

Manurewa High School

Piki atu ki te rangi

July 2016

Tēnā koutou katoa!

I want to start by letting you know that Te Mārama o Te Reo Maori or Maori Language Month is back at Manurewa High School and will be celebrated during week 10 of this term and week 1, 2 and 3 of term 3. The theme for this year is ākina te reo – behind you all the way which is about using te reo Māori to support people, to inspire and to cheer on.

There will be many inter-whanau events and challenges over the weeks such as:

PATAI O TE WIKI / IT'S COOL TO KORERO—Phrase of the Week eg; 'Kia kaha e hoa mā!' - Let's go Team / HAKA CHALLENGE

TE REO MAORI RESOURCES <http://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/what-we-do/events-and-promotions/maori-language-week/resources/>

The annual He Pō Whakanui i ngā Ākonga Māori (Tuākana) Senior Māori Achievement Dinner 2016 will be held Wednesday 10 August in the school hall, commencing at 6:00pm. Further details to follow early next term.

Congratulations to Steve Smith, Stuart King and Fale Lesa on re-appointment to the Manurewa High School Board of Trustees. Welcome to new Board members Mitlesh Prasad, Richard Thornton and staff representative Bruno Watkins.

I am really looking forward to working with the Board as we work towards achieving our charter goals, formulating our vision and planning for the continued success of Manurewa High School.

There are many positive achievements to report on which are detailed in this newsletter, our school website www.manurewa.school.nz and Facebook page [Manurewa High School](https://www.facebook.com/Manurewa-High-School) as well as this video by Counties Manukau Police, the Manurewa Local Board and Manurewa Youth Council [#manurewaitmysmyhome](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

In an effort to communicate these achievements and upcoming school events more effectively to our parent community, we have started to email the newsletter. We will also trial sending school reports via email therefore it is imperative that the school has the most up to date email address for parents/guardians. Please notify the school of any updates by contacting mhs@manurewa.school.nz

On a final note, the Senior Leadership team, staff and students, extend a warm welcome to our new Deputy Principal Lawrence Naicker.

Enjoy the term break—Nga mihi nui

Peter Jones—Principal

Tena Koutou Katoa, Talofo Lava, Malo eh lelie, Namaste, Ni Hau, Kumusta, NiBula

Thank you to the Board of Trustees, Senior Leadership Team, staff and students for giving me this opportunity to be part of the Manurewa High School community. In South Africa I taught Mathematics and Computer Studies at a secondary school, before moving on to lecturing Computer Science at a teacher training college. In 1998 I emigrated to New Zealand. My New Zealand teaching career started at Northland College. It was an opportunity and experience I will always be grateful for. I feel indebted to the Ngapuhi up North for their welcoming spirit, their generosity and kindness to my family while we settled into New Zealand. In 2001 I moved to Papakura High School. I spent nine years there as HOD Mathematics. We built a great team of teachers at Papakura High School where we moved the numeracy pass rate from around 40% to over 90%. We also had a number of scholarships in Calculus and Statistics. We were recognised for this by being awarded the Woolf Fisher fellowship in 2008. In 2010 I moved to Sancta Maria College where I spent just over six years. My roles here included being HOD Mathematics, Principal's Nominee and a stint as Assistant Principal.

A big part of who I am has been shaped by being brought up in apartheid South Africa. During my high school, university and early teaching years, I was very much part of the struggle to release Nelson Mandela from prison and fight for equity and justice for all. I am therefore passionate about removing barriers so that we can give every person the chance to become the best they can be.

I am ever so thankful for the opportunity to be living in a great country. My fervent wish to our young people at Manurewa High School is that they give us the chance to nurture and grow them, so that they can go on to realise their dreams.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Lawrence Naicker



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Leadership Hui



On Friday 10 June over eighty student leaders came together in the school hall for our second student leadership hui this year. The focus for this hui was “Leadership Action” and was intended to help student leaders gain strategies that could assist their own leadership action in and around the Manurewa High School community.

According to student voice, highlights of the hui were hearing leadership stories shared by teachers and students alike, the wonderful kai that was put on by our lead teachers and the special guest performance from Prestige Dance Crew.

A huge thank you must be given to our lead teachers and student leaders who have continued to help grow the servant leadership model that was introduced earlier in the year.

“O le ala i le pule o le tautua” the pathway to leadership is through service

Future Problem Solving

To have the opportunity to be part of the Future Problem Solving trip to America will remain as a special memory.

Patricia and I shared the two weeks with coach Glenis Martin and students John Chen, Okesene Fatu, Aimee Lew and Aaron Lew. While it included some sightseeing and shopping in Chicago and some adventures in Disneyland, the purpose of competing in the world championships in Michigan was always the focus.

