



# Manurewa High School Newsletter

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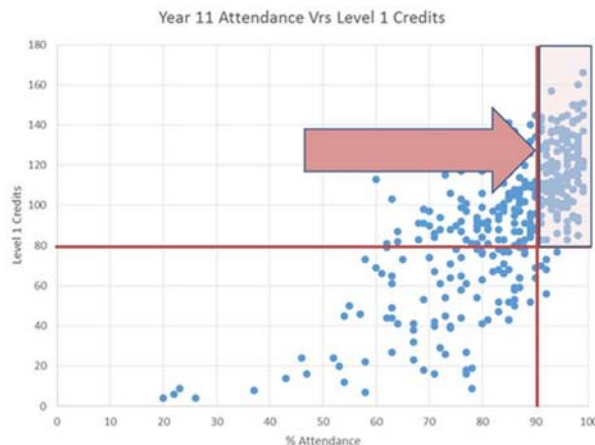
## May 2014

Dear Parents / Guardians

It was a very special day on Friday 2 May as our kaumātua Bobby Clark from the Manurewa Marae blessed the ground before construction began on our new whare wananga on our current tennis courts at the front of the school. The development completes a long term commitment from the Board of Trustees to replace the old prefabricated whare located in the South Eastern corner of the school. Although the Eastern boundary was once earmarked as a second entrance to the school council plans never eventuated, meaning that the whare was inappropriately hidden in a far corner of the school – a situation that was never ideal and has been a priority for the school to rectify for some time. With the development of the new whare wananga (house of learning) at the front of the school we have taken the opportunity to realign the driveway and car park and create new astro turf netball, tennis and basketball courts— *artists impression of plans overleaf*. Development will take place in two stages and we hope it will all be completed by mid-2015. Please be patient as we work through some logistical issues with car-parking during this time.



As the weather gets colder we often see a decline in student attendance. Simply put, students cannot learn if they are not in class. Each dot on the graph below represents one year 11 student from 2013 and plots their attendance compared to the number of level 1 credits they gained across the year. You can clearly see that students that have over 90% attendance are almost guaranteed success in NCEA. The same pattern can be seen at year 12 and 13. I believe that attendance is the greatest factor affecting student achievement not only at Manurewa High School, but across the country. Please assist us as a school by reiterating this at home and encouraging your children to take every learning opportunity made available to them.



We know that the cold weather presents some challenges for families as they struggle to purchase warmer uniform items – often resulting in students becoming unwell. There are circumstances in which the school and/or other services can assist with uniform items. Please do not hesitate to ask for support by contacting the Whanau Tutor or Whanau Leader of your child, or by contacting our student support services.

Good luck to all the students and staff involved in the many winter sports and cultural activities starting in the weeks ahead. I look forward to welcoming our many parent supporters into the school over the course of the term.

Nga mihi nui

Daniel Wilson  
Acting Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

### May

#### Term 2 Week 2

**Tuesday 13—Sunday 18 May**

Spirit of Adventure

**Tuesday 13—Friday 16 May**

02SPT Camp Waharau

#### Term 2 Week 3

**Monday 19—Thursday 22 May**

Spirit of Adventure

**Monday 19—Friday 23 May**

National Youth Week

**Friday 23 May**

Pink Shirt Day

**Saturday 24 May**

Smokefree Rockquest—Manukau Bands

High School Rockerz 2014

#### Term 2 Week 4

**Monday 26 May**

Dragons Den Presentations

**Tuesday 27 May**

Counties Manukau Cross Country Zones

### June

#### Term 2 Week 5

**Monday 2 June**

Queen's Birthday

**Wednesday 4 June**

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - Science

**Thursday 5 June**

Counties Manukau Cross Country Zones

**Friday 6 June**

Y13 Financial Literacy Sessions

National Workshop in Technology

#### Term 2 Week 6

**Monday 9 June**

Dragons Den Finals

**Monday 9 June—Tuesday 10 June**

Senior Drama Workshop

**Wednesday 11 June—Friday 13 June**

03OED Camp @ Waitawheta

**Saturday 14 June**

Smokefree Rockquest

#### Term 2 Week 7

**Monday 16 June—Friday 20 June**

02PED Camp @ Wharahau

**Friday 20 June**

Rose Day

## Geography Department Update



Term 1 was eventful for Geography with fieldwork trips undertaken at all levels. We had our first trip to Goat Island Marine Reserve in Leigh, where Level 1 students found out about the sustainability of New Zealand's marine waters; students enjoyed talks from the Leigh Marine Discovery Centre, snorkelling and a trip on the glass bottom boat. Level 3 also experienced a beautiful day at the beach at Muriwai; studying coastal processes, and finishing the day with a barbecue kindly prepared by some Level 3 HAC students.



