term 1 finishes on Friday, 19 April.

# **Welcome**

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

Jackson Beaven, Subnoor Kalsi, Sebastian Richards, Anihira Lundon, Vinayak Sharma, Nicole Mahongchai, Noah Love, Aislin Jorgensen, Leaia Faalafi, Akash Singh, Christopher Martin, Loyalty Katipa, Temalisi Langi, Layken Attwater, Christian Solo, Ataahua Waaka-Iraia, Kingston Jack, Noah

Afakasi, Manaaki Thomson, Alexander Tai Rakena, Michaela Spyve Tollison, Ava Seiuli, Masin Pio-Ainsley, Mckenzy Martin, Courtney McAnally, Maraia Lunjevich, Skye Jenkins, Deahni Finau, Luke Eramiha, Aniket Rahal, Tyrone Smith, Jaraiyus Perkinson, Arshpreet Kaur, Jane Rabici, Gursimran Singh, Jayda Dalton, Kaeamauri Hudson.

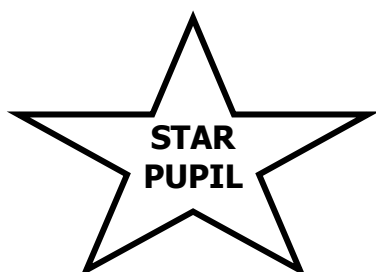
## Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.



### FEBRUARY

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Madisyn Martin      | 2 Aidan Koh-Limatau    |
| 3 Aniket Rahal        | 3 Afa Vau              |
| 4 Phillip Andrews     | 4 Jane Rabici          |
| 4 Isaiah Sola         | 5 Willy Jin            |
| 6 Gurleen Singh       | 6 Courtney Nelson      |
| 7 Jesse Hannah        | 7 Khaine Park          |
| 7 Joseph Hannah       | 7 Conor Scott          |
| 8 Jaydis Lambert      | 10 Daniel Kako         |
| 10 Chloe Chong        | 11 Jaraiyus Perkinson  |
| 11 Avkaran Dhaliwal   | 12 Sartaaaj Nagra      |
| 12 Mia Puru           | 14 Hannah Banatu       |
| 15 Jamiel Te Wharau   | 17 Marcel Ikihagai     |
| 18 Ranvir Singh       | 18 Thea-Rose Willcocks |
| 19 Khushi Rayat       | 20 Gaurav Sahota       |
| 20 Davina Aviu        | 20 Quinn Motuliki      |
| 20 Yashika Prakash    | 21 Ekam Singh          |
| 21 Harleen Bhathal    | 22 Jaspreet Sahota     |
| 23 Genesis Momoemausu | 23 Farani Momoemausu   |
| 27 Jason Martin       | 26 Kristy Kumar        |
| 28 Jaswin Kaur        | 28 Mark Ball           |
|                       | 28 Fusi Vaoletti       |



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 Maraia Lunjevich | R3 Bailee Nicholson    |
| R4 Liam Miller      | R5 M'Kenah-Rose Dalton |
| R6 Ana Adams        | R7 Sariah Inamata      |
| R8 Susana Malewa    | R9 Teleise Faafeu      |
| R10 Tomilea Bourke  | R11 Gareth Mirko       |
| R12 Bailey Samuels  | R13 Kristika Lakshmi   |

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| R14 Priyanka Chand      | R15 Jaswin Kaur       |
| R16 Krishan Prasad      | R17 Jonti Graham      |
| R18 Zane Walker Prujean | R19 Farani Momoemausu |
| R20 Willow Motuliki     | R21 Fusi Vaoletti     |
| R23 Heith Trembath      | R24 Nicole Mahongchai |

# ROOM NEWS

## ROOM 4

We are busy making new friends with everyone in the classroom. We are learning to share the equipment with everyone. We are also going swimming. It is lovely to get into the pool and have a cool down plus we try really hard to splash Mrs McCreight.

## ROOM 6

Room 6 is looking forward to learning lots of new things this year. We have recorded some of the things we are already good at. I am good at swimming and I can do a flip.

