



# Manurewa High School Newsletter

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

## August 2014

Dear Parents / Caregivers

It is with gratitude and appreciation that I return to Manurewa High School for Term 3. Being granted sabbatical leave from the Ministry of Education has awarded me a special time to reflect, to consider and to promote to schools around the world, what is important in achieving success and how it can be improved.

Upon my return I spent a day with a group of the Manurewa students at a leadership forum hosted by AUT during the holidays. It was good to catch up with them on their progress. I was delighted to hear feedback from this group of students about how the school had progressed well during my absence. I am very grateful to Daniel Wilson and the staff for ensuring the school maintained the high standards of engagement and performance during Term 2. An important message from the student leadership forum was the need to spread leadership.



From the research I have undertaken into what makes a successful school, I am convinced the three areas that Manurewa High School puts a lot of effort into are fundamental to success.

1. Good connections between parents, the school and the students. Our continued rate of over 85% attendance by parent/caregivers at Student Achievement Conferences is a crucial part of our programme.
2. Having a range of curriculum pathways that gives every student a chance to follow their passion and abilities. We are fortunate in New Zealand to have a curriculum which allows for students to pathway to university or into trades. With the development of the Trades Academies, there is now even better connection with careers and further training.
3. An extensive co-curricular programme which allows students to be able to take part in out of school activities such as sport and performance. This enriches the experience of school for many students.

Our leavers' data shows us that 70% of the leavers achieve Level 2 or better. If the students remain through to Year 13, it is 95% who achieve Level 2 or better. This is a record we should be very proud of, it does outline that success is possible for nearly all of our students.

We do have to work on the 17% who leave with no qualifications. The data shows these students have poor attendance, they are often transitory, they do not take part in the co-curricular programme and they are less likely to attend the Student Achievement Conferences. The challenge is for our whole school community to identify and support this group.

While it was great to have had the chance to travel, I am looking forward to returning to the challenge associated with working at a successful and forward looking school while maintaining its culture of enjoyment and success.

Regards

S V Gargiulo  
Principal



## IMPORTANT DATES

### August

#### Term 3 Week 3

KBB FESTIVAL 4—8 August

#### Monday 4 August

Takasaki & Utsunomiya Exchange

#### 6 August—8 August

03 Geo Trip Rotorua

#### Term 3 Week 4

#### TECHNOLOGY WEEK

#### Tuesday 12 August

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#### Wednesday 13 August—14 August

Product Launch, Hall

#### Thursday 14 August

AUT Course Planning, Y1 Gym

#### Friday 17 August— Sun 19 August

National Culinary Competitions

#### Term 3 Week 5 ARTWEEK

#### Tuesday 19 August

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#### Wednesday 20 August

Art Exhibition opening, details page 4

#### Term 3 Week 6

#### EXAMS 27—29 August

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

### September

#### Term 3 Week 7

#### WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK

#### Monday 1 September

Staff Only Day

#### Wednesday 3 September

Out of Zone Enrolments close 4pm

#### Term 3 Week 8

#### Wednesday 10 September

Out of Zone Enrolment Ballot drawn

#### Wednesday 10— Thursday 11 Sept

Health Expo, Hall

#### Term 3 Week 9

#### Thursday 18 September

Year 10 Trade Fair, 11am—4pm, Hall

#### Friday 19 September

BOT Student Representative Election

#### Term 3 Week 10

#### Friday 26 September

End of Term 3

### October

#### Monday 13 October

Term 4 begins

Come along and view the results of one of the busiest departments in the school . . .

## TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

The Technology Department is holding an exhibition of students' work in the school hall

**9.15am—7.00pm, Tuesday 12 August**

This is a marvellous opportunity for parents and whanau to view examples of work completed by all year levels in the Technology Department.

### An invitation is extended to

Parents/Guardians of 2015 Year 9 students to the

### Parent Information Evening

**Tuesday 19 August, 6.30pm—8.30pm in the School Hall**

to meet with the Principal and Associate Principal, Deputy Principals, Staff and Students.

A tour of the school grounds and facilities included. (refreshments in the staffroom at the conclusion)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

## MESSAGE TO PARENTS/CAREGIVERS RE ATTENDANCE

### ➔If a student is absent from school?

A note or message from parent/caregiver is required and should quote student ID number. This note needs to be handed to the Attendance Office as soon as possible. When contacting the school to report an absentee, phone 2690690 and select 1 (to report an absentee).

### ➔Contact details up to date?

All contact details should be kept up to date so we are able to make contact in an emergency.

