

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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3 September 2010 Name.....

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

A very special thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's General Knowledge-a-thon. The total raised reached an amazing \$12,900.00.

This is a fantastic result and everyone is appreciative of the wonderful support our families have shown once again.

Our Board of Trustees Chairperson, Mr Chris Ward, joins me in saying a personal thank you to everyone for your donation. Our locally raised funds are used to improve equipment and resources particularly in the arts and physical education. Everyone who was fortunate to view our recent exhibition of student art will appreciate the high quality work that is possible by our skilled teachers coupled with your support. Thank you very much indeed.

ICAS RESULTS

More results have been received for these international assessments (ICAS) run by the University of New South Wales. Well done to everyone who sat the spelling test with special congratulations to the following students.

High Distinction (Top 1% of NZ Students)

Year 5 Yogita Sharma

Distinction (Top 10% of NZ Students)

Year 5 Lauryn Conlogue, Sonatane Kaufusi, Monisha Narayan.

Year 6 Abdul Khalaf, Navshina Moeen, Shubhashri Waalke.

Credit (Top 30% of NZ Students)

Year 5 Angeline Ball, Tyler Bowden, Hanson Chong, Mathew Edds, Deken Gillard, Keenan Motuliki.

Year 6 Alexis Kaing, Vishay Prasad, Jasmeet Singh.

CONGRATULATIONS

More success by our ex-pupils who continue to do very well at their new schools. Well done to:

Ella Beattie who won the Year 7 speech competition at Greenmeadows Intermediate School and May Beattie from Waikato Diocesan School who won a first prize in the Waikato Regional Science and Technology Fair.

2011 ENROLMENTS

Manurewa Central School has an enrolment scheme that has been put in place by the Ministry of Education in order to reduce overcrowding in classrooms.

The enrolment scheme is administered by the Board of Trustees according to strict Government regulations. Part of this process involves a ballot for places when there is a shortage of space for those wishing to enrol, as there is at our school.

The Ministry of Education has set the first ballot day for 2011 on 20 October 2010.

The application closing date for this ballot is Friday, 15 October 2010.

Children who are currently enrolled do not have to reapply. However, younger brothers and sisters of current students who live out of zone and who have not yet enrolled must make application.

If this applies to your family please call at the school office and complete a form as soon as possible. This is very important as younger siblings who are not in the ballot process are unlikely to be able to enrol when they turn five. The Ministry of Education is very strict on this matter.

Once your four year old sibling is in the ballot he/she will have priority placement.

Thank you.
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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

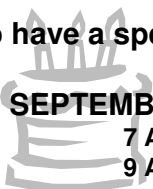
15 Greenmeadows Intermediate School information evening for parents of children attending next year
20 National Costume Day – Junior School
20 Board of Trustees' meeting
21 National Costume Day – Middle School
22 National Costume Day – Senior School
24 Next newsletter
24 School closes for holiday break at 3 o'clock.
Term 4 begins on Monday, 11 October and closes on Thursday, 16 December.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently
Willow Motuliki, Liam Manu, Luke Brooks, CJ Silab, Evan Ihaka, Zenith Taka, Anishna Chand.

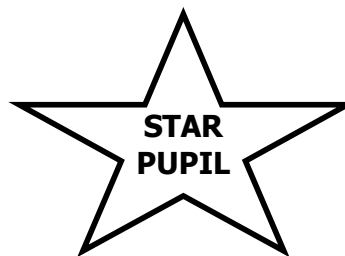
Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.



