



Newsletter

"In Pursuit of Excellence for Christ"

Dear Parents

School is a busy place at this time of the year. What with testing and exams, report writing, practices and rehearsals for our thanksgiving services, everyone is being kept 'on their toes'!

We look forward to seeing you at the end of year functions and would like to thank you for your continued support and encouragement of our school.

On behalf of our staff and school Trustboard we pray that you and your family have a blessed Christmas celebrating the birth of our Saviour. We wish you all a safe and restful holiday break and look forward to serving your family in 2009.

Fundraising Calendars and Cards

Artwork produced by pupils has been transformed into calendars and cards. Thank you for your tremendous support of this project. We raised just over \$400.00

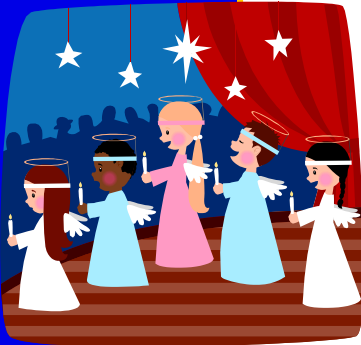
We especially thank Amanda Gunn for handling this project so efficiently.

Please do come into the reception area when you next visit school to look at the artwork used for these calendars. We also have samples of landscape art for viewing: this was as a result of a school trip to the Auckland Art Gallery.



Dates to Remember

- 2 December: Hearing and Vision Testing
- 5 December : Junior Thanksgiving Service 1.30pm
- 9 December : Senior Thanksgiving Service 5.30pm
School closes at 2.00pm
- 11 December: Surf to School programme Yr 1-8
Reports handed out.
- 12 December: Term 4 ends
School closes at 12.30pm
- 3 Feb 2009 Term 1 commences



Please see 2009 term dates **below left**.

Term 1 starts on Tuesday 3rd February 2009

Term Dates

2008

Term 4: 13 Oct - 12 Dec

2009

Term 1: 3 Feb-9Apr

Term 2: 27 Apr-3 July

Term 4: 20 Jul - 25 Sep

Term 4: 12 Oct - 11 Dec

Thanksgiving Services

We hope you can join us in giving thanks for God for another year of His provision and grace at either our Junior or Senior Thanksgiving Service.

Our Junior thanksgiving service for Years 1 and 2 will be held on Friday 5th December at 1.30pm. The teachers and children are looking forward to sharing their presentation item with you and giving thanks to God. Junior prizegiving will also be held at this time.

Senior thanksgiving service for Years 3 to 8 will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 5.30pm. This will include the Principal's address, the students' presentation item and prize-giving. Children need to be at school by 5.00pm.

Please note that school will close at **2.00pm on Tuesday 9th December** to allow teachers time to be organised for the service.

School Reports

Written reports will be sent home in sealed envelopes on Thursday 11th December.

School Banking

As from term 1 next year pupils will be able to enrol in School Banking through the ASB. Enclosed with this newsletter is an envelope that contains all the necessary information and forms should you agree for your child to make use of this facility.

Each child that signs up for school banking will receive early in 2009 a Kid's School Banking Pack from ASB that includes a Drawstring Bag containing a Kashin Calculator, Kashin Money Box, Savings Diary, Sticker Sheet, Sticker Labels, Deposit Envelopes and a \$5.00 voucher.:

All forms must be handed into the office by **Wednesday 10 December** please.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property basket located in the junior block. We end up with a lot of unclaimed clothing at the end of each term. Items not collected will be donated to charity.

School Enrolments - Waiting List

Thank you for spreading the word about our school. Our numbers for next year are pleasing. We have limited places available so please encourage your family and friends to complete their applications early.

If you intend withdrawing your child at the end of this term please notify the school **immediately**. We are already underway with planning for next year. A reminder that a term's written notice must be given when withdrawing your child from school.



Staff List for 2009

Year 1	Mrs Ackermann
Year 2	Miss Luck
Year 3/4	Mrs Logan
Year 5/6	Mrs Peek
Year 7/8	Mrs Smith
ESOL:	Mrs Coulthard

Teacher Aide	Mrs van de Weg
Executive Officer	Mrs Oosterbeek
Principal	Mr Kennedy

Welcome to Mrs Logan

We welcome Mrs Logan who will be teaching our Year 3 and 4's in 2009. Our current Year 3/4 teacher, Mrs St George, is retiring after many years of faithful service to our school.

