

# Manurewa High School Newsletter

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## February 2015

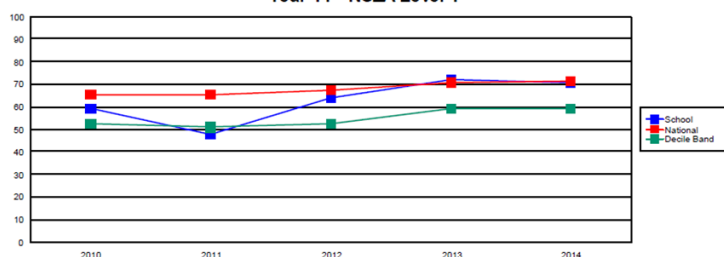
Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the start of 2015. A special welcome to the students and parents who are new to our school of which there are close to 600. Your ability and willingness to understand and implement the school's values are crucial to maintain the proud culture and successes of the school.

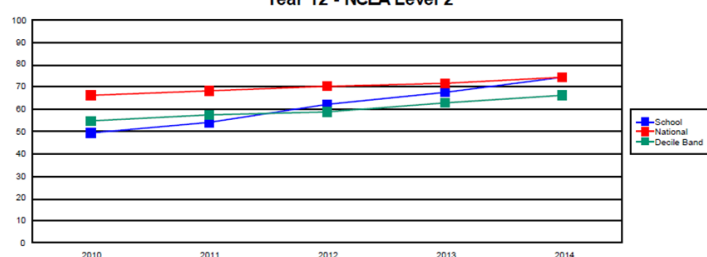
The REWA values are the 4 essential elements that make up our kite or manu aute which we will use in order to soar and aim high (Piki atu ki te rangi) together as a whanau and school community. With this behaviour matrix we aim to encourage everyone in our school community - students, teachers, support staff, Senior Leadership Team and Board of Trustees - to Be the Manurewa Way : **R**espect **E**xcellence **W**hanaungatanga **A**koranga

As a school there are many sporting, dance and musical successes we are proud of, but the most significant success, is the continued academic high achievements of the senior students.

Year 11 - NCEA Level 1

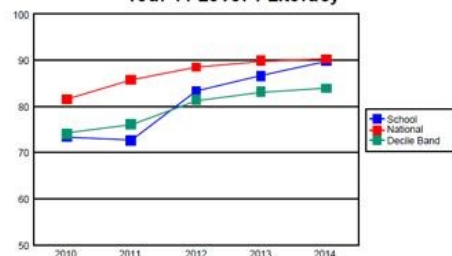


Year 12 - NCEA Level 2

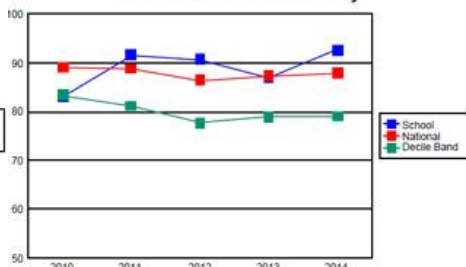


As indicated on the roll based graphs above, Manurewa High School is tracking at or above the national average in Year 11 and 12, Numeracy and Literacy. This is a tremendous achievement. It shows that it does not matter what decile we are, the size of the school, what cultural groups we are, what national standards the students enter the school with, we can achieve at or above the national average. This has been achieved by teachers, students and parents working together. The improvement over the years has followed the very good attendance of parents at the student achievement conferences.

Year 11 Level 1 Literacy



Year 11 Level 1 Numeracy



In 2015, we have another project that will allow more students to achieve and also increase the number of merits and excellences. Our results show that the students do not perform well in assessments which require them to write well-constructed sentences and essays.

Writing well is fundamental to achieving merits and excellences and also to gain success in Level 3. Our students need to learn to write well, not just to benefit their time at school, but also for the years after they leave Manurewa High School. We want them to be well equipped, whatever their career choice, to make the most of their life decisions.

We are going to introduce the award-winning 'Write that Essay' academic writing programme by providing training for staff and students. Developed by New Zealand academic and educator Dr Ian Hunter, the programme is an exciting combination of online writing tools, and classroom strategies. All students will be provided training in how to use this online writing programme. For further information I encourage you to visit the website [www.writethatessay.org](http://www.writethatessay.org).