SEPTEMBER

3 Clayton Kea	7 Ashleigh Montgomery
8 Nigel Spyve	9 Adam Baker
9 Dante Ihaka	10 Matthew Foy
10 Zane Walker Prujean	11 Tanveer Bhatti
12 Gracie Bruce	12 Hosea Vaisagote
13 Robin Dhaliwal	13 Amanda Johnson
13 Sharon Luteru	13 Kirstie Scotson
14 Rohan Chand	14 Nikhil Kumar
15 Helen Asiata	15 Charlize Nicholson
16 Melissa Cadman	16 Bradley Wingfield
16 Brooke Dalton-Shine	16 Trizon Uatisone
17 Jasmine Rota-Leggan	18 Daniel Tovia
19 Blake Allen	20 Kahn Collins
20 Jak Richards	21 Renee Alexander
22 Divya Prasad	23 Skye Collins
23 Sinead Miller	



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

R1 Slade McKay	R2 Levi Gwynne
R3 Ansh Raj	R4 Zane Walker-Prujean
R5 Kasanita Langi	R6 Chelsea Tang
R7 Jorja Malesala	R8 Kevan Lew
R9 Elijah Friend	R10 Suliasi Ikavuka
R11 Ben Paku	R12 Mitchell Bull
R13 Bridget Ong	R14 Reece Parker
R15 Henry Vu	R16 Navneet Dhaliwal
R17 Manveen Kaur	R18 Hosea Vaisagote
R19 May Dong	R20 Levi Bowden
R21 Isabella Van Stipriaan	
R23 Pounamu Henare	R24 Zivana Hafoka

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 2

We loved watching Peter in the auditorium. He is a skipping world champion and he showed us some amazing tricks. I liked the part when Peter jumped really fast and skipped. Our brains popped out because it was so exciting. *Aidan Hunt*

ROOM 4

Today we watched Peter do Jump Rope. He was fabulous, cool, clever and a world champion. He told us to practise and work hard. He did tricks with the skipping rope. He used a unicycle and glow handles. Josiah had a turn at double dutch.

ROOM 6

The last few weeks have been really exciting. The police helicopter, Eagle visited us, the Year 2 children went to the ASB stadium for a folk dance festival, we have had a fifteenth birthday celebration for Duffy and on Tuesday a world champion Jump Rope for Heart skipping performer amazed us with his skipping and unicycle skills. School is such fun!

ROOM 8

We have had an amazing visitor come to our school. Peter Nestler from the USA is a 7 times world champion in skipping. Room 8 got blown away by what Peter could do with a skipping rope. Georgia said that she couldn't believe what she was seeing. She was so excited she thought she was going to explode! Nathan said he couldn't believe his eye! We found him so inspirational and are all geared up to try out his tricks during morning tea and lunch times.

ROOM 10

Do you know how many different ways there are to communicate? We discovered the answer to that last week. Invisible ink is a great way to secretly write messages to your friends. To do this you can use different things such as water, vinegar, milk/salt, lemon juice, grapefruit juice and baking soda. We dipped cotton buds into our different liquids and wrote a message on paper. When it was dry we used an iron to reveal our message. *Joshua Bennett*

ROOM 12

Last week the senior school held a special event involving communication. This meant we went to different classes to learn about alternative ways to communicate with other people. This included Egyptian writing and making up our own secret codes. We looked at Morse code as well. The secret messages involved us using lemon and grapefruit juices, white vinegar and baking soda. *Eucharist Ieremia*

ROOM 14

The science rotation we had recently was awesome! In Room 15 we did paper cup phones. In Room 10 we learnt about sign language and the Braille alphabet. In Room 11 we did time capsules. In Room 12 we made our own code with little wheels. In Room 13 we learnt how to make invisible ink with different liquids.

Abdulrahman Khalaf

ROOM 16

Kia ora. Did you check out Manurewa Central's fabulous art in the art exhibition last week? All of us tried so hard to make our art look beautiful and it did!

Have you ever wanted to be famous or a good skipper? Well a seven time world champion skipper came to school on Tuesday. His name is Peter Nestler. When Peter first started skipping he wasn't very good but when he started practising he got better and better. Soon his school won seven championships. So his motto is 'PRACTISE HARD'.

Jaydah Croft

ROOM 18

We have been doing fish art. Mrs O'Connor showed us how to do different kinds of fish. We've been learning about water. We drew raindrops and put in words to describe how water can be used. In our communication week we wrote our names in Morse code.

