



Manurewa High School

Rob Ah Chong
1981-1985

Rob is a key account manager for Boston Digital, large-format print/signage specialists. He looks after existing clients and keeps an eye out for new opportunities.

Michael Bailey
1968-1972

Sheryl Brodie
1979

Vaughan Dodd
1979-1983
Vaughan is a two times graduate from Massey - with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Studies. He lives in Papakura, and works for the Ministry of Social Development in Auckland as a Regional Disability Advisor.

Fiona Donald
1972-1976
Fiona has recently started working as a Customer Service Representative for a subscriptions company, handling the serials subscriptions for a wide range of libraries - public, private, and corporate. Prior to this she part-owned and managed a commercial avocado orchard for seven years.

Ann Ellwood
1979-1983
Ann lives in Botany Downs and has been an occupational therapist for 25 years.

Chris Farhi
1998-2002
Chris is a consultant with Wareham & Co where he focuses on corporate real estate strategy and combines his knowledge of project, financial and market analysis to advise leading businesses and institutions. He also lectures in Property at the University of Auckland Business School.

Bill Goss
1961-1963

Rangimarie Hamiora
2006-2009

Jill Hirstich
1967-1970

Jill is a personnel consultant, has two children and enjoys lots of things, particularly photography.

Janet Kiddle-Saggers
1972-1974
Janet is living in Manurewa (Hillpark), having lived in the UK and in Christchurch, before moving "home". She is the Retail Solutions Manager for AMP Capital Shopping Centres New Zealand.

Tanya Kravcenko
1980-1983
Tanya trained to become a Chartered Accountant which took 10 years. She worked in lots of different industries to find out what she really enjoyed. This included the IRD, a small Chartered Accounting firm, a software company (Solution 6) Reckitt and Coleman, and NZ Dairy Foods. Once her daughter was born she decided to return to her roots and work for myself as a Public Practitioner, which she thoroughly enjoys. She is on the committee for our local People in Business group and is slowly increasing our membership. She lives in Beachlands with her partner, loves living by the sea and is now a proud owner of a boat. She is also a keen netball player at our local club.

Brett LeQuesne
1988-1992
Brett graduated from AUT with a degree in education and sports management. Twenty two years later, after a successful career in banking and finance, he is now working in sport - his passion - as the coaching coordinator for a high school soccer programme, based in California. Brett was previously vice president of a large financial institution, and credits the Global Financial Crisis for the change in career.

Carolyn Loader
1996-2000

Colin Melville
1977-1979
Colin is a Crime Scene Attendant with the NZ Police.

Bex (Ripeka) Mikaere
1988-1992
Bex is a self-employed graphic designer, and has 20 years' experience in graphic design.

Melissa Reihana (nee Murrell)
1988-1991
Melissa currently works as a Performance Manager-Electricity at Vector Limited. Melissa has held this role for 3.5 years, and has worked at Vector for just over 19 years. She is happily married and has two children (aged 14 and 6) and lives with her family in The Gardens subdivision in Manurewa.

Michael Norager
1961-1964
Michael is retired but works four days a week at Mitre 10 Mega in Pukekohe. He is married and lives in Bombay. He loves the outdoors and making miniatures, which is making dolls' houses and all that goes into them.

Paresh Patel
2003-2007

Sanjay Patel
1997-2001
Sanjay works at Fisher & Paykel Healthcare.

Wendy Petrie
1985-1989
Wendy is the co-host of ONE News each weeknight at 6pm. She has had a distinguished career in news broadcasting, in New Zealand and North America, where she worked for a major news channel covering big global events. During her time working on One News, she's covered many big events including the Pike River Mine disaster, Christchurch's earthquake, the Rugby World Cup and the Royal Wedding. She has also proved herself an expert in coverage of global news events. This included the suicide bomber attack on London's transport system, which killed dozens and paralysed the city. When the Boxing Day Tsunami struck Southeast Asia, she presented the ONE News bulletin for 13 days straight, with all the latest developments. Adding to the pace of Wendy's exciting life are the three children she shares with her husband Ross.

Darren Rawnsley
1979-1983
Darren is the National Contracts Manager for McAlpine Hussmann, a 75+ year old Refrigeration Company, which installs and services both the major supermarket companies in NZ and in the Pacific, including PNG. and other

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commercial refrigeration and air conditioning systems. Darren is also the President of the Institute of Refrigeration Heating and Air Conditioning Engineers of NZ (IRHACE)) and a director of the Climate Control Companies Association (CCCA). He completed a Refrigeration Engineering Apprenticeship upon leaving Manurewa High in his seventh form year.