Mrs Logan moved to NZ from Zimbabwe 6 years ago with her two daughters. She has been involved in education for over twenty years, both as a parent and as a teacher. Since living in NZ she has taught in two schools in Auckland – Our Lady Star of the Sea and Point View Primary, where she is currently teaching a Year Two class. She also has a great deal of experience teaching Year 3 as I have taught this level in Zimbabwe and in NZ.



Mrs Logan's special interests in teaching are in the fields of numeracy and literacy but she also enjoys teaching art. As a committed Christian she is deeply interested in Christian Education as she believes that this is vital in order for our children to be equipped to take their place in society.

"I am very much looking forward to joining Manukau Christian School and I hope that the skills I bring will add to the excellence of education already offered at the school," says Mrs Logan.

Mrs Logan

Yummy Stickers



Thank you for your support of the Yummy Apples Sticker Promotion.

The school received sports gear to the value of \$450. This included hula hoops, balls, skipping ropes, cones, pumps and needles.

Left: Caitlin Shallard and Emily Shaw : avid sticker collectors for the promotion.

Kiwi Kapers

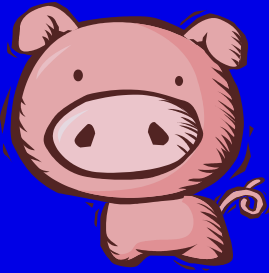
It was a great atmosphere waiting for the Kiwi Kapers Orchestra to start playing their wonderful music. As soon as the host welcomed us the music began. My favourite piece of music was the Harry Potter introductory song. I liked it because all my favourite musical instruments were playing and because it was a great song. I liked all the other songs but not as much as I liked Harry Potter! The experience I had at the Kiwi Kapers was absolutely fantastic!



By Ranveer Sohal Yr 5

The trip to Kiwi Kapers was absolutely awesome! I loved how the harp and violins played. I also liked the way the man introduced the Indiana Jones song.. He went round the audience with a whip and dressed like Indiana Jones. The dancers and the skateboarders were really good at performing. I was really amazed at how well the music played and I thought the trip was just heavenly.

By Chloe Wang Yr 5



School happenings

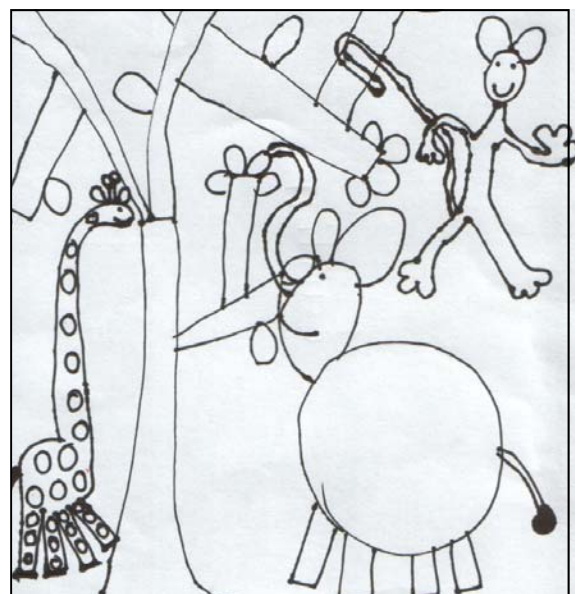
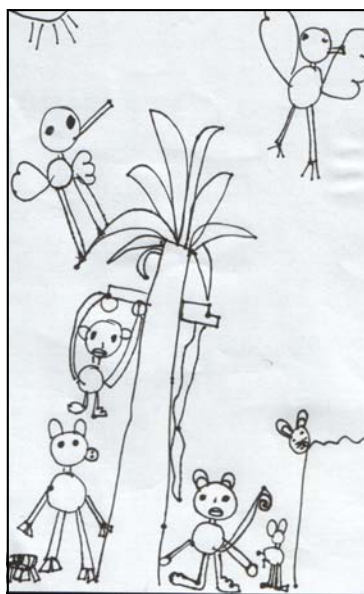
Our upcoming concert ...

Our concert is on the fifth of December. I am a bird in the play. We sing a song about birds. The bunnies sing a song about bunnies. Emily is a pig. We are acting to be jungle animals. The meaning of the story is that God made us perfect. There are many different animals in the concert. There are bunnies and there are monkeys. There are elephants and turtles. The turtles do a turtle rap. The bunnies do a dance in the concert. Emily is the star of the play.

