



# Manurewa High School Newsletter

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

## April 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians

Term 1 2012 would rate as one of the most challenging that I have had in my 19 years of leading schools. To operate with no staffroom and 25 classrooms out of action has put stress on staff and students.

It has been a measure of the resilience of staff and students that despite working under such pressure the programmes in and out of the classroom have been maintained with a high standard of work being achieved.

We know that significant improvement in the school's academic performance is due to the high attendance of parents at Student Achievement Conferences over the last two years. Students who have an interview with their parents achieve significantly better results than students who do not. Therefore it is most important that you make the effort to attend a student's academic conference with your child on the 10 or 11 May. While a time will be allocated to you, if this does not suit then contact the school to establish another time.

Recently I had the privilege of being able to spend time with the schools Touch, Waka Ama and Volleyball teams. It was special to be able to get to know these groups of students and share in the challenges they faced and the success they achieved. The students must give huge thanks to the staff who give up their time to work with them in these activities.

Each group represented the school well and were acknowledged in each case by staff from other schools as polite and pleasant students. I was delighted with their manner and their successes.

The message these students can teach all students to achieve success in school work is:

- Good preparation – these teams have been training hard all term
- Learning from mistakes – it is fine to make mistakes but not to make the same repeatedly
- You have to work hard to succeed at the highest level
- Following instructions – these teams had very good coaches but that is only useful if their instructions are being followed
- While working hard it is important to maintain a sense of fun and teamwork.

The same process was followed by the Polyfest groups who all performed well with the Samoan group achieving outstanding results.

Many of our students achieve at the highest level in sport and performance. We also must keep in mind though that it is through academic success that your child will open up opportunities for career and employment.

Regards

S V Gargiulo  
Principal

## Important Dates

### May

#### Wednesday 9 May

Samoan Fono—PTA

#### Thursday 10 May

Student Achievement Conferences

10.30am—8.00pm, reports issued

#### Friday 11 May

Student Achievement Conferences

8.30am—3.00pm, reports issued

#### Wednesday 16 May

NCEA Parent Information Evening, Library

6.00—7.00 pm and 7.00—8.00pm

### June

#### Monday 4 June

Queen's Birthday

Gisborne Boys' High School Rugby Visit

#### Wednesday 6 June

Samoan Fono—PTA

#### Monday 11 June

Big Sing—Auckland Region

Onsite Dental Service commences

#### Tuesday 12 June

Big Sing—Auckland Region

#### Wednesday 13 June

Teacher Only Day

Big Sing—Auckland Region

#### Wednesday 20 June

Year 10 Tertiary Exploration

#### Wednesday 27 June—Friday 29 June

Stage Challenge

#### Friday 29 June

Onsite Dental Service concludes

End of school term

#### Saturday 30 June

School Ball, Alexandra Park

### July

#### Monday 16 July

Term 3 begins

#### Tuesday 17 July

Drama Y11—Y13 'The Arrival'

## At home with the Herald

### - supporting literacy beyond the classroom

Literacy is such an important part of your child's educational success and newspaper readership has been shown to not only improve literacy, but also build social awareness and improve community engagement. **At home with the Herald** is a programme launched to support the literacy development work taking place in schools. As part of this programme the Herald is offering a *free* copy of The New Zealand Herald delivered to your letterbox Monday—Friday.

If you are not receiving your copy, telephone  
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### NCEA Parent Information Evening

Unsure about how NCEA works? Come along on the 16th of May at 6pm or 7pm for a presentation and discussion in the school Library that will explain how it works.

Any questions contact Mr P Muir on 269 0690 or by email - mi@manurewa.school.nz

### Staff Achievement

Congratulations to Shaquella Maybury, Head of Dance, who has attained a Masters of Professional Studies in Education at Auckland University. Shaquella received second class honours in first division—a high ranking mark which opens the door to the doctoral programme at Auckland University. Well Done!

### ASB Polyfest Results

Congratulations to all the groups who attended the ASB Polyfest in March. This competition involved schools learning traditional songs, dances and slap dances. A lot of work goes into preparing for the Polyfest and on the day our students represented Manurewa High School with some exceptional performances.

