



Manurewa High School Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents / Guardians

I have been fortunate recently to have the opportunity to spend time away from school to share the successes of the Waka Ama and Volleyball teams as they competed in the New Zealand Secondary School Championships and then attend the New Secondary Schools Principals' Conference held in Wellington. Waka Ama and Volleyball students did very well to achieve in the top 12 of New Zealand in all the divisions. They excelled in their behaviour and team work and I was most impressed with the mind-set they brought to their performance. Rather than taking satisfaction on achieving in the top 12, they were planning what they had to do to move up into the top 4. This is the growth mind-set that needs to be transferred into the classroom, where gaining achieved should not be seen as enough, rather working on what needs to be done to achieve at the merit/excellence level.

Attendance at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Principals' Conference provided me with the chance to discuss and compare the role of being Principal with leaders from over 150 schools. It was very reinforcing to hear international speakers outlining what schools need to do to achieve good results. The focus on collaboration, student engagement and parental involvement are recognised as important. The research does show that schools who increase parental involvement make significant improvement in examination results. Manurewa High School data strongly supports that research.

It was great to see an even more improved parent turn out to the Student Achievement Conferences last week. To be getting close to 90% attendance is a credit to attitude of parents and a reason I feel confident that we can further improve our examination performance. As part of the Student Achievement Conferences there was concern expressed by parents that not enough homework was being set. It is very positive that parents are keen for their children to set aside time at home to do some more schoolwork. There is no doubt that if students spend some more time at home doing extra work, they will outperform students who do not, *provided* that this work is constructive and adds value. I have included an article on homework in this newsletter.

Next term I have been awarded sabbatical leave. This is a Ministry of Education funded opportunity for me to investigate education in other schools. My wife and I will use the time to travel to some of our favourite parts of the world including Tanzania and Italy where we will observe and consider what is being successfully implemented around the world in schools of our type.

During my absence, Daniel Wilson is appointed as Acting Principal and Pete Jones steps in as Associate Principal. I am confident that Daniel and Pete will lead a strong team to ensure we maintain the culture and the successes of Manurewa High School.

All the best for Term 2.

Regards

Salvatore Gargiulo
Principal

Important—Please Note

School finishes early on
Thursday 17 April 2014 @ 1.40PM

School Buses are unable to be rescheduled,
they will run at the normal time

IMPORTANT DATES

April

Term 1 Week 12

Monday 14—Thursday 16 April
International Week

Thursday 17 April

End of term—**EARLY FINISH 1.40PM**

School Holidays

Friday 18 May—Monday 21 May

TRF Manurewa High School 2014
Leadership Camp

Wednesday 30 April

Streetdance Competition

May

Term 2 Week 1

Monday 5 May

Term 2 begins

Friday 9 May

Y13 Pits Presentation, Hall

Term 2 Week 2

Tuesday 13 May—Friday 16 May

02SPT Camp @ Waharau

Tuesday 13—Sunday 18 May

Spirit of Adventure

Term 2 Week 3

Monday 19—Thursday 22 May

Spirit of Adventure

Monday 19—Friday 23 May

National Youth Week

Saturday 24 May

Smokefree Rockquest—Manukau Bands

Term 2 Week 4

Monday 26 May

Dragons Den Presentations

Friday 30 May—Saturday 31 May

NZ Concert Band Festival

June

Term 2 Week 5

Wednesday 4 June

International Competitions and
Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - Science

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

HOMEWORK

Setting aside time each night to undertake more learning must give a student an advantage.

Their world includes instant communication, multi-tasking, cell phones, exciting video games, texting and social networking. Homework is vying for your child's attention against some tough competition.

Students who do regular homework:

- Understand the value of homework
- Take responsibility for doing it correctly and handing it in on time
- View their education positively
- Understand that for a period of time each night, schoolwork is the priority and then they can do something else
- Understand that homework teaches them where their strengths are and where they need to spend more attention

Benefits of Homework include:

- Teaching students about time management
- Teaching students how to set priorities
- Giving students the chance to work on their weaknesses
- Giving students a chance to prepare for upcoming assessments and tests
- Giving students another opportunity to review the class material
- Teaching students how to take responsibility for their part in the educational process
- Teaching students how to work independently
- Teaching students the importance of planning, staying organised and taking action

Parents I have spoken with say that when they ask their child about homework they say "We don't get any homework". DO NOT ACCEPT this answer. There is always work that can be done.

