

# Manurewa High School Newsletter

Principal Mr S V Gargiulo QSO, BSc, Dip.Tchg

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Dear Parents/Guardians

After a good start to the year, there is no doubt that the continued good performance of the school will be dependent on how well the students, parents and staff handle the move into winter.

Term 1 had some outstanding results as you will read in this newsletter. Amazingly the number of students who are playing sports has increased significantly. Statistics for term 1 have been very good including close to 90% attendance in school by students and over 85% attendance at the Student Achievement Conferences. At these conferences, goals were set for the year by each student and a plan developed on what was required to meet these goals. Let us work together to achieve these goals. With the rain and coldness of winter adding difficulties to the challenges, we must work even harder to make sure solid achievements are made.

A school wide goal this year is to improve our writing skills. We are using the programme 'Write That Essay'. There is an informative website [www.writethatessay.org](http://www.writethatessay.org). Please encourage your child to log on and use it to help develop more skills in their writing.

To help identify areas we should focus on, we have had 1500 students' work assessed. The feedback is:

## Positives

- Nearly all year levels displayed strong technical strength on indicators such as legibility, spelling, first-word capitalisation - all positive.
- Unnecessary repetition not a concern across school.
- Idea introduction and development acceptable across all year levels.

## Areas for improvement

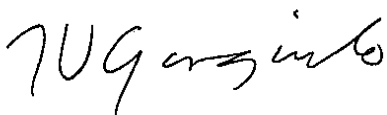
- **Punctuation** rates weaker.
- **Incomplete sentences:** Results too high, accounts for 44% of all sentences written.
- **Precision rates too low:** High incidence of generalised writing (non-specific).

It is heartening to see that there are some good strengths to build on. Concentrated improvement in the three identified items of punctuation, incomplete sentences and precision will lift the academic successes of our students. Working on these with your child, will help them even more.

Please keep in touch with school activities through the newsletter and the website. There are plenty of opportunities to support the school by attending events such as weekly sports games and the upcoming school production.

I look forward to welcoming many parent supporters into the school at coming events over the term.

Regards



S V Gargiulo  
Principal



*The school has recently installed two wood burning Pizza Ovens for use by Hospitality and Catering students. This will enable them to experience using a different means of cookery. The ovens will also be used for fundraising for student groups and for catering of some school events. Pictured above are Jochebed Taiula, Emmanuelle Tekori and Leo Watene being instructed by Hospitality and Catering teacher Sara Blackburn.*



**Congratulations to Amy Stretton, teacher of Physical Education at Manurewa High School ,  
upon being selected to represent New Zealand at the World Triathlon Championships in Chicago in September 2015**

## Polyfest

Manurewa High School was well represented at the recent Polyfest with the following groups: Samoan, Kapa Haka, Tongan, Niuean, Cook Island, Indian and Middle Eastern. Manurewa High School came away with some great results.

<b>Niuean Group</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lologo Tapu Tuai
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tauteuteaga Tino Vaha Tuai
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tala Tuai and Meke

Fifty students practiced hard and long for several weeks with Natalie, their tutor, to perfect their performance for Polyfest.

Mrs Siafa and her team of parents created beautiful costumes and prepared delicious food for the fiafia evening. On the day they won first place for their church song, 2nd place for the meke and 3rd place for drama. Their performance on the stage was stunning.



*Niuean Group*



<b>Samoan Group</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fuataimi (conductor)—Edward Fonoia
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ulufale (entrance), Maululu, Sasa and Pese o le Aso
	2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Togiga (uniform)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Overall—great achievement
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ulufafo (exit), Tauluga
<b>Tongan Group</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Samoan Speech Competition —Toma Foroti 9KTU
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Milolua



*Samoan Group*



*Tongan Group*

All our groups are to be commended for the thousands of hours of hard work they put into these performances. It was a real reward for the whole school to see all our groups perform during international week. A big thanks to the parents, tutors staff and friends of the school who helped to make this year's Polyfest such a positive success and showcase of culture and talent.

