

# MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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14 December 2007 Name.....

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

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have completed most of our end of year events. Thank you to the many people who were able to support our first two end of year assemblies.

On your behalf I thank school staff for organising these special occasions. Our children reach a high standard of achievement and discipline and certainly do us all proud. We have two more senior school functions next week.

## Year Six Graduation

This is for families of Year 6 students leaving us this year and is held on Tuesday, 18 December at 6pm.

## Senior Prize Giving Assembly

Family members of senior school pupils (Years 5 and 6) are invited to this event on Thursday, 20 December at 9.30am.

We ask that visitors be seated by 9.30am. Please remember to bring a cushion. Pre-schoolers are not suited to this function.

## READING MATERIAL

By now all reading material should be back at school. Please help by checking at home for library books, junior readers, school journals etc. Thank you.

## 2007 HEALTH EDUCATION SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who returned this survey form earlier this year. We had an excellent overall return rate of 65%.

The survey was designed to give feedback on the school's health and physical education curricula as required by government regulations.

The questionnaires were colour coded to enable a separate analysis of Maori and non-Maori returns as also required by legislation. However, the results show very little if any, difference between Maori and non-Maori consequently the comments below summarise the overall findings.

Of the six facets of health education the school is required to teach body care and physical safety, food and nutrition and physical activity were the three areas seen as most important. Outdoor education and sports studies were seen as somewhat important. Mental health and sexuality education were seen as least important.

Parents were asked if they were comfortable with the current programme of sexuality education. 95% of parents said yes they were.

Parents were asked about the amount of physical activity in school programmes. Of the people who replied 83% thought the current programme was about right, 14.5% would like more and 2% thought there was too much.

There was also an opportunity for parents to make a general comment about the school's health and physical education programme. 87% made no comment. 3% made a positive comment and 10% made suggestions. The suggestions were varied with no single issue standing out, however, they will all be considered and acted upon if possible.

Overall it is pleasing to know that the vast majority of parents are happy with the current programme taught to our pupils. Thank you again for your excellent response to our survey.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## PREPARING FOR 2008

School opens for 2008 on Thursday, 7 February at 9.00am. Children will assemble in their 2007 classes and be given their new rooms for the year. It would be helpful if children could bring a pencil on the first day.

School donations for 2008 remain at \$40.00 per child (\$10.00 per term). School stationery costs for next year are expected to be about \$30.00 per child including a compulsory paper levy.

While our school does not have a school uniform pupils in Years 3 to 6 are required to have shorts for physical education and sports (shorts stop above the knee).

During the summer months all children are required to wear a hat when outside. The first six weeks of the year involve swimming which is a required part of the physical education curriculum for all year levels. Please ensure children have swimming togs and a towel for this programme.

You can help us greatly (and yourself) by naming children's clothing that is likely to be removed at school – hats, sweatshirts, jackets, shoes etc. Every year I am disappointed at the quantity of lost clothing that we are unable to return to owners. Names on clothing would help this greatly.

## FINAL NEWSLETTER

May I finish the year by thanking you all for the support we have received during 2007. We have had another successful year and I acknowledge the efforts of our staff and the support of our Board of Trustees.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to working with you in 2008.

Thank you.  
L Thew  
Principal



## *DECEMBER*

- 18 Junior school teddy bears' picnic
- 18 Year Six Graduation 6pm
- 20 Senior school prizegiving 9.30am
- 20 School closes at 3 o'clock
- 21 School office closes at noon.

## *JANUARY*

- 21 School Dental Clinic opens. Parents are welcome to enrol pre-school children from this time.

## *FEBRUARY*

- 4 School office opens
- 6 Waitangi Day
- 7 First day of school

## TERM DATES FOR 2007

### Term 1

Thursday 7 February – Friday 18 April

### Term 2

Monday 5 May – Friday 4 July

### Term 3

Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September

### Term 4

Monday 13 October – Friday 19 December

## Happy Birthday

*To people who have a special day about now*

## *DECEMBER*

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| 15 Dominique Doolan  | 15 Samantha France  |
| 15 Zane Raana        | 15 Leli Tuiaki      |
| 16 Callum Douglas    | 16 Caleb Enoka      |
| 18 Jennifer Taufua   | 20 Samuel Adlington |
| 20 Salem McKay       | 20 Valerie Wong     |
| 20 Vinal Prasad      | 22 Charm Harvey     |
| 22 Jordon Maynard    | 23 Serena Shu       |
| 24 Jessie Chen       | 25 Jane Ah-Hi       |
| 27 Courtney Ngaau    | 27 Pele Wharawhara  |
| 28 Izaak Tele        | 28 Rahiri Maihi     |
| 29 Navshina Moeen    | 29 Madison Sturt    |
| 29 Jinling Zhang     | 30 Chloe Edds       |
| 30 Dayna-Lea Johnson | 31 Teigan Clark     |
| 31 George Marwan     |                     |

## *JANUARY*

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| 1 Mohammad Alshenawa | 1 Param Saini   |
| 1 Austin Stephens    | 2 Michael McRae |