Special mention to the Samoan group, who placed second overall, and to the Niuean group who placed second in the church song section and third in the dance section.

### Samoan Speech Competition Results

Year 9	1st place	Jonathan Ionatana
Year 11	3rd place	Ricklan Williams
Year 12	3rd place	Stephanie Mokeni
Year 13	3rd place	Eirenei Kolose

As well as competing at a magnificent level in Polyfest, it was great to record that 77 students were awarded dance standards. Resulting in



Middle Eastern Group with Tamati Coffey from TVNZ Breakfast Show

216 credits at excellence and 144 at merit. This is the best the school has ever achieved and is thanks to the hard work by students and tutors. We are very grateful for the support given by dance teachers Shaquella Maybury and Ailini Alatini who undertook to provide the assessments of the students. Ms Maybury commented that she was impressed

at the significant input that had been put in by so many to achieve these results.

### Ngā Taonga Tuhituhi Exhibition of Images 2012

During the student achievement conferences the school is fortunate to have the Nga Taonga Tuhituhi exhibition from the University of Auckland on display. This is an exhibition of 17 high quality reproductions of rarely seen examples of the earliest Maori engagement in writings from 1793 to 1825. The exhibition is a sample of images from the book written by Alison Jones and Kuni Jenkins "Words Between Us: He Korero – First Maori- Pakeha Conversations on Paper". You are invited to take the opportunity to tour through the newly redeveloped building block while getting to know some rarely seen or understood history of our country through this exhibition.

## Careers Update

### University of Auckland – 4 Step Engineering Programme

Forty Maori and Pacific students from years 11-13 who are currently studying Mathematics and Physics attended a one hour presentation by student mentors from the MAPTES scheme, (Maori and Pacific Targeted Entry Scheme) University of Auckland on Monday 19 March. Although the focus of the presentation was to present information and encourage students to consider studying the Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) degree, our students were also persuaded to work hard at school to maximise their future career opportunities. The sessions were fast paced and inspirational, with our students being given relevant information on how to set academic goals to get in to a university course of their choice. This session will be followed up with another visit in term 3 this year.

### Term 2, Up and Coming Events

We *strongly* recommend that students read the Daily Notices each day as there are many events coming up in Term 2 offered by both the school and tertiary institutes to assist them in making their career choices.

### SADD 2012 National Conference – MHS wins the Challenge

Hakim Ahmad-Ali, 13ASO and Tai Semisi, 13TLZ attended the 4 day national Students Against Drink Driving (SADD) conference in Napier and were on the team that took out the prize for the conference challenge. The theme of this year's conference was Social Change – *Significant alteration over time in behaviour patterns and cultural values and norms*. The conference was a meeting of over 60 different schools who each sent 2 or 3 delegates, 122 girls and 23 boys in total. Hakim Ahmad-Ali writes: *'The challenge was very broad and full of possibilities, to create a new SADD campaign to make a significant change within NZ teen drink driving statistics. These stats show that in the decade since 2002 there 700 teens have died on our roads. The financial cost of this is over 1.05 billion dollars, not to mention the effect on families and friends which is immeasurable. The group's winning idea was 'Stand Up, For Me'.*

They created a punchy marketing campaign and a promotional event called 'Stomp for Lyfe' which will be used during SADD week. Overall the experience was exciting, although not overly multicultural with only 4 people of nationality other than European, something we need to work to change over the coming years. It showed us the big idea, issue and how we could solve it.' Well done to Hakim and Tai and we look forward to their return to school to share their knowledge and lead our local group to making our society a safer place to live in.