To compete against 74 teams from 15 countries in the academic competition of problem solving was not something I would ever get the chance to share with our students.

For the team to be placed 14th was something they should be very proud of. The competition required the team to write complete and concise solutions to the problems of renewable energy. We were so proud of them. It was further proof that Manurewa High School students are capable of taking on the world in all formats.

We were also impressed with how well the group fitted into the environment and made many new connections from all over the world. It was great the way they took advantage of every day of the trip to enjoy, observe and learn.

Thank you to everyone who helped support them on the trip – their families, the school, the students who bought raffle tickets and the sponsors—*Salvatore Gargiulo*.



SPORT . . . congratulations . . .

Kiani Marshall and **Jonty Timote** – both members of our 1st XIII Rugby League team who have gained selection to attend the 2016 NZRL National Performance Camp in Rotorua from 9–13 July. Kiani and Jonty will have an opportunity to impress NRL scouts and National selectors during this time.

Pafe Momoisea and **Sakiasi Tavita** – their Auckland Counties Manukau Basketball team has qualified for the New Zealand U19 Nationals in Nelson from 20–23 July. Both boys are also impressive performers for our Manurewa High School Open Boys Basketball team.

iSport Foundation – the following standout students were chosen to attend a full day leadership based workshop with Richie McCaw, Dr Ralph Pim, Temepara Bailey and Jeremy Scott—hugely inspiring people that have achieved at the highest level. Well done to: **Katie Lowry, Dayna Martin, Aidan McPherson, Pafe Momoisea, Aki Piliu, Jayden Rogers, Samuel Schwalger, Hateni Tohi, Breeze Toia, Keziah Sembrano, Timote Foliaki, Dominic George—Wallace, Hevan—Leigh George—Wallace, Latham McGill—Haslam, Halee Gray, Kiriana Kohu, Kaya Rata, Tala Potifara and Timothy Toafia.**

Tala Potifara and **Peni Finau** for their Chiefs U17s selection.

Table top 3 performers at this stage – well done to the following teams that are currently in the top 3 of their respective competitions: **Basketball Open, U17 and U15 boys, Netball Premier, Senior A, Year 10 A, Junior C and Year 9 A girls, Rugby Union 1st XV, 2nd XV and U15 Gold boys.**

Winter sport is half way through season and again it is proving to be a very successful one for most. We would like to congratulate every member of every team that is living our Manurewa High School values of **Respect, Excellence, Whanaungatanga** and **Akoranga**. We would also like to thank our **staff and community based coaches and managers** that make our sports programme possible through giving up countless hours of their time in order to help our athletes and sports people achieve and experience the amazing opportunities that come with being involved with sport.

Environmental Council

Central Mini Jam



Three members of the Environmental Council—Caitlin Turner, Elesha Moore and Hannah-Jayne Rodokal attended the Central mini jam at One Tree Hill College. They received three awards for their efforts in participating in an amazing race type event centred on ideas of living sustainably—*Hannah-Jayne Rodokal*.

NZCGS Global Citizenship Conference



Environmental Council Leader Hannah-Jayne Rodokal was offered the opportunity to attend the NZCGS Global Citizenship Conference. One hundred students from all over New Zealand were invited to discuss issues affecting the global community. Throughout the day they listened to guest speakers from Parliament and other organisations talk about the problems our generation will have to face, such as climate change, poverty etc and from these students gained an understanding of how it may not only affect this country but the rest of the world too. At the end of the conference, these problems and solutions to them were discussed as well as small actions that we can take in our communities today such as raising awareness of these global issues—*Hannah-Jayne Rodokal*.

This year's enterprises are right on trend

We have two businesses doing well in the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) with innovative products in food and fashion.



Pure Blendz (pictured left) has developed a natural way of infusing coffee with coconut. Pure Blendz took its first batch to the recent Pasesfika Business Expo at the Vodafone Events Centre – and sold out. The group gained \$425 in seed funding through YES and the judges were impressed with the strength of their business plan.

LJ's Clothing (pictured right) has a concept for upcycling T Shirts with a tie-dyed process, which is one of the world's hottest fashion trends for 2017. Shoppers at the Pasesfika Business Expo snapped up the first release. This group also gained excellent seed funding of \$275.



Our school has a great track record of success in YES. Students enjoy the practical learning it provides, developing both creativity and business skills. Place your orders and follow their successes via their Facebook pages!

LJ's Clothing <https://www.facebook.com/MH.LJSClothing/?fref=ts>

Pure Blendz Coffee <https://www.facebook.com/PureBlendz/>

Music Successes

We've been busy! Every weekend we have had students representing our school wonderfully and achieving at the highest of levels. We have also returned to the Big Sing – special thanks to Miss Fong and Mrs Louman – and have provided entertainment for the Chiefs – Waikato match (photos below).