Lindsay Rewcastle
1968-1972
Lindsay is focused on software and services for process industry manufacturers in North America & Europe. Lindsay has over 30 years of experience as a developer and leader of international software companies. Two companies he founded grew to over 300 staff. One became part of Business & Decision Group, and the other is now a part of Fujitsu. Lindsay's educational background is chemistry and industrial management. His emphasis on food and beverage companies, combined with an early career in industrial engineering gave him the ideal background to become involved with software applications for process manufacturing companies.

Ezekiel Robson
1993-1997
Since 2005 Ezekil has led the Kidpower Trust to deliver anti-bullying, violence prevention, personal safety and confidence training for thousands of children, youth and families in Auckland. He has also volunteered as a counsellor and mentor with Youthline Manukau for 15 years. He is passionate about respect and inclusion for disabled people in our community. He applies his leadership skills and personal experience of low vision, as the Chairperson of Counties Manukau Health Board's Disability Advisory Group and as a member of Auckland Council's Disability Advisory Group. He is standing for the Manurewa Local Board in this year's Local Government elections.

Leilani Schmidt
1993-1997
I reside in the Mangere Area where it's close to home, work and study. I am passionate about working with troubled people. I am employed with the Department of Corrections as a full-time Probation Officer based at the Mangere Community Probation Service Centre. I have also taken up further studies in

Bachelor of Social Services in Biculturalism at the Te Wanaga O Aotearoa in Mangere. I come from a family of nine siblings and my parents are still living in Manurewa.

Ian Shirkey
1963-1967

Tania D Siteine
1975-1977
Tania is a General Manager for Ngati Hine Health Trust and manages the Social Service Arm of the Trust. She is social-work qualified and worked in the field for five years before becoming a supervisor, then moving to practice manager and then General Manager for the past five years. She is involved in basketball, which started with playing for the A1 team at school and continued to representing Northland over many years. She has also coached Whangarei, Northland and NZ representative teams. She has four children and 12 Mokopuna.

Lynda Sloman
1968-1973
Lynda is a funeral director with Resthaven Funerals. She has two children, one grandson, and her mother living in Auckland. Her brother Rick lives in Wellington. Lynda's interests include meditation, music, walking, and the ever precious family times.

Susan Smith (nee Marr)
1967

Kenry Tang
2007-2011
Kenry is an auto electrician in training, and is currently installing ATMs for HTS group at Wakapacific.

Toakase Tonga
1992-1996

Mark Tooley
2004-2008

Vincent Tullenoes
2005-2009

Wayne Valder
1985
Wayne is director of Profloors Ltd in Takanini.

Christine van Gisbergen
1973-1976

Andrew Weir
1978-1980

Michelle Williams
1981-1984
After being in the Navy, a postie, a courgette picker and a few dozen other random jobs, Michelle became a singer/songwriter for about five years until her bank balance pushed her back to full time employment. Ten years ago she was lucky enough to land a job cleaning water coolers with Just Water and has been with them ever since and is now a member of the senior management team. She is responsible for the Accounts Receivable department and National Warehouse Network.

Steve and Ann Williamson
1961-1964

Daryl Wrightson
1978

Stephen Wrigley
1987
Stephen is co owner and sales director of BioStart Limited. BioStart is a NZ-based biotech business specializsng in microbial extracts for crop protection, biofertilisers, silage preservatives and rumen probiotics.

Event Album



1. Ann Ellwood, Michelle Williams, Tanya Kravcenko. 2. Young Enterprise students Kanika Parseth and Lillian Kumar from KidInc. 3. Carolyn Loader, Phil Muir (Associate Principal). 4. Daryl Wrightson. 5. Darren Rawnsley, Vaughan Dodd. 6. Fiona Donald. 7. Hospitality students Aileen Tafiaina, Devendra Gopalan, Odin Snow-Pere, Wendy Petrie, Daisy Chandra (Staff), Ida Stowers, Veronica Rata, Kamonwan Nomnoo. 8. Leilani Schmidt, Carolyn Loader, Roger Metcalfe (Staff), Lyn Mulcahy (Staff). 9. Salvatore Gargiulo (Principal), Wendy Petrie. 10. Sanjay Patel, Priti Patel, Chris Farhi. 11. Tania Siteine, Bex Mikaere, Melissa Reihana (nee Murrell) 12. Stephen Wrigley, Wayne Valder, Daniel Wilson (Deputy Principal). 13. Wendy Petrie, David Voisey (School Archivist). 14. David Afoa, Tim Randle (Staff). 15. Singers Agnes Paupau, Tara Thomas and Tutapakore Pita.