## Sports Update

### Touch

One of the challenges that confronts us all at Manurewa High School is to achieve good academic results while at the same time maintaining our enthusiasm, energy and excellence in cultural performance and sporting areas. During Term 1 a group of students worked together under the coaching of Malcolm Davis assisted by daughter Charlotte to continue the schools outstanding achievements in touch. They formed a mixed team to first win the counties competition by beating Alfriston College, they then played in the Auckland zone. This is a very tough fought zone. To qualify for the nationals at the end of the year they needed to be placed in the top 3 teams. This meant they had to play Macleans College in the semi final—they played very well to defeat them 4 - 1. Given that Macleans has won the nationals mixed for the last two years, this was a great achievement. The team then went on to beat Mt Albert Grammar 4-3 in the final. Another great achievement. The team will be preparing for the nationals where they hold a proud record of Manurewa placing 3rd place in 2009, 1st in 2010 and 5th in 2011. Well done to the following players who played in the mixed team this year : Devante Baice, Eliza Elliott, Taturu Hapuku, Ana Henry, Joseph Heta, Kirwyn Kora-Rogers, Keanu Low, Zachery Marsters, Carlos Mokaraka-Waiti, Manuel Ngawaka, Khalil Paparoa-Ranginui, Shaydun Reuben, Shaquille Smiley, and Osaiasi Tu'Ungafasi.

## Volleyball Nationals

A very competitive season for both teams, playing 8 rounds of double header games for the premier season with the Premier Boys placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Premier Girls placing 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Both Premier teams competed at Volleyball Auckland Champs held at Trust Stadium, Waitakere playing a maximum of 3 games per day throughout the 3 day tournament—both teams placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 24 in Auckland. Volleyball Nationals were held in Palmerston North where teams all over the country competed against the best of the best from each region. Boys placed 17<sup>th</sup> and the girls placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 138 schools.

**Premier Boys** Richard Mariota, Kaisa Lokeni, Jonathan Tufuga, Jerome Aiga, Aukuso Taumafai, Lavi Levao, Raymond Fuilala, Joseph Kumar, Joseph Lugaliga and Antony Murray.

**Premier Girls** Marietta Tekori, Anasetasia Mauia, Ana Latu, Paese Puailiu, Matilda Emelio, Amy Leaana, Molimoli Tamale Afemui, Grace Seumanufagai, Tulino Rata, Jayne Uhi-Tupou, Tara Thomas and Emma Uasilaa.

Special congratulations and thanks to Mr Niko Ng Wun who has been coaching the girls team for the past five years with top 10 placing in each of those years. Niko has been appointed to coach the NZ Mens Team - which is an honour and we wish him well.



## Waka Ama Nationals

Manurewa High School took down a crew of 19 boys and 6 girls to Rotorua to compete at the Waka Ama Nationals Tournament. All crews competed in the 250m and 500m race, the top 6 boys and 6 girls of the whole squad then paddled together in a race called 'Double Hull' where they placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the champion final. U19 Boys A (Team Gold) placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 250m Champ Semi and placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 500m, winning the Plate Final, U19 Boys B (Team Green) placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 250m Champ Semi and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 500m Plate Final, U16 Junior Boys placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 250m and 500m Plate Final and last but not least the U19 girls placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 250m Plate Final and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 500m Champ Final just missing out on a medal! We were up against 89 other schools, over 2000 paddlers who race for club teams as well as NZ National Teams so these results are truly testament to how hard our teams worked when they were racing alongside the best—congratulations.

**Team Gold** – Ioane Taefu, Misi Rhind, Vaoala Enesa, Montel Ageli, Joyita Taito – Soolefai and Jordan Cama.

**Team Green** – Keegan Mountain, Aaron Levae, Jaymee Sweeney – Wright, Alamanda Motuga, Zac Tupu Palamo and Hyrum Lolesi.

**U16 Boys** – Dan Maireroa, Josh Palupe, Vaopuka Tefono, Bailey Hoera, Seve Paeniu, Sione Mateialona and Reece Smith.

**U19 Girls** – Jessica Asi, Drew Ofanoa, Rachel Daoe, Tenisha Stringer, Pearl Rhind and Cullen Edwards.

## Kilikiti Boys

Competed in the Kilikiti Tournament at the Auckland Domain and with no training at all they placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall Division 2—well done boys! Joyita Taito–Soolefai, Ioane Taefu, Montel Ageli, Peni Emelio, Soolefai Fale, Raymond Fuilala, Tauturu Hapuku, Masiah Ketika, Kaisa Lokeni, Richard Mariota, Jonathan Tufuga, John Pula Seuula, Andre Singh, Aukuso Taumafai, Francis Tiavare, Zac Tupu, Tavita Ula and Joshua Faivalu.

