

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 new students, parents and caregivers. I trust your association with our school will be an enjoyable and rewarding one. Our school has begun the new year very smoothly. New enrolments have totalled 44 so far and pupils have settled in quickly. Class programmes are underway and I thank our teachers and support staff for the preparation prior to our last school day.

I am pleased to also welcome the following new staff members: Mrs Calida Bruce (Room 8), Mrs Melissa Sowden (Room 15) and Mr Callum Baird (Room 9) has returned after a three year absence. I trust these staff members will find their time at our school community both enjoyable and professionally rewarding.

PARENT TEACHER MEETING

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who were able to attend our 'meet the teacher' evening last night.

Please remember that we welcome your approach at any time if you have questions about your child's learning. In the first instant it is easiest to 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 and 2), Mrs Ann Sowden (Years 3 and 4) and Mrs Michelle Dibben (Year 5 and 6). The school number is 269 0250.

SCHOOL BANKING

We offer students 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 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 finishes at 3pm. All children are expected to leave the grounds at 3pm and proceed home or to their after school care. You can therefore expect your child to arrive home at the same time every day.

It is important that children do stay at school until 3pm. The end of the school day is an important time for both teachers and students. Therefore I ask that you do not pick children up early except in absolute emergencies. Any time your child misses school they are being disadvantaged.

SCHOOL 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 notices, dates for your calendar and classroom news. 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 (follow the link through news.)

The website has the facility to translate our newsletter in about 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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Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

February	March
12 Board of Trustees meeting 6pm	2 Next newsletter
27 Interschool swimming	7 Bible in School begins (to be confirmed)
	8 Parent Teacher interviews (more info to come)
April	14—16 Year 6 school camp at Camp Adair
4 (Wednesday) School opens after Easter	16 Middle School swimming sports
13 School closes to end Term 1 at 3pm	21 Reading Together begins
	23 Junior School swimming sports
	29 Senior School swimming sports 1.30pm
	30 Good Friday, school closed for Easter

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Saylor Maletino, Xavier Wilson, Mishika Barot, Samuel Davies, Lincoln Singh, William Leslie-Nua, Pahul Khatgar, Kevindeep Singh, Kasey Tamati, Annalise Parkes, Kiera Ennion, Thurston Muaiava, Kodey McNally, Fuka'eiki Moala, Prateeti Ganguly, Conan McIndoe, Shayan Rezazadeh, Mattea Casey Micah Ennion, Molly Ke Xin Gan, Liam Brewer-Purea, Rhion Nathan-Edmonds, Ava Taiaroa, Eugene McIndoe, Pharron Maletino, Jasroop Kaur Grewal, Alisha Lal, Pranav Kumar, Ranjot Singh, Charisma Stowers, Michael Punga, Lincoln Faaeteete, Darius Mataroa, Alok Singh, Mohammad Reza Al-Kashoosh, Khiem Tran, Zane Farrant, Cairo-Belle Jacob, Waheroop Singh Gill, Melenaita Katea Tohi, Amanatjot Kaur Virk, Navseerat Kaur, Asher Singsam, Casyriah Tuala.

Happy Birthday

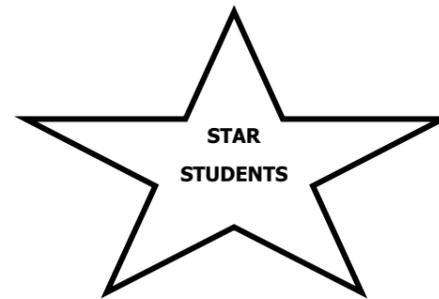
To people who have a special day about now.

FEBRUARY

1 Karel Te Pou	1 Cairo-Belle Jacob	2 Asher Singsam
2 Venya Sharma	3 Aniket Rahal	3 Mia Sinclair
3 Addison-Dupree Hoera		4 Richard Tuipulotu
5 Ayman Meriouli	7 Genesis Taporā	7 Navseerat Kaur
7 Mila Tautogia	8 Mateo Fatu	10 Oscar Miles
12 Benjamin Ward	14 Labron Gwynne-Asoava	
15 Santana Soalii-Taulu	16 Naite Spyve-Shea	16 Arie Mann
16 Travis Hema	16 James Drake	17 Anishka Prasad
18 Rilee Huggins	19 Kahlia Sauni	20 Vyaansh Permal
21 Glenn Solomann	21 Dayna Puru	21 Billie-Jane Maaka
23 Pranav Chand	23 Emersyn Ah Ching-Lava	
24 Filisi Leslie-Nua	24 Bethany Gross	24 Maryam Sahib
25 Dilen Ali	25 Rilee Clark	26 Jamima Aviu
27 Rehan Mohammed	27 Tiffany Zhu	28 Mohi Maaka
28 Arav Verma	28 Jett Woodhouse	

MARCH

1 Shayil Norman	1 Nga Taporā	1 Amber Lal
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The following students have been recognised by their class teachers for showing diligence and achievement in all aspects of their school and classwork.