For example:

- Reviewing of work that was done in class
- Preparing for the next day
- A lot of our students do not read enough. Spending time each night reading WILL improve their performance. They could read the Courier, a book of interest etc

Each term every student is presented with a planner. Students can use these to write down what further study can be done at home and to keep a record of what assessments are coming in the weeks ahead.

MANUREWA HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH CENTRE

Kia Ora

The Health Centre is open from 8.30am-3.00pm with a staff of three full time registered nurses—Tracey, Leanne and Paula. We are an integral part of the Student Support Services and provide a confidential and culturally safe service to all students.

Year 9 students have been invited to have a health assessment during the year. All students need to present a signed note from their teacher for us to see them during class time.

Enjoy a safe and healthy holiday break.

Registered Nurses from Manurewa High School

Manurewa High School @ Polyfest 2014

Samoan Group



Results for the Samoan Group at the Polyfest held in March—entry was for the co-ed competition. Manurewa High School Samoan Group were placed 2nd overall: 1st for Pese Ole Aso (*main piece composed especially for the for Polyfest*); 1st for Togiga (*Uniform*) and Ulufafo (*Exit*); 3rd= for Ulufale (*Entrance*) and Ma'ulu'ulu (*Girl's Dance*). Raisedinland lose placed 1st for his role as Conductor (second year in a row). We are very proud and pleased with our placing, especially with our tutor John Lafaele who composed our set pieces and trained our students and our teachers for the discipline and support given to the students.

Middle Eastern Group

The Middle Eastern group, led by Emelda Shah, produced a vibrant performance. The small group of girls, who, for the first time included three junior students, demonstrated excellence in the many hours they spent perfecting every move. From their entrance on stage to the trademark 'shake n' shimmy', everything was minutely thought through and the whole group was involved in the design of the choreography. Their cohesion was visible on stage and their performance as a crowd pleaser, if the cheers of the audience are anything to go by.

Tongan Group

Thank you to the parents who helped out (with costumes, food etc) and to the students who participated. The Tongan Group did not place but the students placed in our hearts. What's really important was that we were able to see the students enjoying themselves in learning new culture and also the talent that we saw in each student—leadership potentials. The students did a great job representing our school on the day. Thank you also to the teachers and staff who have helped out – Mrs Alatini, Miss Taeiloa, Miss Laulu, Mr Gargiulo and Mr Muir. It was hard work but it was a really exciting experience.

Sporting Successes

Athletics Championships 20 March—congratulations!

Freedom Nathan	1 st Sen girls Shot Put and Discus (AWD)
Jermaine Malaga	1 st Jnr boys Javelin (huge distance of 47m)
Joshua Penney	2 nd 80m Jnr boys Hurdles
Marquise Rogers	3 rd Jun boys High Jump
	5 th Jun boys 80m Hurdles
	5 th Jun girls Shot Put
	5 th Junior boys Shot Put
	6 th Int boys Discus and Shot Put
	6 th Int girls Shot Put
	6 th Int boys Javelin
	Made finals of Jun girls 80m Hurdles

Cheerleading

Katherine Wijohn will represent New Zealand at the world cheerleading championships in Florida in April. She will travel to the United States with her mother and sister Sarah. Katherine has also been selected for Miss Junior New Zealand also held in April—we wish her every success.

Counties Manukau Athletic Champs @ Massey Park

Congratulations to you all—well done!

