

MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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15 February 2008 Name.....

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

Welcome to a new school year. A special welcome to our new pupils, parents and caregivers. I trust your association with Manurewa Central School will be both rewarding and enjoyable.

My first notice to parents last week informed everyone of the tragic loss of our Board of Trustees' Chairperson, Mrs Christine Bird early in the Christmas holidays. Those of us who knew Christine are having to come to terms with her loss and I appreciate this is not easy for many of us.

However, as must happen, our school has begun the year very smoothly. New enrolments this year total 44 and these pupils have settled in well. Class programmes are underway and I thank all staff for their preparation prior to school opening.

I am pleased to welcome a new teacher Ms Rowena Ihaka (Room 9) to our staff. I know you will join me in wishing her well at our school.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parents are invited to meet teachers, share information about children and hear about special events (see dates below).

Parent enquiries about their children and school procedures are of course welcome at other times. If you have a matter to discuss please contact your child's teacher. If you wish you can make an appointment to see the appropriate team leader. These teachers are Miss Janice Lindsay (Years 5 and 6), Mrs Ann Sowden (Years 3 and 4) and Mrs Joanne Schroeder (Years 1 and 2). We welcome your enquiries.

SCHOOL FUNDS

Each year I summarise major items of expenditure from our school budget to give parents an idea of how school money is spent. Examples from our 2008 budget include:

The Arts	\$4,800
Reading materials (including text books)	\$10,000
Library books	\$4,000
Maths equipment	\$3,000
Sports equipment	\$3,000
Computer technology	\$53,000
School grounds	\$11,300

The school is only able to commit such a high level of expenditure on learning materials because of the support we receive with local fundraising. This includes:

General Knowledge-a-thon	\$10,000
School donations	\$11,000
Other fundraising	\$ 5,000

The Board of Trustees has maintained the parent donation at \$40 per child per year (\$10 per term if you wish). My thanks to those who have already paid.

It is important to stress that the \$40 donation is voluntary unlike stationery costs and the paper fee. However, this money is appreciated as it allows us to enhance the excellent facilities available to your child/children. Over the years this school has established classroom and playground facilities that are second to none. I am also confident that you will see this continue through 2008.

SCHOOL SECURITY

Most parents will be aware that in the interests of pupil safety our school gates are locked between 9.15am and 2.50pm. Day visitors to the school are asked to sign in at the school office and wear

identification while in the grounds.

SMOKE FREE

Visitors are reminded that NZ law requires school sites to be smokefree at all times including evening meetings and activities.

School camps and student activities such as class trips and sports' events must also be smoke free. Thank you for helping us to comply with this law.

SCHOOL CAMP

Each year our senior school staff runs a very successful outdoor educational activity at Chosen Valley Camp near Ararimu. These camps are valuable learning experiences and are the highlight of the school year for many of our older pupils. As our camp is very early this year I urge you to take advantage of this experience for your child and help us by returning forms quickly to school.

BIBLE IN SCHOOL

This optional programme takes place on Wednesdays from 5 March to the end of November for Years 3 to 6 only. If you do not want your child to take part in this Christian based programme please inform your child's teacher in writing before 5 March.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

School newsletters are a very important part of our home/school communication. They will come home every three weeks usually on a Friday. Newsletters contain important information, dates of school events and student news. I trust you will find them interesting and informative.

Thank you.

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PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

February

18 Parent meeting for camp helpers' only
7pm
18 Board of Trustees' monthly meeting
7pm.

25 Senior school camp week.

March

4 Meet the teacher evening. Years 1 to 4 students 7pm
5 Middle school swimming sports (Years 3 & 4)
5 Bible in school begins
6 Senior school swimming sports (Years 5 & 6)
7 Next newsletter
21-25 Easter break

Term 1 finishes on Friday 18 April.

Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently
Kayla Rahman, Aisha Te Tauri, Nathaniel Fuimaono, Connor Blackburn, Savenca Caba, Reece Parker, Christian Taanuu, Devon Redshaw, Caroline Meha, Robert Pihema, William Do, Max Groves, Isaiah Sola, Brooke Grass, Taumatina Natini, Jeremiah Mene, Alesha Kant, Chloe-Lei Taifela, Zovrenty Uatisone, Tanisha Mika, Jak Richards, Nicholas Cook, Phillip Mano Le-Mamea, Siteri Zoing, Tara Wanoa, Simon Long, Taukifonuatuu Tuipulotu, Shayal Nadan, Andrew Xie, Shannon Foy, Alayna Fa'aati, Christian Mene, Harjot Sodhi, Torina Samuelu, Sankeerthan Satkunanathan, Nicholas Smith, Frances Anderson, Madhav Sharma, Elizabeth Soo Choon, Conor Scott, Divikesh Prasad, Timothy Botuyan, Garry Singh, Shamrita Sharma.

Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.