## Aquathon

Dayna Lowry and Tessa Dreadon competed as a team in the Auckland Secondary Schools Aquathon Triathlon Series held at Saint Kentigern College. This event consists of one student swimming 400m and one student running 4km. Dayna and Tessa did extremely well placing 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the Junior NCEA Team Category.

## Cross Country – Auckland Cup

11 students competed at the Cross Country Auckland Cup race running 2.5km around the Ellerslie racetrack. U19 boys Joshua Hughes placed 4<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Robins placed 10<sup>th</sup>, Oliver Kent placed 14<sup>th</sup>, Jordan Cama placed 17<sup>th</sup>, Jaymee Sweeney–Wright placed 18<sup>th</sup>, U16 Aaron Turner placed 18<sup>th</sup> – all placings are out of 55 male runners. U14 Girls Dayna Lowry placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tessa Dreadon placed 12<sup>th</sup>, Amandeep Kaur placed 17<sup>th</sup>, U16 Shweta Sharma 14<sup>th</sup>, U19 Stephanie Clayton placed 8<sup>th</sup> - all placings are out of 65 female runners.

## Counties Manukau Athletics Zones

Raymond Fuilala placed 1st Senior Boys Shot Put, Ualesi Fuilala placed 1st Junior Boys Shot Put, Kelly Stewart placed 1st Senior Girls High Jump and 3rd Senior Girls Long Jump, Dylan Ikinape placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Boys Discus, Ryan Asalele placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Boys Long Jump, Zara Rotohiko placed 3<sup>rd</sup> Intermediate Girls Discus, Richard Mariota placed 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Boys Javelin, Joshua Hughes placed 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Boys 1500m and 3<sup>rd</sup> 400m race, Rhaksmei Kreng placed 3<sup>rd</sup> Intermediate Girls 100m and 200m race, Andrew Robins placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Boys 400m race, Dayna Lowry placed 4<sup>th</sup> Junior Girls 1500m race.

## Greater Auckland Athletics Champs

Out of the 48 students that competed at the Counties Manukau Athletics Zones, 17 students made the qualifying times to compete at the Greater Auckland Athletics Champs. These students were up against club and national reps. Outstanding competitors – Ryan Asalele placed 10<sup>th</sup> in Intermediate Boys Long Jump, Andrew Robins placed 11<sup>th</sup> in Senior Boys Long Jump and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 400m race, Kelly Stewart placed 12<sup>th</sup> in Senior Girls Long Jump and 5<sup>th</sup> in High Jump, Richard Mariota placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Boys Javelin with an impressive throw of 43.94m.

## Nicholas Voke

Manurewa High School student and plus-two handicapper from Manukau Golf Club Nick Voke has been away at golf tournaments more than he has been home. Nick is working hard to increase his golfing development to ensure the best possible chance of success. Recently he came 18th in the South Island Strokeplay in Christchurch, he then travelled to Invercargill to play in the South Island Invitational where he equaled the course record in the first round with a 64 and finished 4th overall. Hamilton saw Nick finish 19th in the North Island Strokeplay. In the biggest amateur event that New Zealand holds, the New Zealand Strokeplay held in Hastings, he shared the lead in the first round and finished 16th.



Nick is still a student and is competing against full time golfers, aged 20-25, some of which are within the top 100 amateurs in the world. In July he will go to Canada for three weeks to participate in the top junior amateur event in the world. Nick has played some amazing golf this year, we wish him every success when he travels to his next endeavor.

## Softball

Congratulations to Sean Capewell and Gino Timoti for making the NZ U14 Softball Academy team that travelled to Sydney, Australia last month—well done boys!

It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to write a monthly column for your newsletter. There is much for us to work together on to raise the achievement of Pacific and Māori students.

As you come to the end of your Term 1 you will be reflecting on your great work in participating in the ASB Polyfest 2012. A great result for the Samoan group who were placed second overall; the Niuean group who came second in the church song section and third in dance; and a performance by the Cambodian group on the Ethnic Affairs Diversity Stage. This is a great reflection of the diversity and depth of culture within Manurewa High School. Well done to you all.

