

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Name.....

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

Term 4 is well underway and we look forward to a busy and exciting term over the next nine weeks.

MANUREWA SCHOOLS' PERFORMING ARTS' FESTIVAL

Our school choir of 75 and our school dance group are busy practising hard for our local schools arts' festival. Manurewa pupils from 15 schools will join together at the TelstraClear Pacific Events' Centre on Tuesday, 4 November at 7pm for what promises to be another spectacular event.

Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and parking will be free. Please keep this evening free.

FILES OF WORK

Pupils in Years 3 to 6 will bring home their files of work today. This file is a continuous record of your child's work throughout the year and you should be able to see progress over that time.

As always I ask that you discuss the work with your child, comment as you see fit and return the file to school. All student files will come home for the last time this year on Friday, 28 November.

CONGRATULATIONS

More results have been received for the international competitions and assessments (ICAS) run by the University of New South Wales. Well done to everyone in Years 5 and 6 who sat these demanding tests. Special congratulations go to the following students.

English

High Distinction (Top 1% of NZ students)

Year 6 Connor Newson

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ students)

Year 6 Jessie Chen, Olivia Lynch

Year 5 Cathy Stainthorpe

Credit (Top 30% of NZ students)

Year 6 Logan Alderson, Holly Glendenning, Caelyn Haupini, Sarah Mead-Flower, Pele Wharawhara, Li Hua Zhang.

Year 5 Ella Beattie, Tessa Bruce, Chloe Edds, Eric Pedrido, Braden Robins, Abhirath Sarbajna, Jared Sephton, Ethan Talaimanu, Izaak Tele, Ryan Waterworth.

SCHOOL DONATION

Thank you to everyone who has paid this year. Term 4 donations are now due and may be paid at the school office at any time.

This donation has remained for many years at \$40 per child, per year (or \$10 per term). This equates to \$1 per school week but is very helpful in enhancing the excellent equipment and facilities available to your children.

MERCURY ENERGY PROMOTION

You may be aware that Mercury Energy is running a promotion encouraging customers to get their energy bills online. Thank you to our families who nominated our school for the free books that are part of this offer. Mrs Brown has received a number of books for our school library already.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The school is staging an exhibition of photographs involving students and highlighting many events at our school. This display will be open for viewing on the evening of 30 October (in conjunction with our science display). The display will remain in our auditorium until Thursday, 6 November. I thank our staff especially Rachelle Baker and Piera Tombolato for organising this display. This will be a must see! Please do not miss it.

HELPING YOUR CHILD BECOME A GREAT READER

Most children learn to read successfully and relatively easily. Other children may need extra help and support.

Would you like to know more about how children learn to read? Would you like to learn strategies and simple activities that will help all readers improve?

If so this special meeting is for you:

Manurewa Central School Auditorium Friday, 31 October 1.30 – 3pm

All welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you
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Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 20 Board of Trustees' monthly meeting
7pm
- 24 'Jump Rope for Heart' skip off day.
- 27 Labour Day holiday. School closed.
- 30 Science Investigation displays
Years 5 and 6. Open 6.30 to 8pm.
- 31 School photographic display open.
- 31 Parents' meeting 1.30pm.

NOVEMBER

- 3 - 6 Photographic exhibition in
auditorium.
- 4 Manurewa Schools' Arts' Festival
- 7 Next school newsletter
- 8 Election Day. Polling available at

Central School and Manurewa Library.
School closes for 2008 on Friday, 19
December.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Rohan Chand, Amanda Johnson, Helen Asiata, Tanveer Bhatti, Trizon Uatisone, Jasmine Rota-Leggan, Sinead Miller, Andrew Huang, Mercedes Te Pana, Jane Pearse.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.



OCTOBER

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| 18 Hayden Dixon | 18 Rachel Douglas |
| 19 Navneet Dhaliwal | 20 Dean Abrahams |
| 20 Levi Bowden | 20 Tyler Branford |
| 20 Jayden Fountain | 20 Brooklyn Vaotu'ua |
| 21 Tessa Bruce | 21 Tanisha Mika |
| 21 Jordan Stewart | 22 Cody Scott |
| 23 Robert Graydon | 23 Aaron Urwin |
| 25 Rita de Bruin | 26 Aisha Te Tauri |
| 27 Leilani Faaiuas | 28 Sweta Dass |
| 30 Benjamin Paku | 31 Ofa Pulu |
| 31 Torina Samuelu | 31 Kaytlin Smith-Street |

NOVEMBER

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| 1 Harsimran Hundal | 1 Yogita Sharma |
| 2 Miya Kett-Marshall | 2 Christian Taanuu |
| 3 Suliasi Ikavuka | 3 Samantha Oh |
| 3 Long Pham Ngoc | 4 Curtis Newman |
| 4 Nirvana Ngaau | 4 Manraj Singh |
| 4 Zryus Tejpal | 5 Malama Ieremia |
| 5 Malachi McKay | 5 Mark Pearse |
| 5 Ursula Te Wharau | 6 Bailey Hoera |
| 6 Monica Tang | 7 Jasmine Faust |
| 7 Matthew Garrick | |



The following students have been recognised by their class teachers for showing diligence and achievement in all aspects of their school and classwork.