One of the benefits of the online site is that you as a parent can work with your child on writing assignments. You can view many of the videos on the site and discover more about what is expected in modern subject writing.

We will hold a parent evening in Term 2 and have Dr Hunter present. It will be an evening when you can come and hear more about writing well, and how your child can improve their writing skills.

Student and teacher training will be held during February, please get involved with this programme – with your support – it will make a difference.

Looking forward to working with you to continue to make Manurewa High School and its students contribute a significant part in society. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

*S V Gargiulo*

S V Gargiulo—Principal

### NOTE TO YEAR 13 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

With the recognised need to lift work ethic in Year 13 for 2015, classes for Year 13 students finish @ 3pm every Friday for the remainder of the year

Piki Atu ki Te Rangi

EXCELLENCE

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## Asia New Zealand Foundation trip to Japan

On 21 March I will fly out, along with seven other teachers from across New Zealand, to Japan as part of a fully funded, week long trip courtesy of the Asia New Zealand Foundation.

The Asia New Zealand Foundation is a non-partisan and non-profit organisation dedicated to building New Zealanders' knowledge and understanding of Asia.

As participant teachers, we are expected to use this experience to develop strategies to include Asia in our teaching, and to support the development of 'Asia Awareness' throughout our schools within our own fields (physics in my own case). We will be in a position to help identify key skills that young New Zealanders need to be ready to be part of a workforce ready to deal with Asia in scientific and economic terms.

Once we return we will each submit a report outlining what we have learned and how we plan to promote and develop Asia awareness within our schools. We will also be available to discuss our experiences with colleagues both within and beyond our geographical areas. In addition, each of us will be creating a new teaching unit that draws on our experience of the Science and Technology industry in Japan and passes this knowledge onto our students. These units will be shared via the Foundation's website and e-newsletter.

Hence, this trip will be a huge learning curve for us as teacher-participants, with a considerable amount of work associated. But the chance to visit the Japanese space programme and robotics centres, to ride and investigate maglev trains, to see earthquake building technologies in situ and the opportunity to learn more about all aspects of Japanese culture and technology should make all the extra work worthwhile! Mrs Fenella Colyer—HOS Physics

## Ministry of Youth Developments National Youth Advisory Group ... a few words from Sulani Helg . . .

I was accepted into the Ministry of Youth Developments National Youth Advisory Group. It is a group of young people around New Zealand that advises our Minister, Ministry, Government Agencies, Communities and Non-government organisations, from a young person's perspective. Our work is largely focussed for Auckland and Northland (northern region). My passion for youth to be heard is strong and thriving. I hope that my position in this group and the actions I take will have a positive influence on our youth society today.

## Alumni Update—Stanford University Summit

**Ryan King** is currently attending the ASES Summit at Stanford University and would like to keep his supporters fully informed of his trip to California. 2015 is his final year at Auckland University, he is currently at "Summer School" taking a Maori paper. He is the elected Chair of CAPM this year (Commerce Association Pacific and Maori at Auckland University) and is featuring as their 'poster student'.

## Scholarships

Congratulations to **Maxwell Crone** who achieved a NZQA Scholarship in Classical Studies.

**Michaela Clark**, a past student of Manurewa High School, has been awarded a Ko Awatea Health Scholarship towards study of Bachelor of Nursing at MIT.

## Student Extra-Curricular Success

As a school we love to learn of and celebrate our student's successes. We would appreciate being informed of any student success that occurs outside of school so that it can be included in our school newsletter. You can do this via email to [mhs@manurewa.school.nz](mailto:mhs@manurewa.school.nz) or by contacting the Principal's PA, Sarah Davies on 269 0690.

## Foundation for Youth Development

Head Girl **Lupe Fifita** and Leader Mentor **Helen Lesa** attended the Foundation for Youth Development Youth Advisory group for two days in the school holidays. The girls provided Foundation for Youth Development feedback about our Stars Peer Mentoring Programme. They have both been selected as National Youth Ambassadors for Foundation for Youth Development – congratulations!