Our Level 2 students once again spent an informative week at Tongariro National Park, with 47 students completing the Tongariro crossing. The majority of the 64 students who were there desired to complete the crossing, but due to the weather not being ideal, a health and safety decision was made and only those of a certain level of fitness were allowed to go past the 'saddle', our turn-back point. The students all felt a tremendous sense of achievement completing New Zealand's most walked and famous track, with the weather clearing for lunch and a beautiful view of the lakes.

On all trips the students worked well together and once again represented our school well in the field.

**SADD Conference 2014**  
STUDENTS AGAINST DRIVING DRUNK

Four students from our Student Health Council (Ba-Phi Pham, Allissa Paras, Tommy Tran and Lyndal Sekene) attended the North Island SADD (Students Against Drug Driving) Conference in Napier in the school holidays from 29 April—1 May. The conference was about empowering students to be the best influencers, leaders and change-makers, so that youth can create and drive the change needed in terms of lowering the road crash numbers. The students got to network with others from all around the North Island. They have come back with some fresh, exciting ideas about what they can do within our school and community.

## Youth Health Council Fono

Eleven Year 11 students from our Student Health Council attended a fono run by Youthline on Thursday 8 May 2014. The focus of the fono was empowering students with ideas and strategies about how to run a youth health council within school. They spent the day networking with students from other schools, listening to speakers from organisations like Youthline and the Heart Foundation about how these organisations can support schools, and planning events that could be held at Manurewa High School. Student Health Council empowers young people to take control of and improve their own health. It encourages them to take active steps to be positive leaders of change in their school and community.



## Auckland University Young Engineers Competition

In April Miss Hou and Mrs Colyer went along with two teams of year 13 students to take part in the Auckland University Young Engineers competition, involving 22 teams from a range of schools.

It was, once again, clear that when it came to working with their hands and solving and presenting problems creatively, our students were very strong. In the competition where the challenge was to build a wind resistant structure from everyday materials, one of our teams came first—Naeem Mirranay, Kenny Zhou, Adhitiyan Krishnamoorthy, Caleb Davies. In the main event involving finding a creative way to problem solve around an earthquake, and a presentation that was creative and cost effective—our other team came first, with a score of 94% - Daniel Blakeborough, Prinesh Chand, Shaedon Cullen and Garion Gleeson.



*Pictured left to right—  
Daniel Blakeborough, Prinesh Chand, Shaedon Cullen and Garion Gleeson*

## Auckland Secondary School Art Competition

The Original Art Sale at the Vodafone Events Centre was also the location for the Secondary Students Art competition. They had over 160 entries from 69 different schools and selected 50 as finalists for display on the night.

Eighteen Manurewa High School students had their work selected for the exhibition. These works were independently judged by AUT and Manurewa High School managed to score two out of the three top places. Congratulations to year 11 student Aeluna Nissan for her award winning pencil sketch of an elephant. She was fittingly placed first and was awarded with \$1000 in prize money. Year 13 student, Alexandra Newman, also submitted a pencil sketch of an old Indian Man and was placed third.



*Pictured left to right—Aeluna Nissan and Alexandra Newman*

The guest artist for the opening was Marcus Winter who was an ex student. He performed one of his amazing sand art presentations which blew the audience away.

A large number of students attended the opening with their families and represented the school well. A special thanks to all students who exhibited and to Mrs Telford and Mrs Lord who assisted with getting everything sorted.