### ➔Going overseas during term time?

Permission from the Principal is required. The Parent/Caregiver must provide a letter with details of dates absent and reason for the absence to the Attendance Office **as soon as possible**.

### ➔Family Emergency?

Parent/Caregiver to email or bring in a letter to say why student will be absent and for how long.

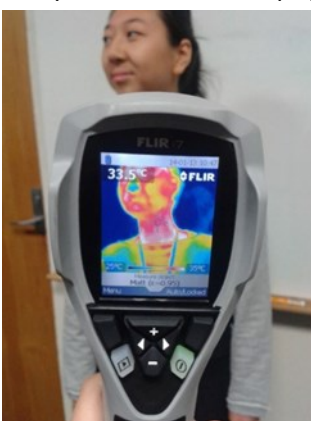
### ➔Signing out for appointment?

A note from the parent/caregiver is required or the parent/caregiver to contact Attendance Office at the beginning of the day. Attendance Office will confirm with parent/caregiver before issuing a pass.

**M McAllen, Deputy Principal**

## Otago University Hand's on Science Week

Aimee Scott writes . . . I had the amazing honour of recently going to Otago University's Hands-on Science week. I was flown down to Dunedin and spent a week in the dorms, going to lectures and conducting experiments in their labs. There were many different science projects running, such as pharmacy,



using an infrared camera by Aimee Scott

biology, psychology and many more. I went into the physics project which focused on climate based physics. On the first day we looked at climate models from Christchurch and compared the changes over the years and learnt about infrared cameras. On day two, we used devices such as frequency generators and oscilloscope to learn more about resonant frequency and how carbon dioxide molecules re-admit light in random directions, just like wires can emit sound. We measured radiation at short and long wave lengths on the third day and visited the second coldest

room in the southern hemisphere. On the last day we looked at all our research and watched videos on climate physics, helping us understand what we had done over the week.

## Another proud achievement at the Regional Secondary Schools Culinary Competition

At the recent competitions at MIT, all our competitors received medals out of 92 students participating from Auckland schools.

Gold Overall	Tsidkenu Faasisila	Smoothie
	Marissa Hirst	Pasta
	Toni Kelsall	Innovative Table Setting
	Bupphe Lam	Innovative Wraps
Gold	Bupphe Lam	City & Guilds Team Challenge
	Kyle Nguyen	Innovative Wraps
	Joanne Son	Cupcake Decoration
	Daniel Wu	City & Guilds Team Challenge
Silver	Aidan Clark	Pasta
	Tyler Hood	Innovative Table Setting
	Vishali Kumar	Cupcake Decoration
	Tip Tapasu Lauulu	Table
	Caroline Pickering	Pasta
	Ariana Potoru	Cupcake Decoration
	Ronald Thoman	Innovative Table Setting
Bronze	Ryan Franklin	Smoothie
	Conrad London	Smoothie
	Kyle Nguyen	Barista
	Lulu Zeng	Barista



Front row : Toni Kelsall, Tip Tapasu Lauulu, Tsidkenu Faasisila  
 Middle row : Ariana Potoru, Bupphe Lam, Daniel Wu, Ronald Thoman, Caroline Pickering, Mrs D Chandra (showing off Marissa's GOLD medal)  
 Back row: Kyle Nguyen, Ryan Franklin, Conrad London, Vishali Kumar, Joanne Son, Lulu Zeng, Aidan Clark, Tyler Hood

## College culinary teams "better than many masterchefs" - Simon Gault

TVNZ's Masterchef Judge, Simon Gault will join the judging panel for the final of the National Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge at MIT in September. Gault was one of four judges for the Auckland regional challenge where eight secondary school teams competed in a 90-minute Masterchef style cook-off for just one spot in the Nationals. Simon Gault told the students that he was "seriously impressed" and compared them to the select few who have done it on TV, "it was better than many make on Masterchef, you guys are on fire". Long Bay College won by two points. Manurewa High School students, Bupphe Lam and Daniel Wu accumulated 90 points to take second place and were the only other culinary team to receive a Gold Medal.





## Sport

**RUGBY UNION** Congratulations **Mua Tuumaialu** and **Viliami Taulani** for their Chiefs U18 Rugby selection and Viliami for selection in the New Zealand Secondary Schools training squad.

**RUGBY LEAGUE** **Anthony Diaz** for his NZ U16s Rugby League selection and Manurewa 1st XIII has gained top 4 placing in the Auckland League Cup—congratulations to you all.