## SPORTS NEWS

**Congratulations and well done to the following students for their Sporting achievements:**

- Manurewa High School J16 boys competed at the 2015 Club Waka Ama National Champs early January at Lake Karapiro Cambridge—placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 500m final and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1000m final. Team members: **Pafe Momoisea, Sean Maireroa, Tehiiringa Tane, Kayle Poinga, TJ Talalelei and steerer, Tim Dreadon.**
- **Aaron Dormer** was a member of the Auckland U17 boys softball team that placed 1<sup>st</sup> at their National age group tournament.
- **Tiana Quedley** selected for the South Auckland U21s Tag Team.
- **Tysha Noble** and **Grace Gago** selected for the South Auckland U18s Tag Team.
- **Bailey Hoera** selected for the Northern Region U18 Maori Rugby Union development camp.

## Junior Boys Volleyball

Our Junior Boys Volleyball stars achieved a gold trifecta throughout the 2014/15 season.



The team won gold at the Auckland junior volleyball champs, which they followed up with a convincing win in the North Island champs held late last year. Henry A'pe, Wanyae Suafo'a, Tala Potifara, Odysseus Lata and Junior Utumapu went on to play in the Auckland junior boys rep team at the IPC competition and won their third gold medal. Tala Potifara was named most valuable player of all three tournaments. This is an incredible achievement and the result of a lot of hard work, so please congratulate our junior boys volleyball team on their success!

## A message from the Principal . . .

Erin Clark was selected last year to be part of the expanded squad for the Junior Warriors. As the youngest member of the squad, it was assumed it would be a learning year for him. He is 17 years of age and most of the squad is 20.

He trained so well during the pre-season that Erin has been named in the 2015 Junior Warriors squad.

Subsequently he now has before and after school practices. Erin will travel to Australia every second week, he will feature on television every week being the game organiser playing in the pivotal number 6 position.

Erin will be the only player to be attending a high school and it will be a challenge to his time management to achieve well in both aspects.

Also at the end of last year, Erin was selected in a process involving students and staff to be the Head Boy for 2015.

Erin has asked to be replaced in this position. While reluctant to accept his request, I fully understand his concern that he does not have the time to perform the responsibility. Along with wanting to achieve as a junior warrior, he wants to gain level 3 so that he can take advantage of the tertiary opportunities that are available through the league programme.

Impressed by his attitude, Erin will continue to represent the school through the high level of media coverage of league, and I reluctantly accept that being Head Boy places too much pressure on a very busy and important year for him.

Mr S Gargiulo—Principal

## CAREERS NEWS

### Student Information

**NCEA** All senior students who registered with the Solomon group last year to receive a voucher for passing their NCEA level can collect their reward by following the instructions below:

- Ring 0800747687 to make an appointment
- Take photo ID and hard copy of NZQA results as proof
- Go to Solomon Group Education & Training Academy, 236 Great South Road, Manurewa

**LEARNER LICENCE – Special Offer** If your child is 16 years old and currently in Year 12, we are offering after school tuition to assist them in attaining a learner driving licence at a reduced cost. We have been running these classes for two years and have evidence to prove that this extra tuition dramatically improves a student's ability to pass the AA test.

Students need to register at the School Board Office by paying \$50.00 (half-price).

Classes will run after school Fridays from 2.30-3.30pm and students must attend the classes for a minimum of four sessions. Numbers are capped at 40 students per programme. The first class commences on Friday 27 February.

### Student Success

Two of our Year 12 students from 2014 who were successful in passing NCEA Level 2 with Excellence, have also been recognised for their achievement by First Foundation which is a unique educational trust founded to give young New Zealanders a hand up to tertiary education.