Adele Whittaker—HOLA Visual Art

## Rocket Ropes

Last term students attended Rocket Ropes. A couple of our students have given their account of this experience "WHAT I LEARNED IS THAT I AM CAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING I SET MY MIND TO"

*Rocket Ropes for me was a great experience because it was the first time in my life that I had been strapped to a harness and been so high in the sky. I had a lot of fun going through obstacles especially when my friends were there to cheer me on. The first time I saw the course I felt like turning back but I had come so far, there was no way of me giving up. I felt really good when I completed the course with a little bit of screaming here and there. I had followed the rules and showed respect to those who were explaining the rules because I completed the course without falling off. I was an excellent student, I followed instructions and finished the course.*

*I have so much in life to discover but life isn't that easy when you have no one to pick you up. I had a lot of encouragement from every direction. I was walking in like, "Hey you did good," or "I'm proud of you." I am very grateful to be around such beautiful and intelligent teachers, peers and the mentors who talked us through most of it.*

*Thank you for being a great caregiver, friend and a teacher thank you for showing us that there is more in life if you are an adventurous, risk-taker and persistent, focussed achiever.*



*My time at Rocket Ropes was a definite highlight of my school year. It was a time of challenge and bonding with my fellow class mates. I experienced many positives on the trip to the High Ropes Course, including the bus ride. I enjoyed that because it gave my class and me time to bond over our mixed emotions of excitement, fear and nerves. Another highlight of that day, was that I completed the Rocket Course, despite my fears and doubts, I accomplished all I went there to do.*

*The height alone, was a beautiful sight for me. I loved being suspended in the air, adrenaline pumping through my veins, the wind whipping past my face as my hands gripped the thin wires, sweat beads pouring down my face: I loved it. I learnt that trust in yourself is almost as important as trust in your fellow mates.*

*Not letting your mental doubts get in the way of your success. I also learnt that heights don't bother me, I quite enjoyed it, being up there.*

*I showed respect toward the person in front of me, on the course, by letting them take their time, being patient with them. I showed excellence by completing the course I was assigned to do. I showed akoranga encouraging the people in front and behind me. I showed whanaungatanga by helping my class with their harnesses and buckles—thanks for the memory.*



## Whare Wananga Perspectives

Artists Impression of Plans



## Success Stories—Dance Department

Welcome to Mele Ta'e'iloa who has joined our team teaching programme. Mele's background is in Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and her passion is Hip-hop. Ailini Alatini is currently the choreographer for MBRACE Dance Troupe. Shaquelle Maybury is back with renewed vitality after fighting illness in 2013. The Dance Department encourages commitment to professional performances. There has been rapid growth in the past five years from 100 students in 2009 to 500 students this year.



Street Dance New Zealand 'SDNZ' 'Abide' is a new crew consisting of 5 boys under the umbrella of 'SOAR'. These boys choreographed their entire routine for SDNZ. 'Abide' took the award for the most promising overall crew—Jerome Aiga, Etuale Fuilala, Tim Tonganibeia, James Talatofi and Montell Tata-Nga Waka. Ex students Starcia and Brooke O'Neill took to the stage at SDNZ as guest artists. Carrying celebrity status after performing with Jennifer Lopez in a video clip in LA last year. They have moved to Australia where they join Laurence Kaiwai who has a successful International Dance career. Jordan Ikitule is teaching Dance in New Zealand. He choreographed and taught several dance crews who placed well in the Street Dance Competition and he also competed in the world championship hip-hop competition. Richard Peseta-Mapusaga and Simon Turangatau deserve recognition for their work with 'Fresh Movement'. Both boys are leading our SDNZ Mega crew with a team of 23 dedicated students. Once again Manurewa is not using outside choreographers, it is all student work. William Boquiron needs mention for his stimulating choreography.

I look forward to seeing some of you at these fantastic upcoming events!  
Shaquelle Maybury—HOLA Dance

## Drama Workshop

The following drama students attended a 3 day workshop with Massive Theatre Company at Vodafone Events Centre during the school holidays. We are already noticing some benefits in their classroom performances!