**Gurpreet Kaur, HOLA Business Applications at Manurewa High School, was nominated for and won a Youth Voice Award at the recent Auckland Council I AM AUCKLAND awards in honour of her work with the Youth Punjabi Cultural Association.**

## Trash to Fashion

The Art department ran a recycled trash / rubbish art unit with the junior classes for the first term and part of the second term. One group's garment creation was entered into the **THE SCHOOL TRASH TO FASHION** competition last term. Of 400 contesting school groups and solo entries, 116 were finalised. There were strict constraints for the judging points and rules points. Manurewa High School has been selected for the finals. This final is to take place at the Corban's Wine Estate in late August. Good luck to our year 9 group—**Sonatane Kaufusi, Charlie Lieu Thach, Grace Neru, Jak Richards and Leli Kaifoto**—on their entry. The garment will be modelled by one of the designers Sonatane Kaufusi.

## Social Studies Quiz

At the end of last term a group of students took part in a Social Studies Quiz held at Diocesan Girls School in Auckland. This is the first time Manurewa High School has entered this quiz and our three teams did really well. Out of 36 teams, we placed 25th, 28th and 32nd respectively.

**RewaGold placed 25<sup>th</sup>**

Timothy Dreadon 10KFR, Abdul Khalaf-Adil Jihad 10AKR, Erika Foketi 09PHU, Tyler Ball 09PHU

\* **Pancake Clan placed 28<sup>th</sup>**

Eucharist Ieremia 10KFR, Talalelei (TJ) Talalelei 10KFR, Nicola Dahl 09PHU, Caleb Pool 09TSL

\* **RewaLise placed 32<sup>nd</sup>**

Rida Basharat 10AVL, Dania Shafiq 10AVL, William Cook 09TSL, Shawn Mitchell 09PHU)



## Silicon Valley Business Innovation and Technology Experience trip to Silicon Valley

In the July holidays we had five students visit Silicon Valley as part of an eighteen person trip to understand how Silicon Valley works. The trip was put together by Mr Andrew Patterson, a prominent media business correspondent who is also deeply interested in education.



Andrew's idea was to take a group of motivated students, who are interested in business and/or technology to see and meet with the people and companies that make great things happen. Where possible there were kiwi connections.

The group's first visit was to Khan Academy – the free, online school that serves millions of self-learning students. They provide a "tool that lets students take control of their own learning" and recognise that for most students they just need more time to work through and understand topics and concepts, and their method provides this. We would assume that such an online school would cut down on the amount of interaction between people – but no, their goal is to increase human interaction, which they do very effectively. Khan is a very dynamic, fast moving company that has the mind set of "we're going to do it, no matter what".

The team spent time at Google, and saw how they work and their unique nature. Google is a company that turns over \$55 billion per

year – massive. Victoria Ransom, one of New Zealand's ICT business success stories gave the advice to "have a great team and create an amazing place to work". They also visited Facebook, having a tour and a session with kiwi Vaughan Smith – who is in charge of getting Facebook into China – a huge undertaking. Their goal is to lay the foundation for a more personalised world.

The group also visited Microsoft, Renaissance Leadership, Xero, IDEO Design School, Apple, the Kiwi Landing Pad and Stanford University. At Stanford they met and heard about Manurewa High School ex-student (and Head Boy) Graeme Fielder – who is currently studying his MBA there. His advice for success is simple – "just do stuff". Great advice which the students really understood.

The group learned about the culture and visions of some of the world's biggest and most famous companies. The trip was a life changing opportunity, and one which will be with them for life – and they have pledged to spread their learning, advice and newfound networks. The group consisted of Justin Walker, Shweta Sharma, Lynna Son, Timothy Dreadon, Jordan Ngata, Mrs E O'Riordan and Mr P Muir.





## Manurewa High School OUR VALUES

<b>Respect</b>	<b>Be proud of who you are and our school</b> <b>Be responsible for your own behaviour</b> <b>Be sure to look after each other/ourselves/our environment</b>
<b>Excellence</b>	<b>Be the best you can be</b> <b>Be aware of what you can be</b> <b>Be proactive and ask for help</b>
<b>Whanaungatanga</b>	<b>Be proud of your whakapapa and share with others</b> <b>Be willing to get to know and celebrate others</b> <b>Be willing to work with others</b>
<b>Akoranga</b>	<b>Be positive when learning</b> <b>Be adventurous and take risks in your learning</b> <b>Be sure to work at school and at home</b> <b>Be sure to work at school and at home</b>

## 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

### Youth Services—Solomon Group

All year 12 and 13 students will attend an interactive session on either Financial Literacy or Time Management during an extended tutor time this term. As part of these sessions, the Solomon Group Mentors/Youth workers who are contracted by the Ministry of Education, will register our students into a tracking/mentoring programme designed to support students into further education or employment opportunities. All students who register will go into regular draws to win an iPad and will receive a monetary voucher if they pass their NCEA levels.