### 1st at Hip Hop Champs

Our student hip hop crew, Rewa All Stars, placed 1st in the school's category at the Street Dance New Zealand competition. Their routine won them most original performance, earning them the following accolade on Street Dance New Zealand's Facebook Page:



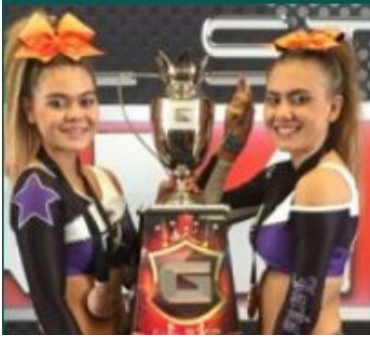
"Its obvious why Manurewa High School are our MEGA SCHOOL CHAMPIONS 2015 - AMAZING!

Teacher Allister Salaivao's dance crew also competed, placing second in their division. They will go on to represent New Zealand at the Hip Hop World Championships in San Diego this year. DVD's of the competition performances will be available from Street Dance New Zealand soon, keep an eye on their [Facebook page](#) for details.

Well done to all students and staff who put loads of heart, energy and soul into the competition!



### Three Cheers for the Cheerleaders



Katherine and Sarah Wijohn recently travelled to Las Vegas to compete in My All Star Games — an international cheerleading competition. The girls competed for their club, Cheer Dynamix, which placed third. Check out the video of their winning performance on the Cheer Dynamix Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CheerDynamixNZ/timeline>

Congratulations to **Savaana Blackburn-Rangitaawa** who recently travelled to Florida Orlando to compete at the biggest cheerleading competition in the world – International Cheerleading Union. The most important competition at the event was Worlds where Savaana and her team placed 7<sup>th</sup> equal out of 109 teams in the open elite co-ed division level 5. The competition based on country teams resulted in a 1<sup>st</sup> for the all-girl team New Zealand and 4<sup>th</sup> for the co-ed team New Zealand.

### North Island Athletic Champs

Twelve students from Manurewa High represented the Counties Manukau region at the North Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Champs held from 27-29 March at Mt Smart Stadium. The students performed exceptionally well under the pressure of competing against teams from other North Island regions, with the following results:

- **Kemara Kemara** 1st Junior Boys 100m, 3rd Junior Boys 200m
- **Isaac Tuala** 3rd Junior Boys 100m
- **Edward Travers** 1st Junior Boys High Jump and Junior Boys Long Jump
- **Xycan Marurai** 3rd Junior Boys Hammer, 7th Junior Boys Discus
- **Sau Fatuleai** 4th Intermediate Girls Hammer
- **Salevalasi Vatau** 5th Intermediate Girls Hammer
- **Sitaleki Tonga** 8th Intermediate Boys Hammer
- **Jermaine Malaga** 3rd Intermediate Boys Javelin
- **Marquise Rogers** 8th Intermediate Boys High Jump

The students will spend winter preparing for the National Secondary Schools' competition in Timaru in December.

### Utsunomiya Visit

Ten students from various school in Utsunomiya city visited Manurewa High School at the end of March.

They were hosted with families of students, a number of who are travelling to Japan on the Utsunomiya exchange trip in June. The Japanese students, who were accompanied by two chaperones, were in New Zealand for only five fully packed days. There was an Auckland city bus tour, a courtesy visit to the Auckland City Council chambers as part of the sister city partnership, a buddy day at school, a welcome lunch catered for by the hospitality students, and a day with the hosts. A highlight of the trip would have to be the Japanese students' presentation at the International Week opening assembly when they sang Pokarekare Ana. A great time was had by all and it was obvious that it was an experience enjoyed by everyone.

Any family who is interested in hosting overseas students for a short stay is welcome to contact Mrs Shaw by texting 021 277 8980 or emailing [sh@manurewa.school.nz](mailto:sh@manurewa.school.nz)



### National Volleyball Selection



Congratulations to Henry Ap'e, Tala Potifara and Wanyae Suafo'a who have been selected for the NZ Volleyball Youth Men's Performance Squad. This follows their outstanding performance as members of the school team that won the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships recently. Their selection offers the potential to play in the Thailand U18 championships in July and in the US

in 2016. The team qualified for the national volleyball champs, held in Palmerston North, where they performed well in the top division. They are a young side of mostly Year 11 players. Coach Kevin Kelsall and manager Claire Hunter are very proud of their efforts. "The boys had an excellent attitude and their commitment has been outstanding. They have trained hard. They have developed a great team bond and have learnt to play as a team and focus on the court," says Claire.