Potusa Fuilala 09KLT	1 st Jnr boys Discus, 2 nd Jnr boys Shot Put
Ualesi Fuilala 11KBK	1 st Int boys Shot Put, 2 nd Int boys Discus
Katie Lowry 10PGV	1 st Int girls Hurdles, 2 nd Int girls 3000m
Jermaine Malaga 10AML	1 st Jnr boys Javelin
Pafe Momoisea 10KFR	3 rd Int boys High Jump
Drew Ofanoa 12ASC	2 nd Snr girls Long Jump
Joshua Penney 10AVL	1 st Jnr boys Hurdles
Lineh Piliu 11KCL	2 nd Int girls Discus, 3 rd Int girls Shot Put
Veikoso Polonaiti 14TGO	2 nd Snr boys Discus
Marquise Rogers 10AVL	2 nd Jnr boys Hurdles, High Jump and Long Jump
Michael Saili Motu 13KPL	2 nd Snr boys Triple Jump
Shiu Seuula 12KWG	1 st Snr boys Javelin
Feleti Naeata 13KPL	2 nd Snr boys Shot Put
Junior Utumapu 10PCN	2 nd Int boys Javelin
Salevalasi Vatau 09AHI	3 rd Jnr girls Shot Put

Niuean Group



Forty students from Manurewa High School performed at the 2014 Polyfest. The Siafa family put together the drama, songs and dance and tutored the group. Other families helped with the costumes. Aroma and Mikayla provided strong leadership. Many of the students were not Niuean and managed to learn the songs, dances and script in a different language to their own in two or three weeks. This was an amazing effort. They won first place for their church song and also for the drama.

Kapa Haka Group

This group of students performed incredibly well, considering the time-frame they had to learn their routine for Polyfest. The commitment and dedication from the kaiako, teachers students and their whanau was impressive. This ropu with the kaiakao from Manurewa should continue from now on in for several reasons—to raise the achievements of our Maori students within this kura and to have our performance polished for next year's Polyfest competition.



Indian Group

The Indian Dance Group comprised of many enterprising non-Indian students from various cultures. They rocked the Diversity Stage amidst loud applause from the audience. Their commendable behaviour and impressive performance made our school proud. Much appreciation to Ms Maybury for assessing the senior students, many of whom gained 4 dance credits with Merit or Excellence. Congratulations to all the participants for their tireless hours of training resulting in excellent teamwork and leadership—well done.

Karate—New Zealand National Tournament

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Traditional Shotokan Karate Federation New Zealand National Tournament held in Taupo from 13-15 March.

Rosemary Pokoati 10TCD awarded:

- 1st in Kata (technique) Black Belt
- 1st in Kumite (fighting) Black Belt
- 1st in Team Kata Black Belt

For the second consecutive year, Rosemary was awarded Most Excellent Technique of the tournament by Sensei, Takahashi Shinan of Japan. Rosemary achieved this over 50 other competitors at the competition!

Mathew Tuisovivi 10AHB awarded:

- 1st Kata (technique) Coloured Belt
- 1st Kumite (fighting) Coloured Belt
- 3rd Team Kata Coloured Belt, with other team members from another school

Ngata-Korua Kamana-Pou 10KFN awarded:

- 1st Kata (technique) Coloured Belt
- 1st Kumite (fighting) Coloured Belt
- 1st Team Kata Black Belt – team lead by Rosemary Pokoati

Well done Rosemary, Mathew and Ngata-Korua on your achievements.

Volleyball

- Boys 11th in the Honours Division
- Girls 9th in the Honours Division

Results from NZSS Championships

Waka Ama

- Under 16 Boys 11th and 9th 250m; 9th and 15th 500m
- Under 16 Girls 12th 250m; 14th 500m
- Under 19 Boys 10th 250m; 12th 500m
- Under 19 Girls 8th 250m; 9th 500m
- W12J16 Mixed 5th

Open to year 12/13 students

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' ESSAY CONTEST PROMOTING DEMOCRACY:

How would you increase young people's understanding and participation in our democratic process?

Send your essay by 4 July 2014 to Louisa Wall's (MP for Manurewa) office ane.hunkin@parliament.govt.nz.

Prize provides a wonderful opportunity to travel to Wellington, visit Parliament and meet some interesting people. The highlight for the winner would be in receiving the prize from the Governor General himself at Government House. If you need any further information, please contact Deputy Principal, Mr M McAllen.