The following is a list of awards, with several students now working on National Final Submissions where the prize packages include Recordings/Music Videos and trips to Fiji!

SmokefreeRockquest Solo/Duo: Best Song—Sipaia Fuli; Musicianship Award—Risnm Tangianau and 2nd Overall—Sonatane Kaufusi. **SmokefreeRockquest Bands:** Best Lyrics—Niu Trio; 2nd Overall—Niu Trio—Eliza Avauli, Makayla Eli, Uluaialofa Lualua. **SmokefreePacificaBeats Solo/Duo:** Best Vocals—Henry A'pe; Best Female—Nicola Nimo. Best use of Reo—Trinity Makutu; 1st Overall 'Blessed' Henry and Nicola; 2nd Overall Tequilla Moses.

Honours for students in St John

Two of our students, Katie Lowry and Melissa Wu, have gained the honour of being named the St John District Cadet of the Year, known as a 'DCoty'.

Katie, in Year 12, is DCoty for the St John Counties district, while Melissa, Year 10, is DCoty for the Manukau district. Both students have a passion for the [St John Cadet Programme](#), which they say has helped them to develop as leaders who serve and to understand people. They are both part of the school leadership programme as well – Katie on the Sports Council and Melissa on the Wellbeing Council. Katie is the third generation of her family to serve in St John. Her mum, Sue, has worked as a paramedic and now



Pictured left to right—Katie's mother Sue, Katie Lowry and grandparents Murray and Lesley Guptill



Melissa Wu

runs a schools programme. Her grandparents, Murray and Lesley Guptill, are actively involved. Melissa found her way into St John through the example of older brothers and sisters. The programme has a focus on first aid, healthcare, leadership and general life skills. There are classes once a week, and activities on weekends. Katie says the organisation is very understanding if she has other priorities, which she sometimes does as a member of the school waka ama squad. She is also a keen competitor in orienteering, cross country, and athletics. There are a large number of cadets, and winning the DCoty award is highly valued. Well done Katie and Melissa!

Commerce Inquiry Day—related to financial capability

A Commerce Inquiry Day was held at Manurewa High School on Monday 30 May 2016. Around 450 Year 9 students were involved in this programme. The students learnt about Financial literacy, Accounting, Economics and Business. There were five different stations for students and they went to these in rotation. Each station had one Station Master in charge of the station and activity. Station 1 'Money Go Round' where students understand that a sum of money can be spent and re-spent and that one person's expenditure can be another person's income. Station 2 'Needs and Wants'. 'Needs' are defined as things that are essential for survival such as food or shelter. 'Wants' are things that people would like, but are not essential, e.g. iPhone, Ferrari. Students were asked to compare the things they want with what their grandparents want, which enables them to understand that one person's needs can be another person's want. Station 3 'Money Game' was a fun and exciting way to teach students about the benefits of saving money and possible risks of spending money. Station 4 students produced imaginative costumes from resources like rubbish bags, toilet paper, cello tape and crepe paper. They worked co-operatively with group members to make decisions about which age group will buy their costume, what the price will be and how much it cost them to make. Station 5 related to using a budget to set personal goals, recognise the principals for achieving financial independence and developing awareness on lifestyle and how this can affect financial behaviour.



Students did enjoy the day and we are planning to make it an annual event for Juniors.

Gurpreet Kaur—HOLA Commerce

2017 ENROLMENTS

1 August Enrolment Applications Packs available from the school office for those students **not** attending contributing schools.
 7 September Out of Zone Applications **close at 4pm**.
 14 September Ballot drawn for Out of Zone Applications.

We Need Your Support

R	RESPECT	Students should be well presented and wear the correct uniform with pride. If you struggle to purchase warmer uniform items required during these cooler months, the school and/or other services may be able to assist. Please contact your Whanau Leader or Student Support Services.
E	EXCELLENCE	Regular attendance at school is a key factor supporting student achievement. Please assist us to ensure, whenever possible, your children attend school every day.
W	WHANAUNGATANGA	Spectator/Side Line Behaviour—Please support all our teams, individuals, opponents, referees and officials in a positive manner. Abuse and negative connotations will not be tolerated. Demonstrate your support in the true spirit of sport and competition whilst upholding our School values.
A	AKORANGA	Encourage and support your child to study/research during the term break. The two weeks presents an ideal opportunity to catch up on uncompleted work and prepare for next term.