### Tertiary Applications—URGENT

All senior school leavers intending to apply for courses at either a Polytech or University need to apply **this term**. If your son or daughter is unsure of the procedures required, please encourage them to visit us at Careers as soon as possible. Application closing dates for scholarship testimonials: Otago University – **8 August**, all other providers **18 August**. Students must pre-register their intentions at Careers.

### Visiting Speaker—Gordon Stuart, Head of School/Deputy Dean School of Law, Victoria University

We are very privileged to have a past student of Manurewa High School, Mr Gordon Stuart BA, LLB(Hons), LLM, Well, Dip Tchg present a seminar on Law in Society to a group of interested Year 12 and 13 students on 1 August.

### Carpentry Training Opportunities—G&H Training

Limited time no course fee offer for Pre-employment Carpentry L4 available. Interested students can gain further information from Careers.

**University of Auckland—Engineering Futures Evening 6-8pm Thursday 31 July and Thursday 7 August Lecture Theatre 401.439 (street level), 20 Symonds Street, Auckland.** An invitation to Year 12 and 13 students and their parents to meet the staff and students within the faculty. Find out more about the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree, the application process for admission in 2015, scholarships and financial support, accommodation and career opportunities. See [www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz/efe](http://www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz/efe) to register for this event.

### University of Auckland—Courses and Careers Day, 9am—3.15pm Saturday 30 August @ City Campus

University of Auckland's Open Day, where you can visit the City Campus and find out what it's like to study there. Free buses from Southmall and Manukau City bus stops. See <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for-future-undergraduates/living-and-studying-in-auckland-1/courses-and-careers-day.html> for more info or pick up a programme from the Careers Room.

### University of Auckland—Faculty of Education Open Evening, 4—7pm, 12 August

An opportunity for students and parents to ask questions about training in Teaching / Social Work / Human Services / Counselling, held at the Epsom Campus B block. More information [www.education.auckland.ac.nz/openevening2014](http://www.education.auckland.ac.nz/openevening2014)

**AUT South Campus—Portfolio and Open Evening, 6—8pm Thursday 14 August—Communication Design** for young people with a flair for the creative mirrored in an industry setting. Working on the latest Apple hardware and Adobe software with the option to explore motion graphics. Parents and students welcome – light refreshments. Please register online. <http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/study-areas/art-and-design-at-aut-university-auckland/events-folder/portfolio-and-open-evening-aut-south-campus>

### Victoria University of Wellington—Auckland Information Evening Thursday 31 July @ Novotel Ellerslie

Come along to find out more about why Victoria University is a great option.

**Victoria University of Wellington—Study at Victoria Open Day, Friday 29 August, Wellington** Victoria University of Wellington's Open Day, is an opportunity to see all that Victoria has to offer.

### TTCF Scholarship

Manurewa High School is making an application to The Trusts Community Foundation for the following Scholarships. Interested student to apply through the Careers Department.

- ⇒ 2 x Academic Scholarships valued at \$6000 each towards course fees, textbooks and stationery for the first year at university.
- ⇒ 1 x Non-Degree Scholarship valued at \$5000 towards course fees, textbooks and stationery for the first year of a diploma or registered technical institute course.
- ⇒ 2 x Youth Development Scholarships for places on the Spirit of Adventure for Year 12 students.



## Rheumatic Fever Prevention

In an effort to fight rheumatic fever, a **free SORE THROAT CLINIC** is being offered at our school's health clinic. If you have a sore throat, or have had a sore throat, please do not hesitate to call in. The clinic is open between 9am—12pm, thereafter please see the one of the nurses in the school Health Centre.

*Patricia Uerata—Whanau Support Worker at Manurewa High School*

## BUSINESS CENTRE UPDATE

Last term a kiosk was installed in the Business Centre to allow senior students to put credit onto their ID cards for use at the new Café. In the near future the kiosk will also be able to accept payments for student fees and we are also working towards having the facility on line through the parent portal to allow parents to pay for fees through the website. This facility will also allow parents to top up students credit for printing, café purchases or fees/stationery. We will let you know when it is available.

Students who currently have credit balances on their accounts will not be able to use this at the kiosk, but can use it at the Business Centre as per normal.

**NZQA fees are due for payment by 1 September 2014.** Remember to bring in your community services card, if you have one, which reduces the fee from \$76.70 to \$20.00. We must sight the card in order for this reduction to apply. NZQA apply a late fee of an extra \$20 if fees are not paid **before 1 September 2014.**