My first few months as Education and Pacific Island Affairs Minister has started with a strong desire to work collaboratively to raise Pasifika and Maori achievement. The Pacific population is the fastest naturally-growing population in New Zealand. It is estimated that one in 10 people in New Zealand will be of Pacific descent by 2026.

We must have a shared concern for current statistics that show high Pasifika youth unemployment, and generally low skilled Pasifika employment. These statistics will only change when Pasifika educational success is at the same or similar levels to all other New Zealanders. With strong educational achievement come better life chances and better life choices. We all want better lives for ourselves, for our families, and for our communities. An excellent education is the launching pad for that better life.

I encourage you all at Manurewa High School to work collaboratively to help our Māori and Pasifika students raise their educational achievement. Collaboration across the community is vital to this – that means teachers, principals, unions, parents, communities, businesses, academia and government agencies working together, taking responsibility and sharing ideas that will turn successful teaching practice into common practice for all our students.

We know we have caring parents, grandparents, families, whānau, aiga. And so we want to shift the gear to a new level and ask everyone to step up and show up to make sure that our students are getting the best for their future.

The quality of teaching and learning must rise too. NCEA 1, 2, 3 and university entrance passes are essential for students to gain meaningful jobs or further training. The school is responsible for this.

Outside of the school what are we responsible for?

Parents and grandparents, family, whānau and aiga are responsible for supporting our students to do well by:

1. Expecting the best of and for them
2. Believing that they will do well
3. Ensuring that they go to school with breakfast inside them
4. Being at school when the bell goes in the morning and there until it goes in the afternoon, Monday to Friday
5. Requiring respectful behavior at school so that teachers can concentrate on teaching
6. Supporting them to get their school work done

I grew up in a family of 8 children, in the small rural settlement of Ruatoria, and was educated at the local play centre, primary school, and college - all Decile 1. Being Maori, being from a low socio-economic community, being rural and isolated, being a girl - none of these condemn any of us to a second class education or life journey. With a strong family and whānau who held high expectations and recognition of the importance of education, together with teachers who understood that my success was their success, I have had better chances and choices than I would otherwise have had.

It's my job, and yours, to make the possibilities real.

Whether you are a student, teacher, principal, union, parent or anyone in the community – we all need to ask ourselves – what can I do to take on personal responsibility of lifting achievement in our community?

During your term break, I urge you to put some thought into turning all the positive aspects of Manurewa High School with its cultural richness into significantly increased achievement by all students, and by our large Māori and Pacific student body.

Be safe over the break!

Ngā mihi  
Hekia Parata

## Hekia Parata Minister of Education



## Anzac Salute

Students in the **Manurewa High School Jazz Band** featured in a concert held at the Hawkins Theatre in Papakura on Sunday 22 April. Our Associate Principal, Mr Daniel Wilson made his debut as Musical Director of Papakura Brass.

Congratulations to Jonathan Tufuga on being selected for the extended squad NZ U17 Boys Volleyball team. Jonathan will participate in a regional training camp that may see him qualify to travel with the team to Melbourne in July.

## St Edmonds College visit

Last year the Manurewa Music Tour group was hosted by St Edmonds College in Canberra, Australia. The college is one of the top schools in Australia, a private school which includes the sons of many prominent businessmen and politicians. During the visit they asked if we would host their rugby teams in 2012. Last week we had two teams visit Manurewa High School, their 1<sup>st</sup> XV and their development team.

I was very proud of how successfully we hosted the teams. The games were well contested with the 1<sup>st</sup> XV winning 35 – 7 and a combined junior team losing 27 – 24. Even more significantly we managed to billet all the 38 players. The coaches, players and parents passed on many compliments at how much they enjoyed sharing the hospitality the humour and the friendliness of our players and families. They had just finished a 10 day tour and claimed that being with our families was the highlight of the tour.

Thank you for all parents who were involved, it is further evidence to all of us, that our students have the ability and skills to stand with any students from any culture from any country and from any background.

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