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| 2 New Kasem                | 3 Maile Guttenbeil  |
| 5 Stephanie Montgomery     |                     |
| 6 Luke Stainthorpe         | 6 Bhavina Singh     |
| 6 Vanessa Chong            | 6 William Lay       |
| 6 Rahul Prasad             | 7 Aaron Bradley     |
| 7 Rocky Manu Saute         | 8 Aayah Al Bayati   |
| 9 Prateek Shahi            | 9 John Chen         |
| 10 Jewel Harvey            | 10 Samantha Brooks  |
| 10 Madison Harvey          | 13 Peter Toalima    |
| 15 Leonie Te Whiu          | 17 Mathew Edds      |
| 17 Nicholas Willis         | 17 Kayne Ross       |
| 19 Henry Vu                | 19 Preeti Aryal     |
| 20 Jordan Coneybeer        |                     |
| 22 Cherie Mallinson-Rimaha |                     |
| 23 Jack McNeill            | 23 Kirsty Bolton    |
| 23 Darren Toluta'u         | 24 Savana Browne    |
| 25 Monique Gapes           | 25 Trivaan Omullane |
| 26 De Vonte Manuel         | 30 Krystal Wiki     |
| 30 Montana Henare          | 30 Kritesh Kumar    |
| 30 Jasmin Singh            | 31 Briar Payne      |

work with Miss Lindsay and the rest of the team. I have learnt a lot from the other councillors and especially Miss Lindsay. Thank you Miss Lindsay for sharing your great leadership skills with all of us.

I was really proud to represent the school at the Anzac Day Parade. Liam and I got to carry the wreath and lay it at the cenotaph. That was a very special morning for all of us.

While I have been at this school I have participated in lots of different lunchtime activities. I loved dressing up for Tupulaga, learning lots of new songs in choir and having Miss Fordyce teach me cool dance moves. Thank you to all the teachers who spent their lunch times with us.

Over the years I have made many friends and had some amazing teachers. I will never forget my memories of Manurewa Central School.

*Jessica Maitland*

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From my first day in Room 1 to this very day I have made many friends and had great teachers. I have learnt to make the most of the wonderful opportunities that this school provides.

Going to Chosen Valley Camp has been great. We are so lucky to go on camp because we get to learn about ourselves, our friends and also our teachers. It's the best three days ever of the school year.

I'll always remember Mr Thew standing at the big gates making sure we cross the road safely at 3.00pm and Miss Lindsay walking about during lunchtimes, taking an interest in what's going on. This shows me how much the people at this school value their students and how much they care about us.

I will miss Manurewa Central School because it has so many dedicated people. Thank you for the great memories I have of my time here and for shaping me into a tall and confident 11 year old young man.

*Brandon Young*

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ...**

The Manurewa Central hockey team who capped off a great season by winning the Auckland Hockey Junior Summer Competition. Unbeaten in pool play, they then won the final 4-0. They epitomised the TEAM acronym – Together Everyone Achieves More – by always playing a great team game. All players showed a huge improvement in skill level and game strategy.

Thanks to Mr Ward and Mr Webb for their organisation and encouragement each week. The team certainly did everyone proud with both their excellent play and sportsmanship.

## **YEAR SIX VALEDICTIONS**

As I leave this school with tears in my eyes I will know that I have always tried my best, made lots of new friends and achieved many goals.

This year I was announced as a school councillor. It has been a great privilege to

As I exit the front gates I know I will always remember the teachers who helped me with the learning and knowledge I have gained over the last six years. When I was named councillor I was excited at the honour this brought to me. I found out that there are a lot of responsibilities that come with the role. Miss Lindsay has been an excellent role model for me in this job.

I've done so many things this year. I went to camp, did the ICAS tests, participated in choir, Tupulaga, attended the Young Leaders' Day and got into many sports teams. I really enjoyed my time and I will now move on but I'll never forget. Manurewa Central is an AWESOME school.

*Daniel Ward*

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My senior years at Manurewa Central have been an important time for me as I have taken on more challenges and responsibilities than I thought I ever would.

The school musical production was the highlight of Year 5 as it was an amazing feeling speaking and singing in front of all our parents and family. Such experiences have helped my public speaking so much that I have become so much more confident in myself.

My final year at school has been the ultimate as being chosen to be a councillor is such an honour. I have learnt so much this year, taken on more responsibilities and have achieved my goals that I set for myself. I want to thank Mr Thew and Miss Lindsay and all the teachers for helping me to become the best I can be.

Now my time at Manurewa Central is coming to an end. "One door closes and another one opens." *Michalla Thompson*

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For me, there have been a lot of memories here at Manurewa Central School. My time in the senior school has been incredible.

I loved going to Chosen Valley Camp and learning about table manners, compass work and many, many more things. I remember when I was called up at the beginning of the year to receive my badge

as a house captain. That is one of the memories I will never forget along with when I marched on ANZAC Day.

To Miss Fordyce and Mr Hunt, my teachers, you have been my role models and you have helped me learn. I have been on many exciting adventures and experienced many new things. Manurewa Central School will always be one of my best memories as this place has been like a home to me for the past six years. *Tayla-Anne Pritchard*

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When I look back over my years at Manurewa Central School the last two years in the senior school have been the greatest. Over the years I have learnt lots of new things and I've had great fun as well.

In the senior school there are loads of different experiences and challenges that help you to grow as a person. In Year 5 I considered myself very lucky because I was selected for the lead role in the production of Cinderella. We performed on 3 nights and although it was a lot of hard work it was also a very rewarding experience.

The teachers I would like to acknowledge are Miss Fordyce and Mrs McHaffie-Green who have helped me succeed and have made a big difference in my life. They trusted me to do things and encouraged me to continue being creative.

As well as all the fun we have had to work hard in all our subjects and of course our homework. The teachers have really set us all up well for intermediate. Mr Thew and Miss Lindsay were always there to help us and their leadership helps make this the best school. So after 6 years

You taught me well  
You gave me strength  
I'll not forget you . . .

*Maile Koloto*