Lavinia Vehikite won a full 4 year scholarship entitling her to

1. **Guaranteed part time holiday work** with Hubbards,
2. **A personal mentor** for four years, and
3. **\$12,000 towards university fees.**

**Helen Lesa** has been invited a place in the First Foundation - Foundation Steps Mentor Programme. This is a programme spread over two years beginning in February 2015 and finishing during her first semester of university study in 2017. This programme offers:

1. A **personal Mentor**
2. A programme of five **Student Development Workshops**
3. **The support of First Foundation**
4. An **extended network of professional contacts, Alumni and students.**



Lavinia Vehikite and Helen Lesa

## Upcoming Event

**JOB FEST @ MIT** (cnr Manukau Station Road and Davies Avenue, above Manukau Station), SATURDAY 21 February 2015, 10am – 3pm. Auckland's biggest job event dedicated to youth employment! Take this opportunity to meet employers, attend presentations and to discuss job opportunities. Free food, free transport and live music!! See [jobfest15.co.nz](http://jobfest15.co.nz) for more info or to register

## GATEWAY

### Is there a future apprentice in your family?

A draft Code of Good Practice for New Zealand Apprenticeships is now out for consultation. If your teenager is thinking about an apprenticeship in any vocation, then this is important to them. Visit [www.tec.govt.nz](http://www.tec.govt.nz) to find out more. Feedback closes on 31 March 2015.



**Tenisha Stringer** (pictured above) is now in full time employment at World Courier in Mangere after successfully completing her Gateway Workplace Administration programme in Term 3 in 2014.

## Academic Excellence 2014

Academic Excellence—aiming higher, achieving more

Congratulations to our students for high levels of NCEA success in 2014

*Pictured from left to right are our students who achieved Excellence endorsements in NCEA Level 2 2014: Jessie Chen, Cassandra Wilkinson, Noah Te Ao, Helen Lesa, Lavinia Vehikite and Carla Salting*



**NCEA Level 1 Excellence** Fawziya Ali, Ashlee Cochrane, Rosiah Crichton, Daniel Dennis, Grace Gago, Thanh Ha, Sulani Helg, Amandeep Kaur, Sukhmande Kaur, Hayley Mai Ngo, Nicola Maf Moala, Lan Anh Nguyen, Thi Chang Nguyen, Aeluna Nissan, Adam Scott, Anna Siafolau, Catherine Stainthorpe

**NCEA Level 1 Merit** Ricky Atutahi-Ha, John Auva, Kennedy Bublitz, Leilani Collins, Kelsey Downie, Sakiasi Tavis Faar, Phoebe Fiso, Ishani Gupta, Maile Guttenbeil, Voilet Jackson, Ashlee Kahui-Ariki, Khajal Karan, Prabhjot Kaur, Samarth Khanna, Andrew Khun, Claudine Kumar, Lavinia Latu, Deschlla Leaso, Preeti Mani, Leonette Maote, Julia Mapusua, Chloe Maxwell, Ashlin Iehu Moeta, Celia Morre, Elesha Moore, Nathan Ness, Lam Thu Nguyen Kartik Ohari, Allissa Paras, Shivali Prasad, Kajal Raju, Braden Robins, Te Wai Rua—Cowan, Aimen Sana, Serenity Sola, Siaosi Siafa, Aurora Storme-Armani, Lyndal Sykene, Folomalo Toelupe, Pepe Toleafua, Tommy Tran, Ote Tuivaiti, Caitlin Turner

**NCEA Level 2 Excellence** Jessie Chen, Helen Lesa, Carla Salting, Noah Te Ao, Lavinia Vehikite, Cassandra Wilkinson

**NCEA Level 2 Merit** Jasmin Asiata, Valasi Asiata, Jamie Brewer, Natasha Chand, Ranish Chand, Jonathan Crawley, Alan Gautusa, Ngoc Hoang, Carolin Kishore, Arden Infante, Sandeep Kaur, Tamera Ketika-Pule, Sara Khalaf, Thongchai Manawang, Hiep Nguyen, Manisha Paliwal, Ngoc Pham, Jeremiah Rapi, Ryanel Reynon, Sonia Singh, Synna Son, Fa'Amaini Tapaleao Vaalele, Mele'Alom Tapueluelu, India Te Ao, Arnette Tiimalu, Tamara Tou, Hien Tran, Jioji Tuilovoni, Jaide Wilson, Ilaisaane Wolfgramm, Lukey Zhou

**NCEA Level 3 Excellence** Maxwell Crone, Ebony Komene, Matti Matti, Nayiam Mirranay, Alexandra Newman, Solinna Toul

**NCEA Level 3 Merit** Sophie Black, Michaela Clark, Prinesh Chand, Yijun Guo, Nancy Kasemkitsakool, Joseph Knights, Adhitiyan Krishnamo, Peng Jun Liu, Atiana Naotia, Thi van An Nguyen, Keerthana Rajasekara, Sahay Vishant, Justin Walker

### NZQA Merit and Excellence Endorsement

Manurewa High School congratulate these students on achieving a level 3 Merit or Excellence endorsement in 2014. This is an outstanding result and in recognition of this the Senior Leadership team and staff celebrated with a morning tea in the Café. We wish these students all the best for the future.