Year 13 Naotia Atiana and Molimoli Tamale-Afemui  
Year 12 Jayden Carberry, Thongchai Manawangphiphat, Lawrence Schwenke and Fidel Simanu

## 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 you 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

## NZ Curriculum VALUES

- Respect—for themselves and others
- Care for the environment
- Integrity—accountability, acting ethically
- Excellence—aiming high, persevering.
- Diversity—culture, language, heritage
- Equity—fairness and social justice
- Community and participation for the common good
- Innovation, enquiry and curiosity

## Careers Update

### OPPORTUNITIES

#### Learner Licence - preparation classes

Beginning Term 2, Friday 9 May, the first of our after-school classes covering Road Code theory and practise tests commences. Students have been vigilant in enrolling for this class which is now full, however, there will be further opportunities to enrol for the next intake in June which will be advertised in the daily notices next term. Eligible students must be 16 and prepared to attend classes held after school. If your child is interested they will need to collect information from the Careers office next term. Total cost \$50.00 (half price).

#### Y13 SAVY Financial Literacy Workshops

Auckland University Commerce Department ambassadors in partnership with BNZ are offering our Y13 students information on managing their finances and student debt. Each tutor group will be timetabled for one interactive session on either 23 May, 30 May, 6 June or 13 June. We strongly encourage all students to be prompt to their tutor meetings to gain the most from these sessions.

#### Y13 General Overview Visits – Universities, Polytechs, Armed Forces

Presentations are held in school time in June, students must have registered their interest prior to the day.

#### SAT exam preparation classes available – April and July holidays 9-1pm at St Cuthbert's College

For Yr 12/13 students planning on applying for entry to overseas universities. Learn strategies, exam content and techniques to maximise your scores—\$175 per day per course. More information available at Careers Department.

#### Past Events—One Day Leadership Challenge – combined Armed Forces

On Wednesday 12 March 2014, 27 of our students accepted this physical challenge supervised by representatives from the Army, Navy and Air Force. Feedback from our students was very positive with many now considering a future career in the Forces.

#### Auckland events for students and their parents:

**Faculty of Law Evening**—Monday 16 June, 7-9pm at Pullman Hotel, Auckland

**Pacific Expo**—Monday 23 June 4-7pm @ Hotel Grand Chancellor, Mangere



One Day Leadership Challenge

## Gateway Update

Two of our Y13 student were selected for Air New Zealand's Aeronautical Engineering Gateway programme after a robust selection process, competing with all Auckland secondary schools. Congratulations and well done to Ashneel Deo and Terrence Nair.



Terrence Nair and Ashneel Deo attending Air New Zealand's Engineering Gateway programme

MIT are offering places to Y12 students interested in learning entry level skills in **Office Administration** at Level 2. The programme starts on 31 July, one day a week for 10 weeks with the opportunity to gain up to 39 credits.

Gateway offers senior students many other work place opportunities in a variety of industries such as Automotive, Aviation, Engineering, Information Technology, Travel and Tourism, Retail, Trades eg- Plumbing and Gas fitting, Carpentry, Electrical, Joinery, plus Police, Hospitality, Horticulture, Education and Health to name a few. More

information is available from our Gateway Co-ordinator, Mr Neil Lawton.

## KidsCan Lumino Day

Supporting Disadvantaged Kiwi Kids

Do you know any families from our school most in need of FREE basic dental care?

On Saturday June 14, our local Lumino The Dentists is opening its doors to the parents/caregivers of deserving families. Please visit the school office for more information.

## NZQA Fees

**NZQA Fees must be paid to the school Business Centre before 1 September 2014**

Students must pay their fees to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement, and to receive certificates.

There are separate *fee structures* for domestic students and international students. *Financial assistance* is available for domestic students to help with the payment of entry fees. Financial assistance is not available to international fee-paying students.

#### Basic Fees for 2014 (incl GST):

- Domestic student entry for all NCEA standards and 3 scholarship subjects—\$76.70.
- International student entry to NCEA standards—\$383.30.

The school has no control over fees – we only collect them for NZQA. If you miss this date you will have to pay a late fee of \$50 on top of the standard fee—**please do not delay**.

If you have a Community Services Card bring it when making the payment to the school Business Centre—this automatically qualifies for a discounted rate.

For information about NZQA fees see:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/legislation/fees/> or contact Mr P Muir at Manurewa

## Notice to Students and Parents Auckland Transport School Bus Services operated by Murphy Buses

A separate flyer has been included with this newsletter, advising of two important changes:

- Route changes for school bus services operated by Murphy busses commence 26 May.
- AT HOP prepay card commences 3 June.

If for some reason you do not receive a copy, please collect from the Manurewa High School Administration Office.

