

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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4 June 2010 Name.....

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

Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Trustees' parent members Jane Beattie, Ross Burr, Chris Ward and Reuben Wharawhara.

A special welcome to Ross who is newly elected to the Board, however, Ross has been a long standing supporter of our school in a number of other ways.

It is also pleasing that our community has acknowledged the work of our three sitting Board members Jane, Chris and Reuben. All three were re-elected as parent representatives for another three years which I believe acknowledges the regard parents have for their work in the past.

It is important that I thank our two unsuccessful candidates for putting their names forward and ensuring our parents and caregivers had a choice. Your support is also appreciated.

The first meeting of the new Board will be held on Friday, 18 June at 5pm. These are public meetings and members of our community are welcome to attend.

## STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers are currently finalising individual reports for children to bring home.

This year there are three separate report forms. Students who are unable to be fully assessed (e.g. have been at school for less than twelve months and/or have limited English) will receive written comments only. Students in Year 2 will have achievement levels in reading, writing and maths. Students in Years 3 to 6 will have achievement levels reported in all

curriculum areas.

Achievement levels show how your child compares with others of the same year group and also take into account the requirements of the new national standards as set out by the Government.

Reports will also comment on progress made. Progress is different from achievement in that all children make progress even though most will remain within the average achievement band. Our major task at school is to work with parents to have each child make the most progress they possibly can each year.

As usual we will offer the opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with teachers and discuss the contents of the reports. I urge you to take advantage of this. The date set for parent interviews is Thursday, 1 July between 3.30pm and 8pm.

As mentioned in the last newsletter the reporting format will be evaluated before the end of the year and changes made as necessary.

## GRASSHOPPERS' TENNIS

Over recent weeks students in Years 3 to 6 have been working on tennis skills as part of their physical education programme.

The culmination of these lessons was a Saturday tennis tournament for Years 5 and 6 students. The standard of tennis was only matched by the fantastic afternoon weather. A special thank you to organiser Steven Brindle, from Kevin Burgess Tennis Coaching and to the many parent supporters present.

Well done to all players and special congratulations to the following:

- Section A: Winner Mitchell Bull  
Runner up Nathan Ward
- Section B: Winner Shivnil Lal  
Runner up Kanupriya Lalia
- Section C: Winner Joshua Killian  
Runner up Josiah Ru

Our thanks to the 4 Winds Foundation for sponsoring this programme and for donating \$1200 worth of sports equipment to our school.

Thank you.  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNE

- 7 Queen's Birthday. School closed
- 15 "Kids for Kids" choir performance
- 18 Student reports home
- 18 Board of Trustees' meeting 5pm
- 25 Student 'Files of Work' home (Yrs 3-6)
- 25 Next newsletter

### JULY

- 1 Parent interviews afternoon and evening
- 2 Term 2 ends at 3'oclock for two weeks.

Term 3 begins on Monday, 19 July.

## Welcome

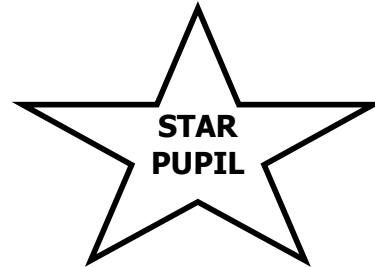
To pupils who have joined us recently  
Sanuj Sharma, Fabian Solomon, Jason Chen, Gagandeep Singh, Karandeep Singh, Dylan Neil, Paige Neil, Siobhan Paku, Ramin Zaya.

## Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

- 4 Dolsavanh Breach
- 4 Hannah McCarthy
- 6 Pidgeon Kapea
- 6 Dilraj Maan
- 7 Tori Harris
- 8 Kevin Zeng
- 4 Jonathan Cook
- 5 Faleola To'a
- 6 Kanwar Lubana
- 7 Willie Dong
- 7 Shundil Prasad
- 9 Levi Alexander

- 9 Caleb Barnes
- 10 N'Kastro Mortensen
- 11 Austin Graham-Fremlin
- 12 Zaya Zaya
- 13 Komaljit Kaur
- 15 Sonatane Kaufusi
- 15 Keziah Vete
- 16 Rebecca King
- 17 Bhavandeep Kaur
- 17 Monisha Narayan
- 17 Precious Te Whata
- 19 Lafina-Eve Leslie-Nua
- 20 Jasmit Gosal
- 20 Isabella Van Stipriaan
- 23 Chelsea Tang
- 24 Paige Neil
- 25 Logan Cook
- 25 Elijah Friend
- 25 Aaron Lew
- 25 Aimee Lew
- 25 Anna Tran
- 25 Peter Willis



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

- R1 Fusi Vaioleti
- R2 Jacob Honey
- R3 Jasmin Holden Whiu
- R4 Ormy Kolazar
- R5 David Anderson
- R6 Jasmit Gosal
- R7 Sofia-Moana Taelangi
- R8 Chetna Singh
- R9 Tomilea Bourke
- R10 Kanupriya Lalia
- R11 Chantelle Tamati
- R12 Samantha Oh
- R13 Maelesa Chester
- R14 Shubhashri Waalke
- R15 Darius Te Wharau
- R16 Rocky Manu Saute
- R17 Leonie Renata-Green
- R18 Preeti Mala
- R19 Aaron Lew
- R20 Kerina Tiai
- R21 Joshua Anderson
- R23 Laura Foy

## ROOM NEWS

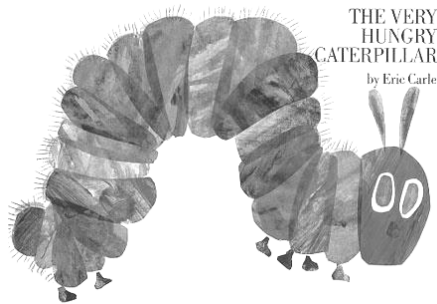
### ROOM 2

We have been learning about the author Joy Cowley. We visited the Manurewa Library and listened to her story "The Cowshed Christmas". Our teacher has been reading Greedy Cat books to us. We are authors too because we have been writing our own stories. Here are some of them.

Greedy Cat likes to eat cake and sticky buns. He has fluff on his body. *Jason*  
Greedy Cat is naughty. He takes all the food. He has a big stomach. *Silvana*  
Greedy Cat eats sausages. His friend is Katie. He likes to play with boxes. *Jacob*

#### ROOM 4

Last week was art week at school. We studied the artist Eric Carle. He wrote "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and many other books. He creates wonderful printed papers that he uses to illustrate his stories. We each created a pukeko using his collage techniques. They look fantastic. Please come in and have a look.



#### ROOM 6

Last week was art week. We worked with clay. For many of us it was the first time we had ever used clay. On Monday we found out how to make a pinch pot and how to join two pieces of clay together. It was a practice day. On Tuesday, we made little birds with sticky white clay and on Wednesday we made chunky-stalked flowers with brown clay. On Thursday we painted our birds with underglaze. They are so cute! On Friday we went on an art walk to see the amazing art in other classrooms. Art week was such fun.

#### ROOM 8

Last week, along with the rest of the school, Room 8 got very creative. We looked at different ways to represent trees. We made lollipop trees with papier mâché, we drew stylised trees that look really fancy and we also made a print of the big oak tree outside our junior school playground. It was lots of work but we loved it!

Not only have we been doing visual arts but also lots of folk dancing. We really enjoy the challenge of Follow the Leader and the silliness of our made up Dragon Dance.

#### ROOM 10

All over the school there have been beaks chirping, blooms blossoming, branches swinging and bugs crawling. In Room 10 we used an umbrella as our canvas to

create our own 4 seasons for theme week. We did this by covering the top of the umbrella with 2 layers of papier mâché. The next morning when we came into class it was all on the floor while the umbrellas were still hanging on the roof bars! We glued with PVA and moved on to collage work.