*Pictured Front row (left to right): Prinesh Chand, Mr S Gargiulo, Alexandra Newman, Ebony Komene*

*Back Row (left to right) : Solinna Toul, Aki Guo, Nancy Kasemkitsakool, Pengjun Liu*



## With Thanks

- In late November 2014, the 'Pay It Forward' group who participated in the school REWAlise your passion programme were fortunate to have products donated enabling them to provide lunch to 500 Homai Primary and Manurewa Intermediate School students. Teacher in Charge, Sara Blackburn would like to acknowledge the following companies who kindly contributed to the success of this programme: **Bakels, Bidvest, LOAF, Pack n Save – Manukau, Pete's Packaging, Pandora Bakery, Sanitarium, Sistema, The Warehouse – Takanini** and the **Manukau Courier** for publishing an article in the December 11, 2014 edition.



- Manurewa High School would also like to extend their thanks to **Spoken Words** for donating twelve stationery packs to Year 9 students in need. We would like to acknowledge Jaspreet Singh, (pictured right with Mr S Gargiulo) a past Manurewa High School student, and Spoken Words for their initiative in applying to the Ministry of Youth Development for a grant to run a community 'Amazing Race' event and the Ministry for providing the funding. The donation will really make a difference to the start of year for twelve of our new students.



## Youth Leadership Programme Australasia .

### .. a few words from Mele Tapueluelu

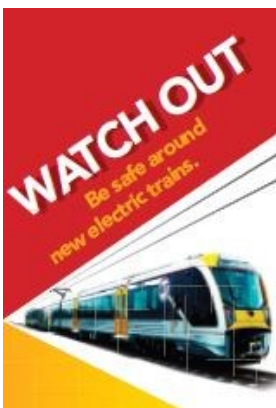
In partnership with the US Embassy New Zealand and US Embassy Australia, World Learning and its US community partners (World Learning) hosted eighteen high school students and three adult participants from Australia and New Zealand for a three-week educational exchange opportunity.

I was lucky enough to be one of the eighteen high school students selected to be a part of this exchange programme. The primary themes for the exchange programme were based on civic education (citizen participation, grassroots democracy, and rule of law), community service and youth leadership development. The secondary theme for the exchange programme was based on Environmental issues and climate change.

The program began with a Leadership/Orientation segment at Zephyr Point on Lake Tahoe, where we took part in activities in teambuilding, leadership, global issues, environmental simulations and civic education workshops. We then divided into smaller groups for a host community segment to include a World Learning Global Leader Education and Engagement (GLEE) Institute in Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington. The host community segment also included volunteering, home stays and cultural events. I was a part of the group that went to Portland Oregon and I stayed with a fun and amazing host family. We were hosted by the world affairs council and had such an inspiring time in Portland. Finally, the group reunited in Washington DC for a Synthesis Workshop to make action plans for follow-on activities. These activities enabled us to promptly apply what we have learnt in our own schools and communities. Overall this once in a life time experience was challenging yet memorable and humbling. I enjoyed my time representing my country and I also want to encourage everyone to be motivated in everything that they desire to do and dream big!

### Attendance Office

If a student is absent please phone 2690690 and press 1 to leave an absence message stating the student's name and ID# and the reason for their absence. Students requesting to sign out, must hand the request to the Attendance Office at the beginning of the day for a pass to be issued. The Attendance Officer, Mrs Elaine Girdwood, can be contacted at school on extension 310.



Auckland's new electric trains are now in service on the Onehunga and Eastern Lines. Soon they are going to be in regular service on the Southern Line to and from Papakura. You may have already seen the trains being tested on the line—this testing is happening night and day.

They're FASTER and QUIETER, so watch out!