Apply for up to \$2000 for Education, Training or Youth Leadership

Manurewa Local Board has \$5000 to grant to young people towards their study at a tertiary or training institution. Grants can also be used for attending a conference or event that develops youth leadership skills—be quick applications close Thursday 24 April 2014.

Who qualifies? The scholarship recognises young people up to age 24 who have contributed meaningful leadership and/or volunteer activities during the past 12 months promoting youth participation in community life. Applicants must be NZ residents and live in the Manurewa Local Board area. Priority will be given to applications for education, training or events taking place between July and December 2014.

What can I use the scholarship for? To assist with course fees/costs towards study at a tertiary or training institution; or to assist with expenses for conferences and events that will develop youth leadership potential.

How much is the scholarship worth? Amounts vary, maximum of any one scholarship is \$2000.

Find Out More / Queries / How To Apply?

For any queries or for an application form please phone Jacqueline Pryor on 09 2625403 or email Jacqueline.pryor@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Current Manurewa High students catching up with ex Drama students Tuyet Nguyen and Dominic Ona-Ariki after a performance of "My Bed My Universe" by Massive Theatre Company

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



Level 3 History Fieldtrip to Northland

Early in the morning, amidst Auckland rush hour, the Level 3 historians left Manurewa for the sunny skies of Paihia. The first stop was the Paihia ferry which took us across the bay to Russell. Historically called the “hellhole of the South Pacific”, Russell put on wonderful weather whilst we toured Pompallier House, the sight of New Zealand’s first printing press. The students received a workout as they took turns tanning leather. Back across on the Ferry to Paihia and our cabins at the Bay of Islands Holiday Park. A wonderful place to stay with a pool, volleyball nets and pool tables; everyone had a relaxing night. On day two our group went to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds where we received a tour that was very helpful for the students NCEA research assessment. Students had the opportunity to walk through James Busby’s residence, and see the spot where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed. A whirlwind tour of the north before setting off for home. The Northland trip was a great opportunity for the students to see one of New Zealand’s most important historical sites, and to collect and conduct research for their assessment. Thank you for all the great help and amazing attitude of our students while we were away—Manurewa High School History Department.

Email feedback received from a member of the public:

I was privileged to meet an impressive group of Manurewa High School students at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds recently. The group of four students were part of larger group of students on a visit to Waitangi. These four students were very pleasant and interesting young people who engaged me in conversation about the Treaty, what had changed in the 53 years since I was last at Waitangi, what I was taught about the Treaty when I was at school (I am in my early 70s) and the context of my childhood in the 1940s and 50s that may have influenced the thinking at the time. I found my encounter with these young people very positive and refreshing. They are fine ambassadors for Manurewa High School and for young people generally. Having worked in the education sector for 51 years I wish to congratulate you on the fine job you are doing to nurture young people as pleasant and perceptive as the group I met at Waitangi.



FREE HEALTH CHECKS AT SCHOOL

Thank you once again to parents and teachers for your support and to the wonderful children who make our days so bright and fun.

Don't forget that **RHEUMATIC FEVER** is an illness that starts with a sore throat caused by the strep germ which can lead to serious long-term heart problems if not treated. Remember taking **all** of your antibiotics will prevent Rheumatic Fever.

A sore throat needs to be checked every time, so during the Easter break and upcoming school holidays remember to go to your family doctor or nearest after hours clinic for anyone who has a sore throat.

For 24 hour advice on where to get your child's sore throat checked for **free**, call the

HEALTHLINE 0800 611 116

HAPPY EASTER FROM MANAKIDZ



Senior students attend 'Tom Crean—Antarctic Explorer'

Seven hundred senior students from Manurewa High School were very fortunate to attend the multi award-winning show 'Tom Crean—Antarctic Explorer' held at the Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau. A dramatic and humorous solo performance by Aidan Dooley, the one-man show revealed the riveting true stories of Crean's Antarctic explorations as one of the few men to serve with both Scott and Shackleton and survive three famous expeditions—*pictured above—a panoramic image of our students; inset—photograph of Manurewa High School student Brooke Crean, a relative of Tom Crean, with the actor Aidan Dooley.*