R1 Madison Denton	R2 Benjamin Burman
R3 Xanthe Paku	R4 Patrick Aishow
R5 Aimee Lew	R6 Ursula Te Wharau
R7 Edward Fukofuka	R8 Faith Elsmore
R9 Aaron Lew	R10 Hayden Dixon
R11 Christine Guttenbeil	R12 Hemant Gulati
R13 Bailey Hoera	R14 Zane Bodle
R15 Naera Craike	R16 Tyler Milich
R17 Chantelle Tamati	R18 Darren Yu
R19 James Groves	R20 Abdul Khalaf
R21 Charm Harvey	

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

The junior school had a wonderful morning sharing the folk dances they had learnt with their parents.

I like to dance all day. I danced in and out the windows. I danced with Candy. I skipped little steps because I might fall over. We did the window dance.

Madison Denton

We went outside to do folk dancing. I was skipping little skips. We went in and out the windows. The children made the windows because they put their hands up.

Manaia Governor

ROOM 3

We have started the term with a very exciting train ride to the Homai guide dog school. We learnt lots of interesting facts about how a guide dog is specially trained to look after the blind people.

We just can't wait for two more weeks when we are going to learn more about the police dogs and customs dogs that are going to visit our school.

ROOM 5

Everyone had a wonderful holiday and has returned with big smiles ready for a great term. This week we went to the Guide Dog

Centre because we are learning about animals which are trained to help human beings. For our skip off day we taught each other some interesting ways to skip. It's going to be a busy term.

ROOM 7

We all had a lovely holiday but are happy to be back at school. We are learning all about dogs with jobs!! Lots of different dogs help people in different ways like guide dogs, police dogs, hearing dogs, customs' dogs and MAF dogs. Even Kero, Miss Baker's dog, has a job helping the SPCA raise money and teach people! We are going to visit the guide dog puppies next week and learn all about how they are trained.

ROOM 9

We had a fantastic, wonderful, fabulous time in the holidays.

Fatimah shared, "I was excited because I went in a plane. It was my cousin's wedding. She was like a princess."

Jinling said, "I went to McDonald's and I had some pickles and a burger. I went with my family to the pet shop. I was excited because I like McDonald's."

Immanuel told us that he went to his brother's home and jumped on the trampoline. We giggled when he said he felt like a kangaroo!

ROOM 11

What floats and sinks? This is our topic for the next two weeks. We have been doing experiments in class testing out different items to see whether they sink or float on water. In our groups we tested plastic bottles and containers, wooden blocks, counters, domino blocks, paper and even leaves and twigs. It was fun predicting first before carrying out the test. So what makes things float? Why do things sink? We will work hard to try and find the answers to these questions over the next two weeks.

Jasmin and Christine

ROOM 13

Do you like butterflies? Do you like art? Then if you do Room 13 is the perfect place for you. We have been busy working on our butterfly art. First we took photos around the school of different patterns and plants.

We went to the ICT room and selected six photos and created a background of photos in Microsoft Publisher. Then on black paper we drew our lovely butterflies with patterned wings. We printed off our backgrounds and glued our butterflies onto them. Then our pieces of artwork were completed and now they are displayed on our back wall. *Jayden Carberry*

ROOM 15

We are enjoying finding out about how electrical circuits make things like torches, toys and light bulbs go. We can make a simple circuit using only a battery, some wires and a light bulb or a buzzer. We are learning about which things conduct electricity (conductors) and which things don't (insulators). We are also learning what causes static electricity. Did you know that if you rub your hair with a balloon, it will stand up?

ROOM 17

Athletics, electronics, New Zealand history, swimming, calendar art and the middle school production. These are just a few of the things we are getting excited about this term. Last term we learnt all about what causes day and night and now we are looking forward to our first unit study on cells and circuits and some 'hands-on' learning.

We have begun writing character descriptions on our classmates, describing their physical characteristics and personalities.

ROOM 19

Instead of writing diaries about our holidays we made our holiday experiences into little plays. We've had fun performing them!

We are looking forward to going on our trip to Howick Village because we are studying early New Zealand history. We will learn what a classroom was like in the 1800s. We are going to dress up in old-fashioned clothes too. *Salem McKay*

ROOM 21

To end last term and start this term we wrote seasons' poems using our senses. We have just finished publishing them

ready for our files of work. Here is one of them.

Winter is ...

Seeing lightning flash down as fast as a jet plane.

The smell of a hot chocolate being made in the kitchen.

Feeling the warm fluffy blankets coming up to my chin.

The taste of hot soup running down my chin.

And the sound of thunderstorms as loud as a double decker bus that had just crashed.

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OUR FARM TRIP

Clevedon Animal Farm was good. I liked riding the donkeys. I liked riding a horse and the pony too. I put food on the ground for the rooster. He was big! The goat made my hand wet when he ate the food. I was tired! *Daeun*

The best, best part was to ride on the donkey and the horse. I liked that because they were going slowly so we didn't fall off. I felt special because I wanted her to be my pony. *Ninveh*

The sheep ran away. I fed the goats. It was ticklish for me. I rode the donkey. It was wobbly. *Garry*

I rode a donkey. It was fun because it went around the playground. It was a big donkey. It had long ears. *Tau*

The dog ate our food and she climbed up the ladder. She was doing tricks. She was clever. *Simon*

Community Notices

Manurewa Leisure Centre

Oscar vacancies available at \$65 per week. Afternoon tea and supervised activities provided. WINZ subsidies available. Please phone 267 4646 for more details.

Weymouth Intermediate School Enrolment Zone.

Enrolment at Weymouth Intermediate is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available at the school office.

Applications for out of zone places are possible. These must be received by the school by 1 December 2008. If interested please contact the school phone 266 7455. Chris Cooper, Principal