

Manurewa High School Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents/Guardians

As we approach the end of Term 2 there have been many fine successes as you will read in this newsletter. One such success is this year's school production, High School Musical. It was unfortunate that I could not attend but I extend my congratulations to the students and staff involved as I have had reports that all performances were amazing, a sell-out and very well received by the crowd—well done.



In a recent assembly I addressed senior students about the feedback I have received from recent graduates of Manurewa High School who are now studying at University. These students have reflected that they did not do enough study at home while at school and that effected their performance in external examinations. It is the one area they had to improve to achieve at University.

This is an important message for our school. Your role as a parent is to help with supervision of this activity. Senior students must devote at least an hour after school for further study. This habit is best formed in the junior school. For further guidelines on homework please see overleaf.

As a school, one of our values is excellence – a measure of this is to develop leadership within staff and students.

It is with regret that at the end of Term 2 we farewell Mr Phil Muir who has been on the staff since 1996. Phil has been appointed to the leadership of the Westmount Education Programme. During his 19 years' service Phil has:

- taught a wide range of subjects—English, Automotive, Tourism, Integrated Learning, Social Sciences, Sport Leadership, Digital Technology, Technology, Careers and Transition, First Aid, Financial Literacy, Services preparation and Customer Service.
- Undertaken many leadership positions.
- Chaired ACATE for two years (Auckland Career and Transition Educators), National Executive for CATE one year (Career and Transition Education), held position of Deputy Principal at Manurewa High School since 2009, chaired the Manurewa - Papakura Youth Guarantee Governance Group and the Auckland Deputy Principals Association.
- Developed many programmes at Manurewa High School.
- Responsible for five HALP trips to SE Asia, Duke of Edinburgh for two years, started girls rugby and coached both boys and girls, Chess Club, Liaison officer between the school and NZQA.

This is an amazing list of contributions which the school is very grateful for and will find it hard to replace. I personally thank Phil for his support and hard work since I started in 2010. I admire his ability to make meaningful and strong connections in and out of the school.

I have committed to supporting the Computers in Homes programme run by the Ministry of Education. For further details on how to participate, please read overleaf.

Regards

S V Gargiulo—Principal

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We remember Mr Paul Lees

The glorious 35 year reign of the Emperor Richard Paul Lees as an educator at Manurewa High School crossed over two centuries, spanning more than three decades beginning in 1980 until part way through term 1 2015.

A very special service was held at school on Friday 12 June to pay tribute to Mr Lees, where many students and staff spoke of the man who inspired them. At the end a powerful haka boomed out for him - a touch the Roman emperor side of Paul would have loved.

Known by many as Caesar, Paul championed all students from the highest performing, intellectually capable, through to those who struggle with basics. He worked equally hard with all his subjects. Scholarship 2014 – extremely hard and shows his commitment to challenging and extending students.

A particularly memorable adventure he led was in 1989 – Emperor Lees' Odyssey to Turkey, Greece and Italy – taking a large group of students to the cradle of civilization and leaving at the height of the first gulf war.

Student voice has been loud and so respectful. Some of the hundreds of comments include the following:

"RIP Mr Lees. Your passion for Classical Studies shone through in your teaching and you never gave up on your students. Thank you for being such a supportive and wonderful teacher."

"So sad to hear this, he was such a positive influence on my life and the reason I am currently doing a PhD in Classics"

"He was an awesome teacher. Always ready with a quick witted retort. He was passionate and funny. R.I.P Mr Lees thank you for making all our lives that much brighter for knowing you."

"Very sad news. Mr Lees was a huge part of our lives and we will miss him hugely."



What is homework?

Studies on homework at high school level have found that it has clear benefits. Homework teaches children how to take responsibility for tasks and how to work independently. That is, homework helps children develop habits of mind that will serve them well as they proceed through school and, indeed, through life. Specifically, homework helps children learn how to plan and organise tasks, manage time, make choices and problem solve—all skills that contribute to effective functioning in the adult world of work and families.

Strategies to Make Homework Go More Smoothly

There are two key strategies parents can draw on to reduce homework hassles. The first is to establish clear routines around homework, including when and where homework gets done and setting up daily schedules for homework. The second is to build in rewards or incentives to use with children for whom "good grades" is not a sufficient reward for doing homework.

Homework Routines

By establishing daily routines for homework completion, you will not only make homework go more smoothly, but you will also be fostering a sense of order that your child can apply to later in life, including college and work.

Step 1 Find a location in the house where homework will be done

The right location will depend on your child and the culture of your family.

Step 2 Establish a homework time

Your child should get in the habit of doing homework at the same time every day. The time may vary depending on the individual child.