By Rose Pham Yr 2

The school concert starts on the fifth of December. Emily is piggy-wiggy and me, Zoe, Nicole, Amy, Tatiyana, Sophia, Rebekah and Melissa are rabbits. The piggy-wiggy says a Bible verse. I am blowing a trumpet in my group. There are turtles, rabbits, birds, monkeys, elephants, and piggy-wiggy. We will sing Hip-Hip-Hippopotamus, I Am So Wonderfully Made and All Things Bright and Beautiful.

By Inha Park Yr 2

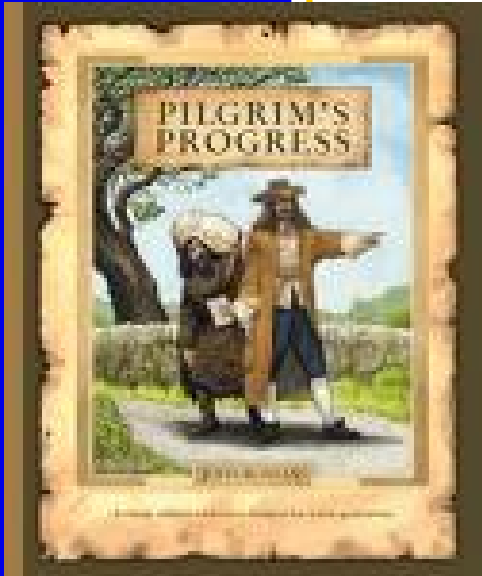


Drawings by left: Emily Shaw and right: Caitlin Shallard

Senior Thanksgiving Item...what you can look forward to...

Practices for Pilgrim's Progress are going well with our actors and singers all chosen. It is an interesting play with some funny parts particularly Doubting Castle. Danny is doing a great job as Christian, memorizing most of his lines. Also everyone else is putting in a good effort. All this adds up to a wonderful play with lots of effort and preparation. I hope you enjoy the show.

By Daniel Boldy Yr 8



In our play, Danny acts as Christian. Emjay is John Bunyan. John Bunyan tells his daughter a story about how Christian goes to the Celestial City and how his life ends. He was directed by Evangelist, But Christiana, Pliable and Obstinate, warn him to come back. Later on Faithful gets burnt at the stake by Lord Hategood. At the end they meet each other in Paradise (which is heaven) along with Christian and Hopeful (not Lord Hategood).

By Sanjay Kumar Yr 7

Poetry

Exams

If you haven't studied, you're in a mess when you get that exam paper,
Nothing's in your head.
If you've studied properly, you might enjoy it
Because everything's in your head
And you won't forget it.

By Naomi Lowe Yr 8

Swimming

On Fridays we go swimming. The most important thing about learning to swim is that it could save your life. I think swimming is an excellent exercise to do on a hot day and it's fun to swim because it's like playing and learning at the same time. The pool that we swim at is called Swimsation.

By Madeline Penewi Yr 4



On Fridays we go swimming. My favourite thing is at the end when Daniel throws different coloured batons into the water and sends us to get one each! Sometimes we play 'mushrooms' which is going under water in a mushroom shape and seeing who can stay under the longest. Swimming is lots of fun!

By Rachel Shallard Yr 4



In the pool I like doing freestyle but I like games the most. My favourite game is starfish.

By Ben Schuurkamp Yr 3



At swimming we learn lots of things. We learn how to blow bubbles, do backstroke, float and kick. It's fun to learn.

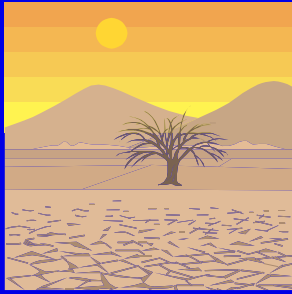
By Luke Robinson Yr 3



When we get out of the bus we have to change into our togs. Then the real excitement begins! We get in the pool and we do our lesson. Then at the end of the lesson we get to play really fun games like going under the water and finding batons.

By Coralie Smith Yr 4





Art Gallery

At the Art Gallery we looked at lots of beautiful paintings and sculptures. We were mainly looking at landscape pictures. After we had had a look around we got to draw our own landscape picture and colour it in with chalk pastels. We had to draw the same picture twice and one was set in the night and the other was set at sunset. I learnt that if you draw the same picture twice and draw them set at different times of the day, they look very different.