Youth Parliament by Fa'apa'ia Folasa

On Friday 13 May, Year 10 members from the different student councils at Manurewa High School and Ms Giborees participated in the Youth Parliament held at Alfriston College. This was an opportunity to get together with other schools in Manurewa, such as James Cook High School and Alfriston College. The Youth Parliament is for leaders to voice their opinions about the positive and negative conditions in their community. As a member of the Pacific Council my focus was about the discrimination and stereotypes people have about Manurewa. From my point of view, I believe that the community we live in has been stereotyped too many times. Louisa Wall as MP of Manurewa believed that our community is struggling with low income/poverty.

As representatives of Manurewa High School we want to stand and produce a change in the future, so we can show them who we really are. We don't need to be on the news to define what REWA is, because Manurewa is more than that, it's multicultural, diverse and PERFECT.

Wellington Parliament Visit by Sulani Helg

Opportunity. That is what continues to thrive at Manurewa High School. As an aspiring MP, I was given the opportunity by Louisa Wall, to attend the Pacific Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Mentoring Programme in Wellington. I spent one day with these women which was a day that I did not want to end!

Being able to connect with these strong-willed Pasifika parliamentarians, was an experience that I will never forget. These Pasifika women are very important and play huge roles in their governments as well as the Pacific Islands. The fact that I was surrounded by these women, felt surreal and learning from their experiences was humbling. I was enlightened with knowledge of the ins and outs of the political system within their countries and most importantly with life stories which have shaped their mind-set and career.

The stories that were shared touched my heart and will stay with me as a reminder that as Pacific Island women, we will encounter the upmost challenging hardships and obstacles. But because of our nature, the obligation to stay strong for our families, countries and ancestors will overwhelm our hearts. This is who I am.

Meeting these significant women and learning from them has contributed to reaffirming what I want to do in politics, for humanity and my people in the near future. Despite everyone's different political stance, I am honoured to say that I now have 7 new aunts from Samoa, Tuvalu, Tonga, Fiji, Niue and the Cook islands. —WHAT AN EXPERIENCE.



Pictured left to right—Louisa Wall MP, Samoan MP Fa'aulusau Rosa Duffy-Stowers and Sulani Helg

eManurewa

Welcome parents/caregivers to the regular series of information bites around eLearning. Manurewa High School is embarking on an ambitious journey over the next few years to redefine learning and teaching. With technology moving so fast, parents are faced with dealing with issues around cyber safety on a more regular basis. Here are some helpful tips to make sure your child is safe:

- *Set clear rules and boundaries for the digital world – e.g. how long they're allowed on the computer or what kind of online extras/downloads they can buy.*
- *Make the most of tools like 'Parental Controls' and 'SafeSearch' to help prevent them accessing inappropriate content – but remember, they're not a substitute for parental supervision.*
- *Keep track – of how much data everyone is using.*
- *Lights out! Phones and laptops in the bedroom are too much of a temptation for texting or playing games late at night. One idea is a family 'charging basket' where all devices have to stay overnight. Another idea that some families find useful is agreeing to Mum or Dad changing the Wi-Fi password at a set time every day, to bring 'tech time' to an end. The new password can be given out when 'tech time' begins again.*
- *Keep talking. Don't wait until you're concerned about something – talk to them now.*

For more information visit www.digi-parenting.co.nz or if you have any concerns about the use of technology here at Manurewa High School, then please get in contact with me.

Craig Render : eLearning Co-ordinator : rd@manurewa.school.nz : 09 2690690 ext 242

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

8 July Term 2 ends
 9 July School Ball
 25 July Term 3 begins

Board of Trustees Meeting

27 July—21 August Maori Language month cont'd
 28 July Australian Maths Competition
 28 July—4 August Utsunomiya short tour

August

4—11 August Takasaki Higashi High Visit
 8—12 August Technology Week
 9 August Open Evening for parents of 2017 students, 6.30pm, Hall
 10 August He Pō Whakanui i ngā Ākonga Māori (Tuākana) Senior Maori Achievement Dinner
 11 August Food Product Launch, Hall
 15—20 August Arts Week
 22 August **Board of Trustees Meeting**
 22—26 August Health & Wellbeing Week
 24—25 August Health Expo
 28—31 August Winter Tournament Week
 29—31 August Disruption Free Zone

September

1—3 September Winter Tournament Week
 2 September Kids Can Mufti Day
 1—8 September Examinations & Assessment Week (Disruption Free Zone)
 9 September **Teacher Only Day**
 12—16 September Clean Up Week
 15 September Year 10 Trade Fair, Hall
 19 September **Board of Trustees Meeting**
 21 September **Student Achievement Conferences—2017 Option selection**

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 and be checked for 'strep throat', which untreated can lead to rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease. If your Tamariki have a sore throat, encourage them to see the School Nurse for a throat swab—all swabs and medication are free. 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 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 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

TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENTEE
 PHONE 0800 102 132

Manurewa High School 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

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