- Always cross at a proper crossing
- Always look both ways
- Stay off the tracks
- Stay behind the yellow lines at platforms

See more at [AT.govt.nz/watchout](http://AT.govt.nz/watchout)

## Terms and Holidays 2015

### Term 1

Wednesday 28 January—Thursday 2 April

### Term 2

Monday 20 April—Friday 3 July

### Term 3

Monday 20 July—Friday 25 September

### Term 4

Monday 12 October—Wednesday 9 December

### School Health Centre

The Health Centre is staffed by three full time registered nurses—Tracey, Leanne and Paula and open 8.30am—3.30pm Monday—Friday. The nurses are an integral part of the Student Support Services and provide a confidential and culturally safe service to all students. Year 9 students have been invited to have a health assessment during the year.

### Rheumatic Fever Prevention

In an effort to fight rheumatic fever, a free sore throat clinic is being offered at our school's health clinic. If you have a sore throat, or have had a sore throat, please do not hesitate to call in. The clinic is open between **9am—12pm**, thereafter please see one of the nurses in the school Health Centre. Patricia Uerata—Whanau Support Worker

### Manurewa High School Guidance

Being a teenager can be pretty tough. Being a parent to one can also be difficult. We are here to support students and their families when the going gets tough. If you are concerned about your young person or they show a sudden change in mood, eating or sleeping, please give us a **call on 2690690 ext 295** and speak with **Hiltrud Egle**.

### For help in a crisis

- In an emergency, call 111
- Contact a doctor or your local District Health Board Mental Health Crisis Team, Whirinaki 09 265 9000
- Call Lifeline, 0800 543 354
- Call Youthline, 0800 376 633
- Call Depression Helpline, 0800 111 757
- Call Tautoko, 0508 828 865
- Call Netsafe (text/cyber bullying), 0508 638 723
- [www.thelowdown.co.nz](http://www.thelowdown.co.nz) or via text 5626

## Manurewa High School Our Values

<b>RESPECT</b>	Be proud of who you are and our school Be responsible for your own behaviour Be sure to look after each other/ourselves/our environment
<b>EXCELLENCE</b>	Be the best you can be Be aware of what you can be Be proactive and ask for help
<b>WHANAUNGATANGA</b>	Be proud of your whakapapa and share with others Be willing to get to know and celebrate others Be willing to work with others
<b>AKORANGA</b>	Be positive when learning Be adventurous and take risks in your learning Be sure to work at school and at home

## New Zealand Curriculum Values

Respect—for themselves and others Integrity—accountability, acting ethically Care for the environment
Excellence—aiming high, persevering
Diversity—culture, language, heritage Equity—fairness and social justice Community and participation for the common good
Innovation, enquiry and curiosity

## New Staff at MHS 2015



Amy Barron, Science



Dilys Fong, Science



Cole Major, DVA



Luke Oliver, DVA



Sam Oldham, English



Peter Oliveti, PEH



Allister Salaivao, Dance



Blair Stanbridge, Music



Fiona Tolo, Science



Priya Walia, Science



Joanna Winslade, English



Les Richard, TRF (The Rising Foundation)



Aleesha Unka, PE

We welcome these new staff to  
Manurewa High School

## Upcoming Events

### February

**22—24 February**

Prefect Camp, YMCA Shakespear Lodge

**26—27 February**

Class / Group ID Photos, Hall

**28—1 March**

Duke of Edinburgh—Bronze Award Camp

### March

**2—4 March**

03SPT Camp, Waharau

**3 March**

01 History Gallipoli at the Museum

**4—6 March**

BP Business Challenge

**5 March**

Write that Essay PD—Dr Ian Hunter

03 Geography—Muriwai

**10 March**

01 Geography—Goat Island Marine Reserve

**10—12 March**

03 History, Bay of Islands

**12—13 March**

Duke of Edinburgh—Bronze Award Camp

**16—20 March**

02 Geography, Tongariro

**18—21 March**

ASB Polyfest

**20 March**

STAFF ONLY DAY

**23 March—28 March**

Summer Tournament Week

**26—27 March**

Student Achievement Conferences

**30 March—31 March**

International Week

### April

**1 April—2 April**

International Week continues

**2 April**

End of School Term

**20 April**

Term 2 begins