For winter branches we had a grey newspaper background with cut out shapes of trees with lots of branches. We had 2 trees, one black and one brown. For autumn bugs we used reds, golds and browns for an autumn background with a marbled green leaf glued on for our colourful bugs and beetles to crawl over.

For summer blooms we did a photomontage with lots and lots of colourful flowers and garden pictures. Spring beaks were a background of blue skies, green fields and brown ground. Using a stencil of a NZ bird we cut out colours to collage it and glued it on to our spring day.

Come into Room 10 and have a look at our awesome umbrellas. *Matthew Foy*



#### ROOM 12

Our birds might not waddle or fly but they are certainly funny. Last week we spent hours tearing paper, gluing and scrunching. Can you guess why? We have been making papier mâché birds as part of the schoolwide arts' week. We did not get them finished as they would not dry out and when we cut them to attach our pieces they looked a bit sad. But all is not lost! The birds are just going to look a bit different from what we thought. If you want to know what we have done then you will have to come and see. *Lovejyot Mahay*

#### ROOM 14

Lately we have been doing projects about our favourite New Zealand. First we did some research on the computer. Next we got given a big piece of paper to do our project on. Heaps of us found out a lot of

facts and some were very interesting ones. A lot of us chose Sir Edmund Hillary or other heroes. At the end they were all great and looked colourful.

### ROOM 16

Kia ora! Art week was very exciting for Room 16. We did an enchanted forest based on the artist Dean Buchanan. It was tricky to match the art together but on the wall it looks FABULOUS! Come and see our artwork. We all worked exceptionally hard on it.

In Room 16 we all love New Zealand so we wrote about our 'Special Place in New Zealand.' Not all people chose places in Auckland. A couple of people chose Christchurch for their special place.

Do you have a favourite book? We have also written book reports on our favourite book. Why don't you read them to find out interesting information on books you would love to read? *Jaydah Croft*

### ROOM 18

Do you have a penpal? All the children in Room 18 do. We have been sending letters to our new friends in Room 8 at Bayfield School in Herne Bay. It is so exciting when we receive our mail.

We have been doing a lot of poetry in our class. Mrs O'Connor read her favourite poem "The Daffodils" by William Wordsworth to us. We all made our own daffodils and they look fabulous on our classroom wall. *Preeti and Apoiniva*

### ROOM 20

During art week we learnt how to draw beetles. Do you know that beetles are insects? Like all insects they have a head, thorax, abdomen, six legs and two feelers. We had to look at pictures of beetles and practise sketching a few before we created our own. We used a shading pencil to draw them. We had to have areas that were dark, medium, light and patterned. We were pleased with our creations.



### ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

On Wednesday, Mr and Mrs Tele came to our school to plant the tree that they had donated when Mrs Tele left our school earlier this year.

Last year we had to have a tree removed because it presented a danger to us. The tree was very special to us all and was an icon in our school because of the time it had been here at Manurewa Central. It had been planted by an ex-pupil many, many years ago.

Arbor Day is a day in the New Zealand calendar when we plant trees and care about looking after them.

We thank the Tele family for replacing our special tree. It will be greatly appreciated in the autumn when our children can watch brightly coloured leaves flutter down from our tulip tree. Manurewa Central is grateful for such a kind donation. *School Councillors*

## **Community Notices**

### Wesley College Open Day

A hostel open day will be held on 19 June from 9.30 to 1pm at Wesley College, Paerata. All interested families and their students are most welcome.

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### Manurewa Association Football Club - 2010 School Holiday Coaching Programme.

**OPEN TO ALL Aged 8 – 12yrs**

**Where:** War Memorial Park – Gibbs Rd

**When:** Tuesday 6 to Thursday 8 July

**Times:** Tues – 8.30 to 3.00pm, Wed – 8.30 to 5.00pm, Thurs – 8.30 to 3.00pm

**Cost:** \$55.00 per child for the three days.

**Includes:** Coaching, facilities and equipment.

Full coaching programme available including goal keepers. For further information and registration contact Duncan White

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