Step 3 Establish a daily homework schedule

Never accept the claim that there is no homework. Each term all students are given a diary to keep track of their work. There is always review of lessons, preparation for next lessons, more practice of reading or practice of essay writing that can be done during the homework time.

Computers in Homes

This is a programme supported by the Ministry of Education which gives support to families who do not have a computer in their homes.

To be included in this programme a family must:

- Not have a computer in their home (though they may have tablets and phones)
- Be prepared to undertake 10 sessions of training in Term 3 (these will be 2 hours a session)
- Pay \$50

The programme will provide:

- Free training
- A computer
- An internet connection
- Technical support
- Mentoring training after the computers have been installed
- Access to online educational resources

It means a family will get better access to the internet, email and basic computer skills which will enhance the performance of the students in their studies.

If you are keen to be considered for this programme please email the Principal go@manurewa.school.nz before 17 July 2015

High School Musical

A big thank you to all of the wider school community, parents, staff and students for a successful production of High School Musical.



Feedback from member of public who attended—I want to acknowledge the extremely professional and quality performance—well done and congratulations. An outstanding show—the size of the cast (awesome logistics), the simple staging, the connected feeling within the wide age range of students, the quality of the musicians and the vocals, the body language and emotion portrayed and the super choreography.

I would have to say of all the shows I have seen, Rewa's High School Musical would have to be up there with the best.

Hands on Science



I received the University of Otago Award at the Manukau Regional Science Fair in 2014. This prize gave me the amazing opportunity of attending the Otago University "Hands on Science" week in Dunedin in January 2015 – all expenses were paid by Canon and Otago University. I spent a week with other students who had the same passion in science as myself. During this week I attended exclusive lectures, conducted experiments in their labs and got to experience university life. There were many Science projects that interested me including Nano Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

Thank you Otago University for an amazing week. It was very fun filled and enjoyable and I really enjoyed the intellectual talks and debates with other intellectual minds. I am grateful to them for the use of their facilities and to their wonderful organisers.

Ranish Chand—Year 13

Gold at The Project Dance Comp

Our dance group 'Salute' won the recent 'The Project' Dance Competition in Tauranga. Salute's routine, choreographed by student Nese Godinet, saw them win first place against fourteen other hip hop crews. Well done to Tyrone Faapoi, Jaden Godinet, Nese Godinet, Amber Inia, Alice Lam Sam, Saige Mamanu, Iavana Seuala, Jerish Tanuvasa and Blade Tuiasau-Makoare.



Three enterprises progress through Dragon's Den

From food, to bathroom fizz and furniture, a diverse group of enterprises from Manurewa High School have progressed through the first round of the Young Enterprise competition.

The Dragon's Den style event required groups to pitch their business ideas and present business plans to a judging panel. The next step is a regional final which takes place this month. The businesses are:

- **Pivot Point Solutions**, which upcycles old-style school desks. The idea for the desk came from one of the student executives, who was concerned that she did not have space for a desk in her bedroom, which she shares with two others. The collapsible desk can fit under her bed, and is designed so that she can study from her bed. By creating a better study environment, the aim is for more students to be successful in education, and for fewer young people to end up in a pathway to NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training). The students are very excited to be in the formative stages of a partnership with the new Integration Facility at Wiri.
- **Scentopia New Zealand** introducing the 'bon bomb': making fun with science, this group is developing a range of 'bon-bomb' products for use in foot and hand baths.
- **Cambodian Sauce Company** introducing 'wowzest': For the first time in New Zealand, this spicy Cambodian sauce is being developed with mentoring from global celebrity chef Sean Connolly.

Bollywood Rockerz Dance Comp



A group of dance students entered the 2015 "High School Rockerz" Indian Bollywood Dance competition on Saturday 30 May.

The competition was held at the Logan Campbell Centre at the ASB show grounds, and our students were keen to uphold their success in previous years.

Fifteen schools took part in the competition, and Manurewa High School won second runner-up, while Prashant Prakash was named best male dancer. A great achievement, well done to all who took part.

NCEA Student App has been officially launched

Free NCEA Student App has been finally launched to help students track their NCEA credit progress and set goals for their NCEA achievement.

The **NCEA Student App** provides an officially maintained data base of standards and a goal-setting function. Students are encouraged to look at all the apps available and use the one that suits them.

The NCEA Student App will help students, parents, schools and whānau track learning progress and encourage excellence. All content is available in English and Te Reo Māori.

The NCEA Student App functionality makes it possible for students to:

- Create a record of the subjects and standards that they are studying
- Select and set their NCEA credit goals and targets
- See how they are tracking towards NCEA Levels one, two and three, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance (UE)
- Set reminders for each standard—such as when assignments are due
- Capture results as they are achieved and cross check with the school or NZQA
- Personalise with information such as their NSN number or details about a course or standard (such as the teacher's name or timetabled classroom)
- Customise with different colour coding options and the ability to add photos
- Use in English and Te Reo Māori.

