

The header features a photograph of students in school uniforms walking on a path. Overlaid on the right side of the photo is a large, stylized green leaf graphic. The text 'Manurewa High School Newsletter' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the title, the principal's name and qualifications are listed in a smaller white font.

Manurewa High School Newsletter

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

April 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is with mixed emotions I report for the final time the news and successes of term 1 2016. To be leaving Manurewa High School after over 6 years and finishing my teaching career after 44 years, including 20 years as a Principal, is a massive step for myself and my wife.

The experience at Manurewa High School will always remain the highlight of my journey and I am so grateful for the experience. I have come to appreciate personalities and attitudes, enjoyment of life, humour and a focus on relationships which has taught me so much about life and lifted my understanding of myself and my values.

An example of this has been the number of students who have asked "Will you miss us?". I answer always with "Hell yes". I do know I will need to keep in contact and will be making regular visits to have a "fill up" of the school's special atmosphere. To start, the only events that I have planned for my retirement are taking the Future Problem Solving students to America next term for the World Championship and being a part of the trip for Manurewa students to Italy in 2017.

I am delighted that Pete Jones has been appointed to replace me. He has been an integral part of the success that the school has achieved in and out of the classroom over the last few years. He has an incredible amount of energy and will take the school to a whole new level.

The development of a programme where university students who recently attended Manurewa High School are coming back to the school to talk with current students and pass on their learnings from their short journey has a really important message. It is the need to do work at home.

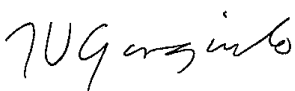
They have found that students they are attending university with have a fixed routine of doing revision, readings and assignments at home. They claim that this has been the case for their entire secondary school. This is a major challenge for the school. **Families must be prepared to set aside a space and time where students put their phones away and do some schoolwork.** The "we don't have any" is not acceptable. There is always personal reading that can be undertaken. If we want to improve the quality of our grades, this is an essential step for all our students.

Lastly, there are two very pleasing aspects of term 1 to report on;

- the attendance rate is over 90% which maintains the improving trend; if you are not in class, you are not learning.
- the successes in sport and cultural participation showing that with the right work ethic we can achieve at the highest level.

All the best for the future.

Regards



S V Gargiulo
Principal

Student Achievement Conferences—Thursday 7 April & Friday 8 April 2016

Appointment letters have been sent—please ensure you have confirmed your allocated appointment time.

During the Student Achievement Conferences, students are only required to attend school for their allocated interview time i.e. there will be no classes held on these days.

It is compulsory that students attend this conference in full school uniform.

Attendance will be recorded.

TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENTEE—PHONE 0800 102 132

Piki Atu ki Te Rangi

EXCELLENCE

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Financial education in Manurewa High School

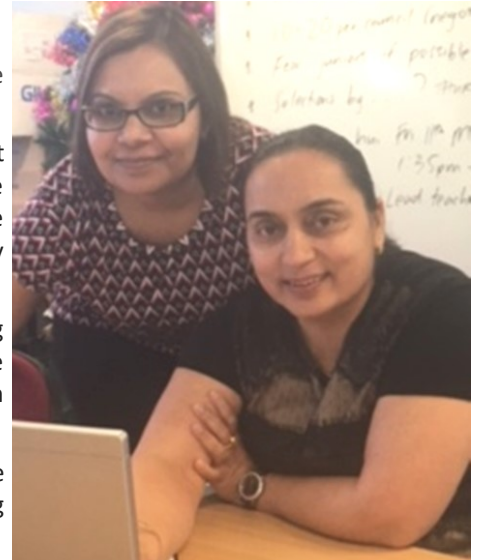
Young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world where they will need to take charge of their own financial future.

Young people are often economically active online at a young age, using parents' credit cards for purchases, and may have responsibility for mobile phone contracts. At the same time, these products and services are becoming more complicated, choices are more difficult, and some important financial decisions are being made much younger than by previous generations.