### Anzac Day Manurewa

*Letter from Ali Bain of the Auckland City Council*

I would like to say a huge thank you to you and your students who spoke at the ANZAC Day service at Manurewa this year. They did themselves proud! The students spoke beautifully and clearly and the speeches were full of knowledge and compassion.

This was an extra special ANZAC commemoration service this year and one that we can all be extremely proud of. The attendance at all the services was beyond expectations, which made the services even more special. The significance of this occasion certainly stood out.

We certainly couldn't have done it without the input and support we receive from the local schools – we so truly appreciate it.



*Student group at Dawn Parade—Auckland Domain*



## Careers Update

### Student Information:

#### New Careers Counsellor

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mr Neil Craik into our expanding department. Mr Craik is an experienced teacher and counsellor and will be working with Mrs Leslie to ensure all students have the opportunity to receive personalised career planning.

#### LEARNER LICENCE – Special Offer

If your child is 16 years old, 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 Business Centre by paying \$50.00 (half-price).

Classes will run after school Fridays from 2.30pm—3.15pm for Year 11 and Year 12 students and 3.15pm—4.00pm for Year 13 students. Students must attend the classes for a minimum of four sessions. Numbers are capped at 40 students per programme. The next class commences on Friday 8 May.

#### Tertiary Applications

Although many courses will be open online mid-May, we are encouraging students to hold off applying until Term 3 after the universities and polytechnics have presented their overviews and the process for scholarship applications has been outlined in assembly. Students need to have a clear idea of all opportunities suitable for them before applying. Senior students who require a printed assessment result notice for tertiary applications must login to [www.secure.nzqa.govt.nz/for-learners/records/login.do](http://www.secure.nzqa.govt.nz/for-learners/records/login.do) to order one.

#### Student Allowance

Students turning 18 may be eligible to receive a student allowance while they are full time students at secondary school. Check out [www.studylink.co.nz](http://www.studylink.co.nz)

### Upcoming Events:

#### Waikato University Open Days

Ten of our students interested in applying for Waikato University will be transported by the university to attend the student on-campus Open Day on Friday 22 May 2015. The university is open to the public on Saturday 23 May 2015.

#### Spirit of Adventure Trust Scholarship Voyages

Two Year 12 students, Rashan So'e and Rosiah-Telelina Crichton, are about to embark on their fully funded 10 day voyages aboard the Spirit of New Zealand this month. Any current Year 11 students interested in applying for this scholarship in Term 4 are invited to register their interest at the Careers Centre.

#### Gateway/Star



Ex-students make it big in USA. Halapua Halafo'u, Samson Tamanika and Taufa Langi (pictured left) have been accepted on a six month internship at Disneyland Florida after completing their Diploma Course at Travel Careers & Training in July. The 3 students credit their success to the Gateway and STAR programmes they completed while at school, enabling them to experience the world of Travel and Tourism.

## Club of 50 Invitation

Friday 22 May 2015

6.30pm Doors Open  
7—7.30pm Performance by the Tour band  
8.00pm Guest Speaker and Performer  
8.30pm Prize Draw  
9.00pm Evening concludes

Please RSVP to [tef@manurewa.school.nz](mailto:tef@manurewa.school.nz) by Friday 15 May



*In July we are sending a Concert Band to the Gold Coast to study under International Conductors and play at the Brisbane Band Festival. In support this we are holding a major fundraiser on Friday 22 May.*

*The Club of 50 promises to be a fantastic evening—Leni Sulusi (ex Manurewa High School) is Guest Speaker. He has just returned to New Zealand from representing the combined armed forces in Gallipoli as Ceremonial Drummer. There will be a guest performance by New Zealand Ukulele Champion, Steven Nye. An opportunity on the night to win prizes worth several hundred dollars. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks and light refreshments will be served throughout the evening.*

*To purchase a ticket, please email [tef@manurewa.school.nz](mailto:tef@manurewa.school.nz) by 15 May. Tickets are \$100 (this includes entry for 2) to the above event.*

Manurewa High School  
presents  
Disney's  
**High School Musical**  
Performances begin @ 7pm  
Wednesday 3 June—Saturday 6 June  
in Manurewa High School Hall  
Tickets: \$12 adult : \$6 student/child  
Tickets can be purchased at the Business Centre  
from Monday 25 May

## SMILE NZ FREE DENTAL DAY

Do you suffer from dental problems but can't seek care due to cost?  
Do you have a current Community Service Card?