The App has a standalone database with a powerful search engine which allows students to easily find NCEA courses and standards that they are doing, or would like to do, and to set and track achievement goals.

The NCEA Student App is free to download from the Apple App store and the Google Play Store.

More information for students, teachers, parents and whānau is available on the NZQA website at www.nzqa.govt.nz/student-app

List of other available apps in either the Apple or Google Play stores (including hyperlinks directly to the apps) as at 20 April 2015:

[NCEA Pa!](#)

[NCEA Credit Tracker](#)

[Credit Watcher](#)

[Credit Counter](#)

[NCEA Stats](#)

[NCEA Credits](#)

[NCEA Hub](#)



Careers Update

HOLIDAY STUDY PROGRAMME Tuesday 7 July AUT South Campus

AUT South Campus (Great South Road, Manukau) is running a **FREE** Success at Study day for Year 11, 12 and 13 students these holidays. It aims to inspire students to enter tertiary study and to improve their current study skills knowledge. It will be run by postgraduate students and AUT staff members. A free lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Registration online is essential. <http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/campuses/south-campus/Success-at-Study-Day>

ART AND DESIGN PORTFOLIO DAY Friday 10 July AUT City Campus 10am—3pm

Lecturers will guide potential 2016 Art and Design applicants on how to create an electronic portfolio that is needed with any application and give advice and information about the courses. Register online <http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/study-areas/art-and-design-at-aut-university,-auckland/events/aut-school-of-art-design-undergraduate-portfolio-and-information-sessions>

OPEN EVENING Wednesday 22 July AUT South Campus 6—8pm

Information will be given about the Visual communications programme offered here and how to prepare a portfolio. Apply online <http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/study-areas/art-and-design-at-aut-university,-auckland/events-folder/portfolio-and-open-evening-aut-south-campus>

EXPERIENCE WAIKATO UNIVERSITY 6 July 10am—1pm or 7 July, 1pm—4pm

@ Management Students' Building (MSB), Hillcrest Road, Hamilton.

Prospective students, family and friends

- find out about Waikato University's wide range of undergraduate programmes, entrance requirements and scholarships;
- take a tour of the campus and the halls of residence;
- have an individual appointment for academic advice;
- Discuss the University of Waikato 'student experience' with current students.
- As an addition you may like to consider attending the Science Open day on the 8th of July, the Engineering Open Day on 9th of July or our 'Entrepreneur for a day' the 10th of July.
- Register online <https://docs.google.com/a/waikato.ac.nz/forms/d/1ro8E4Q0c1pORHRncFlzBU6bpkptYhpUOckE11eU9Low/viewform>

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY—PARENT INFORMATION SEMINAR Tuesday 23 June

6.30—8.30pm @ Vodafone Events Centre

Secondary school students and caregivers are invited to:

- Hear about undergraduate programmes
- Find out about scholarships
- Hear about entry requirements and campus life

Please register www.auckland.ac.nz/parentseminar

Japan Trip

Twenty seven Japanese Language students along with four staff, Principal Salvatore Gargiulo, Sarah Davies, Petra Tavener and Katrina Leatinu'u recently returned from their 10 day tour of Japan. The tour started with three full days of sightseeing and shopping throughout various districts in Tokyo (Akihabara, Asakusa, Harajuku, Shibuya), two days visiting the Hiroshima Peace Park and Miyajima Island and finally visiting and re-connecting with our sister school, Takasaki Higashi High School as well as our sister city, Utsunomiya. While in Utsunomiya we visited an elementary school where we learned about the culture of food and eating with Japanese school lunches. We were also lucky to meet with the current Mayor of Utsunomiya, Eiichi Satō and become 'Friendship Citizens' of our sister city. Each and every one of us were fortunate enough to experience authentic Japanese lifestyle, culture and food on this tour.

A huge thank you to Petra Tavener for all her hard work in preparing and creating an exciting and enjoyable itinerary. We would all also like to thank the parents and families for their support and are looking forward to the next one!



ROTARY EXCHANGE 2016 Australia/New Zealand

Eligible students need to meet the following requirements:

- Currently in Year 9 or 10
- Able to spend one term in an Aussie school – Term 3 in Australia
- Aged between 13.5 and 16 years on 1 January 2016
- Family able to host return exchange 10-12 weeks in Term 2
- Family can afford the cost involved – approx. \$4,500

TERTIARY APPLICATIONS

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 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 Help is available with this process at Careers.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Khara Weatherall (13TCH) has been selected to attend the Defence Careers Experience (DCE) to be held at the **RNZAF Base Auckland (Whenuapai)** from 5—8 July 2015. Khara is one of only 40 students from all over New Zealand lucky enough to win this experience. She will live on the base and be shown the work environment and life style of current serving personnel and experience what our servicemen and women do day to day in the Army, Navy and Airforce. Khara has applied to join the Navy as a chef.