In June 2009, the Commission formally handed responsibility for the teaching and learning of financial capability in New Zealand schools to the Ministry of Education. We support the Ministry's work and the development of quality financial education resources for use in schools.

Financial capability is highlighted in the New Zealand Curriculum as an example of the type of theme that schools could use for effective cross-curricular teaching and learning programmes.

Mrs G Kaur and Mrs S Sharma are co-ordinators of Financial Capability programme in our school.



*Pictured—left to right
Mrs Sharma and Mrs Kaur*

ASB Polyfest

A huge thank you to the Polyfest teachers in charge who sacrificed their time and energy into our groups. Thank you also to all of our supporters with supervision, helping with the fundraising, coming to the fiafia nights and coming to the performances—we could not do this without you.

Kapa Haka—2nd Manukura Wahine Hine Te Iwaiwa; 2nd Most Improved; 2nd poi; 3rd Waiata-a-ringa; 3rd OVERALL (move to Division 2 in 2017).

Samoan—Speech Competition 3rd Y13 Girls Jennifer Suatauoloa; Co-ed Samoan Group Competition—1st= Entry; 1st Exit; 1st Uniform; 3rd Group Dance; 1st Sasa; 2nd Group Song; 1st Timekeeper Mafutaga Faaleoga; 3rd Taupou Vienna Kopelani; 2nd Tau'aluga; 2nd OVERALL .

Tongan—2nd Tau'olunga.

Niuean—1st Senior Boys Speech Competition Kealii Hakau; 2nd Lolongo tapu fouu.

Cook Islands—3rd Overall Most Improved Group.

Indian, Middle Eastern and Filipino groups also performed well.

Leadership Mindset Hui

On 11 March students from Year 9—13 were selected to participate in the first Manurewa High School leadership hui. The hui helped students learn about the role of student leadership and the purpose of student councils.

The leadership hui helped like-minded students get to know each other. This was achieved through students introducing themselves using mihimihi, a Maori process of introduction. Additionally, the team building activities got everyone to open up and share their creative ideas and opinions with each other. The guest speaker Emiline Afeaki-Mafileo, from the Sir Peter Blake Trust, talked about being a collaborative leader and said that leaders should always be willing to learn from their mistakes.

By the end of the six hour hui, positive relationships had been formed between students and staff involved. Whaea Barbs, facilitator of the hui, stressed that the relationships formed today would be important to the work the student leaders would do during the rest of the year.

written by Harleen Bhatthal

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

If you have had a
change of address, phone number
or

emergency contact details,
please contact the school office to
advise of these changes;
phone 269 0690

or email mhs@manurewa.school.nz

It is important that our school records
are up to date for every student.

Thank you for your assistance.



Indoor Netball

Year 13 student Paris Tana-Tepania was invited recently to play in the mixed team for Auckland Central U23 as she had previously played for the team in 2015.

This year, commitments with school and work prevented her from playing for the team throughout the regional competition, however a week out from the weekends nationals the team suffered injuries and called on Paris to assist them.

Royal Easter Show Art Exhibition

Aeluna Nissan 13TRI and Amandeep Kaur 13TRI entered the Royal Easter Show art exhibition youth awards this year.

They were both placed in the top 3, they in fact took out the top 3 with Amandeep placing 1st and 2nd as well as being awarded a Merit award and Aeluna placing 3rd.



Amandeep Kaur



Aeluna Nissan

Volleyball Premier Senior Boys



The team's hard work paid off and they were victorious in the final vs Orewa College at the Auckland Champs on Saturday 12 March. They lost the first two sets as they let the nerves get the better of them but showed just how mentally tough they are by coming back and winning the next three sets, and ultimately the trophy.

Uatisoni Aso, Henry Ap'e and Tala Potifara were all named in the Tournament Team and Tala was also named as the MVP of the entire tournament.