By Campbell Palmer

Earlier this term Room 10 visited the Auckland Art Gallery for the second time. Greenery, oceans and sky were all part of the reason we went on this trip—to look at landscapes. Gazing at the pictures, we were awestruck at the detailed scenery. Pictures resemble Auckland City, Rangitoto Island, Shipwrecks and more. At last it was time to draw our own landscape. We had a blast! But all good things must come to an end—back to school!

By Chelsea Strickland

Associated Board of the Royal School of Music

Grade 1 Theory Examination

Nine of our students sat the Grade 1 theory exam recently. This was part of The Associated Board's Theory Incentive Scheme to schools.

Our school entered a number of candidates for the exam, and in return received free Graded workbooks for our students, to help them prepare for the exam. This was offered to children Year 3 to year 8. These children were instructed in class, and prepared for the examination.

This exam was sat, at the school, on the 1st of November. Congratulations to pupils on the following results:

Distinction (90—100%): Celia Allerby, Chloe Wang and
Jonathan Yiu

Merit (80-90%): Emjay Cruzin, Samantha Saunders

Pass (66—79%) Melissa Redmond, Abel Saunders

Past Pupils

We would like to congratulate two past pupils, who have just completed their Year 13 exams, for their wonderful achievements. These two pupils were in Mr Kennedy and Mrs Coulthard's class in Year 8 and completed their schooling at Manukau Christian School before moving on to other high schools.

Sharon Bracefield was awarded Proxime Accessit (runner up to Dux) at St Kentigern's College. Sharon was also the top student in Accounting, Economics and French. She plays tennis and soccer at school and was a Peer Support leader as well as being involved in commerce competitions, challenges and clubs. Sharon has been awarded an accounting scholarship from PriceWaterhouseCoopers that will cover her university fees.

As a Ranger, Sharon is working towards her Queens Guide, the highest award. She is also doing Duke of Edinburgh and is working towards her silver award. At church Sharon is a Sunday School teacher, teaching under 5 year olds. "I love working with the girls and helping to organise group activities," says Sharon.

Next year Sharon will be at Auckland University, studying towards a BCom Degree majoring in accounting and in the long-term she intends to become a Chartered Accountant. Of her time at Manukau Christian School, Sharon says that the pupils and teachers were great and she was far ahead of her peers in her schoolwork when she started at College.

Reece Oosterbeek started at Alfriston College in 2004 as a foundation pupil. He was awarded Dux of the college in Year 9 and every year that followed, including his recent final Year 13. He was the top student in all his subjects: Chemistry, Maths with Calculus, Maths with Statistics, Accounting, Multi-materials Technology and first equal in Physics. Reece is a keen rugby fan and touch rugby player, as well as playing tennis for his school.

Earlier this year Reece was one of two representatives selected by the Royal Society of New Zealand to travel to Seoul, Korea to attend the 2008 International Science and Engineering Camp. He was also selected to travel to Christchurch to attend a Mathematics Challenge where he placed sixth nationally. Reece was a student leader at school and has been awarded an ASB scholarship.






Next year Reece hopes to follow the accelerated pathway in Chemical Engineering at Auckland University. He is actively involved in youth ministry where he is a leader at Junior Youth Group. "I really enjoy the relationships that are formed through youth group and being a support to and helping these children," says Reece. "Manukau Christian School taught me excellent work habits and the teachers were very encouraging."

Well done Sharon and Reece.



Prayer List



-  Give thanks for God's gracious provision for our school, pupils and teachers throughout this year.
-  Give thanks for Julie St George's long and fruitful service in our school and pray that the Lord would bless Julie and her husband Doug in her 'retirement'.
-  Pray for our Year 8 pupils as they leave Manukau Christian School to go to various high schools in 2009. may they remain strong and continue to grow in the Lord.
-  Pray for school families over the Christmas holidays; for safety in travel, rest and refreshment.
-  Remember to pray that the Lord would help us all to be faithful witnesses for Him especially as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!"

Ps 100:1

The Psalmist reminds us that we are to serve the Lord with gladness. True thankfulness is an attitude that should permeate our relationship with the Lord. When this happens, our service will not be done grudgingly but with great gladness and joy!

In Christ

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