Fifita Langi and Corilee Boylan-Small

ROOM 20

Hello everyone. We have had a world champion skipper visit our school. He performed several skipping steps. He even skipped on his bottom, lying down and with a unicycle. He was also able to manoeuvre ropes with lights on them, in all sorts of ways, to create beautiful patterns. It was spectacular to watch.

He told us he wasn't a natural skipper but because he was so determined to succeed and he practised daily he became a champion. We can all be champions at something if we do the same.

ROOM 24

We are enjoying our nice new classroom. We have been practising counting to 100. Some children can count quickly and accurately up to 100 in just over 1 minute! Our champion counter at the moment is Amrit.

STORYLINES' FESTIVAL TRIP

Last Sunday a lucky group of booklovers went to the huge Storylines' Festival at Aotea Centre. There were books everywhere and it was covered with children! We even hugged a giant buzzy bee. The people from MOTAT had an old printer so we made bookmarks. Because there were so many famous authors and illustrators there we decided to collect their autographs. We got FIFTEEN from people like Tessa Duder, Melinda Syzmanik, Gavin

Bishop, Maria Gill and Jill Marshall. We made books, badges and bags. There were clever face painters and there were singers too, like the Wonky Donkey Man. It was a fantastic day. Thank you Mrs Brown and Miss Brodien for organising this for us.
Camella Son Room 13, Roseanne Son, Samantha Oh Room 12.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Pasifika Mural

Our graduate teachers from the University of Auckland have created an amazing Pasifika mural for our school as a koha for their year at Manurewa Central. It has seven different Pacific Island greetings from the different Pacific ethnicities within our school. They are Fiji, Samoa, Niue, Tonga, Cook Island, Nauru and Kiribati. We as a school are grateful for this wonderful mural and hope that the children and families from these islands are pleased to see their country featuring as a school playground mural.

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Have you checked out our school website lately? Go online and find out all about our wonderful school. The website shows the viewers from around the world who are looking at our school. We trust that some of these viewers are our families from the other side of the world. The website is maintained by our fantastic and skilled Mrs France who is our ICT specialist and technician. She keeps the site regularly updated always putting a lot of effort into making us all look good. Thank you Mrs France.

So why don't you sit down with your family and see Manurewa Central School in action? Bookmark www.mancent.school.nz and see what we have to offer.

Digital Signage

There's an exciting new development in our school foyer funded by our school councillors. Digital signage has come to our school to tell a story about us all. On the screen you will soon see our pupils working in a range of different settings. There will be key messages for upcoming events, photos of us at work and a

showcase of everything in our school that we are proud of. In time this will become a responsibility for a group of senior pupils. The school councillors are proud to have been associated with this project.

Visit By His Worship The Mayor Of Manukau

On Wednesday the Mayor of Manukau City visited our school as part of the "Principal for a Day" scheme. Mr Len Brown spent time in classrooms, attended meetings including the school councillors' meeting, played hockey with us on the turf and had a tour of our school.

At our council meeting he shared leadership tips with us and reminisced about his school days and then we spoke about our role as councillors.

Mr Brown commended us on being one of the cleanest schools he's seen and how that shows our respect for our school.

His leadership tips for us were . . .

- Have a vision ("Without a vision people will perish.")
- Have passion for what you want to achieve.
- Don't be upset about failure. Learn from your mistakes.
- Believe in yourself.
- Be a good listener.
- Be prepared to fail but don't fail to prepare.

It was a great privilege to have our mayor in our school as our principal for the day. We wonder if Mr Thew gets to be "Mayor for a Day?"

Community Notices

KUMON EDUCATION CENTRE

33 Station Road (Upstairs), Manurewa.
Now open. Call Jessica 267 6906 or 022 4566016. Ring for obligation free diagnostic testing.

JELLICOE PARK TENNIS CLUB is taking junior enrolments on September 3 and 10, from 4.30pm to 6pm at the clubrooms, Marr Road, Manurewa. Phone Noreen 266 7399.