

MANUREWA HIGH SCHOOL

Fiefia Cancelled 2020

We have just received confirmation that Polyfest has been cancelled, therefore I am very sorry to inform you that our Tongan Fiefia night on Wednesday 18 March and the Samoan Po Siva night on Thursday 19 March have also been cancelled.

As you are aware we are following Government and Ministry of Health guidelines around the cancellation of all mass un-ticketed events of over 500 people due to the problem with tracking people contact for such events. In addition, our experiences last year of the spread of the measles within our community is at the front of our minds.

In order to give our Polyfest groups the opportunity to perform and to enable us to film the performances for NCEA assessments we plan to film each group at school on Friday 20 March.

Due to the guidelines outlined above we will not be able to invite whaanau on Friday.

However, where possible, we will release the videos online to our community which will enable you to view the amazing talent in our school and recognise all the hard work that has been happening throughout the term. We appreciate that this outcome is disappointing but ask you all to remain **happy** that our groups are still able to perform to gain credits, **confident** that we are considerably putting the health of our community first and **proud** of the resilience and positive attitude of our performers.

Thank you again to all our tutors, staff and whaanau who have supported our rangatahi throughout their Polyfest 2020 journey.

Below is the link to the official ASB Polyfest media statement.

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In the words of Mychaela, one of our Niuean group student leaders, "Polyfest might be cancelled but we (MHS) are not cancelled"