Here is an opportunity to get one dental problem sorted. The New Zealand Dental Association and the Southern Cross Health Trust are offering a free dental day on **Saturday 16 May 2015**.

Clendon Dental Centre are providing their dental practice at 15 Palmers Road, Clendon Park, Manurewa for use during this day.

Appointments are limited – so book your place now.  
Call **0800 FREE SMILE/0800 373 376**

Please Note:

- We are expecting high demand for this service so you must have an appointment.
- Some delays are likely on that day, so please be prepared to wait.

**16 MAY 2015 AUCKLAND**

WHERE: Clendon Dental Centre  
15 Palmers Road, Clendon Park, Manurewa, Auckland  
TIME: 8.00am to 5.00pm

please telephone

**0800 FREE SMILE/  
0800 373 376**

TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT

# Upcoming Events

## May

11—15 May

03TAC Waharau  
Refurbishment Camp

11—22 May

### DISTRUPTION FREE ZONE

14 May

Dragons Den Competition,  
Manukau Rockquest Band  
Heats

16 May

18 May—22 May

02TAC/02TAE Sports Camp  
Music Club of 50 Fundraising  
Event

22 May

25 May

### BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

25 May—29 May

### YOUTH WEEK

26 May—27 May

03OED Journey (1st class)

28 May—29 May

03OED Journey (2nd class)

31 May—7 June

Short Term Japan Exchange

## June

1 June

### QUEENS BIRTHDAY

3 June—7 June

### PRODUCTION

4 June

02ECO NZ Steel Trip  
Auckland Rockquest Singer/  
Songwriter

7 June

8 June—10 June

02PED Camp (class 1)

10 June—12 June

02PED Camp (class 2)

13 June

Manukau Rockquest Bands  
Final

20 June

Auckland Pasifica Beats Heats

22 June

### BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

22 June—25 June

Y9 Marae Visits

22 June—25 June

### MATARIKI WEEK

## July

1 July—3 July

### UDANCE

2 July

Farewell Concert for Australia  
Tour Band

3 July

### SCHOOL TERM ENDS

Auckland Pasifica Beats Finals

### Term 2 School holidays

15 July

Concert Band Australian Tour commences

20 July

Term 3 begins  
Maori Language month  
commences

22 July

Concert Band Tour concludes

27 July—31 July

03OED Kokako Lodge 09Hiranga

29 July

Maori Senior Dinner, 6pm

30 July

Australian Maths Competition

31 July—4 August

Takasaki/Utsunomiya—  
Japanese Exchange Visit

## 2015 Humanitarian Aid Trip to Cambodia and Laos

In September, a team of 32 students and staff will travel to Cambodia and Laos to carry out a range of humanitarian aid projects.

This is part of the Humanitarian Aid Leadership Programme (HALP), which we have conducted since 2010. Groups have travelled to Cambodia (three times), Thailand, Laos and Vietnam to work on house building, orphanage care, and aid projects with NZAid and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

This year our projects include supporting a health roadshow and building shelters and fences for rural communities. HALP offers valuable insight into the history and culture of the countries we visit. It is also an insight into how lucky we are as New Zealanders to live in a safe, supportive first-world country where we have many opportunities. Students return empowered, focused, worldly and confident.

Students and staff are working, fundraising and saving hard, but we still need support to make this a reality.

Pledges of \$50 or \$100 will make a big difference to our students being able to travel. Should you wish to make a pledge, or support the team in some other way, or wish to learn more about the project, please contact: Mr Phil Muir, Deputy Principal at [mi@manurewa.school.nz](mailto:mi@manurewa.school.nz)

## School Health Centre

The Health Centre is staffed by three full time registered nurses—Tracey, Leanne and Paula and is 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 the nurses in the Health Centre.

## 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 4000
- 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

RESPECT	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
EXCELLENCE	Be the best you can be Be aware of what you can be Be proactive and ask for help
WHANAUNGATANGA	Be proud of your whakapapa and share with others Be willing to get to know and celebrate others Be willing to work with others
AKORANGA	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