GATEWAY

Gateway opportunities are available in the following areas. Please see Careers Department for more information in regard to the companies:

PB Technologies (Information Technology)
ANZ Bank (Service)
Fruehauf NZ Ltd (Engineering)
Precision Foundry MFL Ltd (Engineering)

Pasifika Beats Competition

Two Manurewa High School entries in the Pasifika Beats Competition have made it through to the Auckland final!

Twenty five students ranging from year 9 to year 13 took part in the Auckland regional heats held at the Vodafone Events Centre on Saturday 20 June. Three bands and seven solo/duo artists took part, and all performed strongly. The judges had great things to say about our students, and announced year 10 student Sonatane Kaufusi winner of the Soloist/Duo category, and Nesian Vibes (students Phillip Tele'a, Wyona Murray, Tupou Letoi, Faasolo Moananu, Michael Saili-Motu, Kenese Kenese and Viliamu Kenese) winners of the Bands category.

Manurewa High School has always performed strongly at Pasifika Beats, so come along and support our musicians when they play at the Pasifika Beats Auckland final on **Friday 3 July** at Auckland Girls Grammar School, 10 Howe Street, Freemans Bay. Tickets \$10 at the door.

SCF Teen Building Programme

Seven students from MHS applied for the SCF Teen Building Programme in the Marlborough Sounds in the school holidays.

All seven have been accepted: 16—19 July Bruce Paulo 10KND; Hope Singh 10TSL, Amber 'Inia 10TSL and Osaiasi Langi 10TSL

5—8 October Bethany Iosefa 10AVJ, Ezekiel Leiatua 10KND and Jay Fesilafai 10KND

All travel, accommodation and food is provided.

Upcoming Events

June

22 June—25 June **Matariki Week**
 23 June—26 June Y9 Marae Visits
 23 June 02SPT Volleyball tournament
 24 June 02ECO NZ Steel/Bluescope
 26 June KidsCan Mufti Day Fundraiser

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

4 July School Ball
 15 July Concert Band Australian Tour commences

20 July Term 3 begins
 Maori Language month commences
 22 July Auckland University Course Planning
 Concert Band Tour concludes
 23 July Waikato University Course Planning
 27 July **BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING**
 27 July—31 July 03OED Kokako Lodge 09Hiranga
 29 July Maori Senior Dinner, 6pm, Hall
 30 July Australian Maths Competition
 30 July—6 August Takasaki/Utsunomiya—
 Japanese Exchange Visit

August

3—5 August Dance Workshop—Seniors
 4 August MHS Careers Expo, 1.30—4pm
 5 August—7 August 02 History—Waiouru
 6 August Victoria University Course Planning
 7 August Reports issued
 10—14 August **Technology Week**
 14 August Maori Language month concludes
 17—20 August KBB Music Festival
 17—21 August **Arts Week**
 18 August 2016 Year 9 Open Evening
 19—21 August Art Exhibition, Hall
 03 Geography—Rotorua
 24 August **BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING**
 26—27 August Health Expo, Hall

Mrs Colyer does it again!



Science teacher Mrs Fenella Colyer is no stranger to awards and recently she added another prestigious trophy to her cabinet.

Mrs Colyer was nominated for the Ministry for Youth Development Awards, established to acknowledge those who help to promote youth achievement in their community through any means, eg drama, culture, sports, education. Fenella's award was for her services to education and was presented to her by the Minister for Youth Development.

Mrs Colyer is an exceptional teacher who has previously won the Prime Minister's Award for teaching. Her motivational abilities have resulted in unprecedented numbers of Maori and Pasifika students entering extra-curricular science opportunities such as Science Fair, Next Young Engineer, Space Camp, Women in Science Conference, Science and Innovation Symposium, National Science Forum and The Sir Paul Callaghan Science Orators Competition.

To help students gain funding to attend these opportunities, Mrs Colyer established relationships with Rotary, gaining three awards for "Significant and Meritorious service to the Community" and assisting many students to attend events.

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 **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 or via text 5626

Manurewa High School Our Values		New Zealand Curriculum 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	Respect—for themselves and others Integrity—accountability, acting ethically Care for the environment
EXCELLENCE	Be the best you can be Be aware of what you can be Be proactive and ask for help	Excellence—aiming high, persevering
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	Diversity—culture, language, heritage Equity—fairness and social justice Community and participation for the common good
AKORANGA	Be positive when learning Be adventurous and take risks in your learning Be sure to work at school and at home	Innovation, enquiry and curiosity