February

1 Zaine Mani
3 Rapi Ieremia
4 Dylan Maaka
4 Isaiah Sola
6 Zenith Ross
7 Conor Scott
11 Kavish Kumar
14 Maddison Simmonds
15 Anandarup Dasgupta
15 Prarthita Dasgupta
16 Ashlyn Phillips
3 Jennifer Graydon
4 Alanna Burke
4 Ninveh Marwan
5 Lusa Wulf
7 Cassidy Ngaika
10 Jennifer Emery
13 Logan May
17 Anushka Awasthi



17 Nathaniel Fuimaono
 17 Jessica Hogwood
 18 Caroline Hamilton 18 Philip Lay
 19 Ayensha Goundar 20 Olivia Corbett
 21 Dominic Lee 21 Kamahl Murray
 22 Talia Sloane 24 Dakota Faalelea
 24 Jason Phung 26 Amy Blackwell
 27 Jasroop Gill 27 James Groves
 27 Ha Pham 28 Jasmine Lagilikoliko

MARCH

1 David Fa'aati 1 Izzy Pask
 1 Jacob Ward 3 Zane Bodle
 3 Paris Newson 3 Joseph Oti-George
 4 Eric Pedrido 6 Ali Alewi



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

R1 Jeremiah Mene R2 Lenica Ropati
 R4 Corilee Boylan-Small R5 Jack Yarrall
 R6 Anjali Mistry R7 Kirstie Scotson
 R8 Samuel Bates R9 Raven Bourke
 R10 Rose Johnston R11 Sarah Alatimu
 R12 Ashleigh Enoka R13 Monique Gapes
 R14 Matthew Bigeni R15 Bhavina Singh
 R16 Sarah Mead-Flower R17 Wayne Guttenbeil
 R18 Navshina Moeen R19 Zovrenty Uatisone
 R20 Gracie Bruce R21 Victoria Black

ROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

We have visited many parts of the school. We are learning how to use the library and the swimming pool. The water feels really great. Phillip and Aisha can put their heads under the water.

We are really looking forward to visiting Omana Beach next month. In the classroom we have some tadpoles. They are fun to watch and we hope they will soon turn into frogs.

ROOM 5

We've had a great start to the year. Swimming at school is wonderful and cools us down on those hot summer days. We've been reading, writing and illustrating poems about ourselves.

There's no one in this whole wide world, exactly just like me. I am me and you are you. We're special, don't you see?

ROOM 7

Welcome to 2008. We have already been busy doing work! Come and see our brightly coloured t-shirts and fabulous holiday stories. We worked hard on these. Swimming is lots of fun, especially on hot days and our student teacher Miss Hutchinson has even been in the pool too!

ROOM 9

We went swimming at school. We put our heads under the water. It was cold but it was fun. It made our teeth chatter!

ROOM 11

It's the beginning of the new year and it's great to be back with friends and doing lots of exciting work in class.

As part of getting to know each other we had to ask lots of questions to find out what people did in the holidays, what their interests are, family, hobbies and so on. We are also doing our portraits. We use bright and bold colours to colour our pictures in using pastels. Then for our name tags we used a describing word that begins with the first letter of our name. We are enjoying being in room 11 and are looking forward to the rest of the term.
Brilliant Brooke and Jumping Jennifer

ROOM 13

Welcome back to another wonderful year at Manurewa Central. It is all very exciting being in a new class with a new teacher.

We have been doing some amazing art work. We have made some stylish t-shirts. To start off Mrs Brown took our photos. Then we wrote a list of things we like about ourselves. Then we drew our t-shirts on paper and put our word lists on our coloured t-shirts. We drew crayon pictures

and patterns on the shirts and then we dyed them in red, blue, yellow or green. We made our words stand out with black vivid then glued our photos on. They are displayed on our wall in Room 13.

Monique Gapes

ROOM 15

We have been working very hard. We have been making name cards that look bright, bold and beautiful.

On Monday, we started swimming. The water was cold at first and then we got used to it. We had fun making a whirlpool, practising our gliding and showing our teacher our best swimming. We are looking forward to our trip to the Botanical Gardens next Thursday.

ROOM 17

We have had a busy start to 2008 getting to know each other and our new teacher. We are using water colours and dye to put the finishing touches on our self portraits. We have also been writing all about ourselves and interviewing family members.

Swimming has been great in the hot weather and we are working hard on our technique.

ROOM 19

What a great start we have had to the school year. We have been learning about the importance of family. We know that the Maori word for family is whanau.

On Monday we had our first swimming lesson. The pool looked so sparkly. We have been practising our swimming skills at fitness time too. Mrs Sowden has been looking for the best swimmers so they can join her lunchtime swimming group.

We are looking forward to going to the Botanical Gardens next week. It is going to be fun there especially when we look at all the different kinds of plants.

ROOM 21

What a fantastic start to the year! We have been busy already, reading, writing and getting back into work. We are creating placemats for our desks. Miss Fowler

taught us how to draw ourselves as cartoons and then we could colour them and make them big, bright and beautiful. We have written 'Guess Who's' about ourselves and have been discussing why whanau is important. We also interviewed a member of our family to find out lots of interesting facts to help us with our writing. What a busy start to the year!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NOTICE FROM MANUKAU CITY COUNCIL

PARKING SERVICES

Parking officers will no longer be asking parents/guardians to move illegally parked vehicles but will instead issue infringement notices of the offence and will then post tickets out to the owner of the vehicle.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

This is a reminder that Manurewa Central School has a social worker available to assist families. June Edwards may be contacted on 027 563 1091.

PIPPINS AND BROWNIES

Would you like your daughter to enjoy games, crafts, outdoor activities and learn new skills? If so register her for Pippins (5 & 6 years) or Brownies (&-10 years). Contact Christine 267 7203 or Lyn 262 0298.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

Manurewa AFC – Gibbs Road Manurewa

is holding registration for both girls and boys of all ages on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 February at 1–4pm and Thursday, 21 February from 6.30 – 8.30pm. For more information phone Sue 268 6323.

Clendon United AFC – Mountfort Park

(Entrances off Dr Pickering Ave or Weymouth Road) Registration Saturday 16 and 23 February 10am–12pm and Thursday 21 February 6pm – 8pm. For more information phone Steve 267 5624.

MANUREWA LIBRARY will be closed from 1 March to 9 March for a major recarpet and reorganisation of shelving. Opening again on Monday, 10 March.