*Kaitlyn*

I am good at playing music. I am good at the drums.

*Esther*

I am good at maths and helping people when they are cleaning up. I am good at reading books.

*DTroyt*

I am good at running, riding a scooter and riding a bike.

*Trinity-Reine*

## ROOM 8

We have really enjoyed coming back to school again. These are some of the things we have liked doing so far...

Swimming lessons in the school pool, making new friends in the class, doing our maths, making fun buses, drawing, art and colouring.

These are some of the things we are looking forward to this term...

Winning prizes for learning our spelling words and basic facts, cooking, science, more art and writing.

## ROOM 10

Our first impressions of school in 2013.

Being a Year 6 means being responsible.

*Taumatina*

We have to be good role models to all the other children.

*Alayna*

We all have to try our best in everything we do.

*Tau*

In Room 10 our work has to be **big, bold and beautiful.**

*Jacinda*

We all need to be prepared for the school day by 9 o'clock,

*Tiya*

We need to do it right the first time, or there will be consequences.

*Nathan*

We need to set goals and work hard to achieve them.

*Ezra*

Show respect to others.

*Shannon*

To have lots of fun while we are learning.

*Mrs McHaffie-Green*

## **ROOM 12**

This year is going to provide many of us with new challenges. We have the opportunity to be involved in lots of school activities as school councillors from Room 12. We have had our first council meeting and our first fundraising will be ice-block day. We are even going to provide some new activities that are secret at the moment! Room 12 is also responsible for the sports' shed. Although we do not have our house captains yet our councillors and some other lucky year sixes are helping to keep all of our school pupils engaged at playtime and lunchtime. We can't wait for this year to get into full swing. *Seanna, Bradley & Stanley*

## **ROOM 14**

We have had a fantastic start to our new school year. We are busy getting to know all of the people in our new class and our new teacher.

We have been swimming already. It is great to be able to jump into the pool after a long hot day of work! It has been fun to learn about how to swim properly and we have been working hard on our freestyle stroke so far. The whole class is looking forward to our year in the senior school and the different activities we can become involved in.

## **ROOM 16**

We have been busy getting to know each other and making new friends. We are proud of the work we have done so far in our beginning of the year booklets.

We have begun swimming and are learning to glide like an arrow through the water and kick with straight legs. We have to remember to keep our chins on our chests and our arms over our ears. Our swimming days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

## **ROOM 18**

We are back from the holiday and are having lots of fun learning. We have done colouring, writing, playing and enjoying ourselves. Swimming is amazing and the weather has been gorgeous. This year is going to be the BEST!!

*Chetna Singh*

## **ROOM 20**

Hello everyone. We are very excited to be back at school. We are enjoying learning about ourselves and others. We love swimming on these hot days. We are creating our self portraits ready to display in our class. We know 2013 will be a great year for learning!

## **ROOM 24**

We are so happy to be at school with our friends. We are looking forward to writing stories, reading books and counting. Learning is so much fun and we are excited because we will be experiencing many new things and sharing our stories with our families.

Room 24 wishes everyone at Manurewa Central School a happy and productive 2013!

# **Community Notices**

## **HELEN O'GRADY CHILDREN'S DRAMA**

**ACADEMY** Students from 5 – 17 years. Enrolling now for Term 1. Phone Debbie 836 0233 for information.

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## **MANUREWA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB**

Manurewa AFC Junior is taking registrations for 5th to 10th Grades in February for the 2013 season.

9 Feb 10 - 4pm, 11 Feb 5 - 7pm, 14 Feb 5 - 7pm. Manurewa AFC Club Grounds, Gibbs Road, Manurewa. We have more information available on our club website.

[www.sportsground.co.nz/manurewaafc](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/manurewaafc)

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## **JAPAN DAY 2013**

ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane. Sunday, 24 February. Come and enjoy Japanese culture and food. All welcome.

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## **MOTAT Children's Day Sunday, 3 March**

**Free** for children 16 years and under. Special activities for children (of all ages). Museum of Transport and Technology, Western Springs.