The team is now preparing for Volleyball Nationals in Palmerston North at the start of April. The boys would like to say a massive thank you to The Trust Community Foundation who very generously provided them with a grant to assist with accommodation costs. They would also like to thank all their sponsors and are looking forward to representing the 12 lucky winners who will have their name printed on the back of one of the boys warm up t-shirts. The team feels very humbled by all the support they have received and will endeavour to represent the school, their families, their sponsors and their community with pride.

Auckland Athletic Champs 2016



Our top results of the recently held Auckland Athletic Champs—Sau Fatuleai - 4th Open Girls Hammer, Dellwyn Fiso - 4th Junior Girls Javelin, Sonatane Kaufusi - 4th Open Boys Hammer, Kemara Kemara - 7th Intermediate Boys 200m, Laycian Leaso - 6th Junior Boys Discus, Jermaine Malaga - 1st Intermediate Boys Javelin, Ann Motuga - 4th Senior Girls Javelin, Nun Sok - 3rd Junior Boys High Jump, Matalena Talatofi - 6th Open Girls Hammer, Edward Travers - 2nd Intermediate Boys High Jump, 2nd Intermediate Boys Long Jump, Isaac Tuala - 5th Intermediate Boys 100m and Catherine Vave - 6th Junior Girls Javelin; 6th Junior Boys Relay team (Sekonaia Fungalei, Patrick Sean, Edward Sefatu and Nun Sok); 4th Intermediate Boys Relay team (Jermaine Malaga, Isaac Tuala, Edward Travers and Kemara Kemara).

Every school provides event support and we were scheduled to support on the track. Bruce Paulo, Sitaleki Tonga and Kaumavae Tupou competed in the Hammer throw event first thing in the morning and then assisted on the track from 9.15am-6.15pm when we finished. They were great ambassadors for the school and showed initiative throughout the day. We received a number of comments from the Auckland Athletics officials about how they were a pleasure to work with throughout the day. They went above and beyond expectations.

A huge thank you to Katie Spraggon, Mel Martene, Maggie Silva for their organisation, Deon Wagner for all of the hours that he puts into the throwers and to Hogan Chapman who trained with our relay teams.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

1—3 April	Athletics North Island Champs
4—9 April	Summer Tournament
7 April	STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONFERENCES
8 April	STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONFERENCES
11—15 April	International Week Biology Camp Waharau
15 April	Farewell for Mr Gargiulo—Principal End of Term 1

May

2 May	Term 2 begins
2—6 May	Technology Food Masterclass Demonstration
10 May	Big Day In (Y9 TPT)
16 May	01BUS/02BUS Market Day
16—22 May	Road Safety Week
20 May	Liggins Day for 01SCM
23—31 May	Disruption Free Zone

June

1—3 June	Disruption Free Zone
6 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY

Welcome to the Library on SAC days

To the whanau of Manurewa High School

If you have spare time on the SAC conference days we would like to welcome you to visit our Library.
Feel free to come and see what the library has to offer our students.
Do you have pre-schoolers?
Come and sit for a while and read a book with them.

If a child reads for 20 minutes every day they will :

- Read 137 new words per minute
- Be exposed to 1.8 million words every year

If families read together 20 minutes every day of the year they will:

- Gain 121 hours of bonding time



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

School Health Centre

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

Fight Rheumatic Fever

*Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e lelei,
Fakaalofa lahi atu, Bula vinaka,
Namaste, Malo ni, Fakatalofa atu*

Manurewa High School Health Centre runs a *free* sore throat Clinic. If a student has a sore throat, they are advised to come to get it checked for 'strep throat' which can lead to rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease if left untreated. If your Tamariki have a sore throat, encourage them to see the School Nurse for a free throat swab. All throat swabs and medication are free and medication will only be given to your child if you have agreed to it. The nurse will also tell your Doctor if your child is given antibiotics to take.

If you DO NOT want your Tamariki to have a throat swab taken at school, please phone the School Nurse on 269 0690 Ext 205.

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