R1 Aria Scanlan	R3 Richrios Rimunui	R4 Martha Va
R5 Conan McIndoe	R6 Eliano Emmanuel	R7 Charlee Mizziebo
R8 V J Vakaukamea	R9 Israel Wilson	R10 Tavita Moses
R11 Maya Seymour	R12 Noah Afakasi	R13 Annalise Parkes
R14 Kiefer Wallen	R15 Mikaere Gwynne Takamore	R16 Daniel Martin
R17 Nathanael Husband	R18 Filisi Leslie-Nua	R19 Billie Jane Maaka
R20 Bhakti Tiwari	R21 Felicia Goile	R23
R24 Chanelle Hemopo		

Room News

ROOM 1

We have settled into the new school year well. This week we started swimming, we love cooling off in the afternoon! We will be learning all about keeping safe in and around water this term. We are also enjoying reading about Greedy Cat and the mischief he gets up to. Room 1 are looking forward to a fun year together.

ROOM 3

We are excited to be back at school. We are settling well and making lots of new friends. Our value for this term is RESPECT and we are learning to use kind words, share equipment and look after each other. The things we are looking forward this term is lots of learning, swimming lessons, reading lots of books, learning our spelling, numbers and our abc's.

ROOM 5

School is cool! This is the message we want to share with everyone. We are so excited to be back and see our friends and teachers. Room 5 is looking forward to a great year of fun and learning. Wishing you all a fabulous, action-packed, mind-blowing year!

ROOM 7

We have made wonderful connections getting to know each other. Many have returned from last year but we are also lucky to have Kiera, Prateeti and Shayan who are all new to our school this year. We are currently learning about what makes us similar and what makes us different.

At the moment we are lucky to have a student teacher with us. If you see another friendly adult face in the classroom over the fortnight, this is Ms Ross. She will continue to work with Room 7 with our Tuesday's in Schools programme throughout the year.

ROOM 9

It has been a great start for us. We have been learning about endangered animals and doing mental maths one to ten. We have also started doing our portraits in class and they are starting to look great! We also had a water safety session which will help all of us stay safe around water for the remainder of summer. It has been a very busy start to the year and we have started to settle in to our routines. All of Room 9 is looking forward to a great year with lots of learning.

ROOM 11

We have spent our first week establishing relationships, outlining expectations and how as a class we can achieve mahi tahi—working cooperatively in collaboration with each other. Using the 3 P's of the Titiri o Waitangi as inspiration, we've all signed a treaty that we will try our best to uphold and follow. 2018 is going to be awesome!

ROOM 13

We started the year by making colourful tote tray labels so we know which tote tray belongs to which student. We have learnt about hot and cold colours and started a piece of art using our first names. First we divided the paper in half and then coloured one half in cold colours and the other half in hot colours. On Wednesday we had swimming with Dani and Maria. We learned lots of ways to stay safe in and around the water.

ROOM 15

The students in Room 15 have had a great start to 2018. We have been spending time getting to know each other and we have also been learning a lot about the Treaty of Waitangi. Swimming has been a highlight and we can not wait to do more of this on the hot days to come.

ROOM 17

Room 17 is off to an awesome start, everyone has been really excited to come to class and we have two new students joining us from another school. Our class programme is underway, and so far we have enjoyed swimming the most. We have completed our class treaty which will help us this year. We are looking forward to all the exciting learning we will do this year.

ROOM 19

What a great start we have had to 2018. We have already started writing, reading, having fun doing maths and discovering new things. We did an exciting scavenger hunt based on the Treaty of Waitangi. It was fun researching and locating information. We are lucky to have a wonderful student teacher to help us for a few weeks. Yesterday she helped us cook for the first time when we made hassleback potatoes. *Karel Te Pou*

ROOM 21

We have had a great start to the year in Room 21. We are all getting to know each other and learning more about the different cultures that make up our class. As part of our class treaty we have been making a class korowai. It symbolises the unity of our classroom. We have all decorated feathers with our names and patterns that are meaningful to us. Mrs Zandbergen is going to put it all together for us and then it will become a feature on our wall. *Mersade Wilson*

ROOM 23

Welcome to school! Room 23 is the New Entrant space for 2018. Lots of learning is happening. We love to read, draw, sing, count and play! We know there are more boys than girls in Room 23. We know that more people have a pet dog than a cat and only 1 person has both! Everyday we are learning something new about ourselves and each other.