



# Manurewa High School Newsletter

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

## August 2012

Dear Parents / Guardians

There has been a positive and a not so positive start to Term 3.

The positive has been the opening of the refurbished A to D Block. We are calling it the Akoranga Block or A block for short.

The students have been very enthusiastic about working in the new classrooms that give a bright and attractive learning environment for staff and students.

I am very grateful for the amount of work that has been done by many people to make this possible including staff member Julie Lockie who has worked tirelessly from the start of the project through to completion.

It was a great privilege for the school to have a past student Sir John Walker attending the official opening and unveil the plaque on Friday 27 July 2012.

Sir John is one of New Zealand's greatest athletes. To win an Olympic gold and create the world mile record being the first runner to complete a mile in less than 3 min 50 seconds is an incredible feat. What is also special about Sir John is that he has continued to work hard for our community through his work in Find Your Field of Dreams and the Auckland Council.

On a not so positive note, it was very disappointing that over 400 students did not attend the first day of Term 3. High attendance, including the first day of the term and on unpleasant days, means achievement and ultimate success in the job market and in society.

Statistics from last year showed that in Year 11, that 86% of the students who attended over 90% of the classes achieved 80 or more credits. Only 26% of the students who attended less than 90% achieved 80 or more credits.

### Year 11 for 2011

	Number of students who gained over 80 level 1 credits	Number of students who did not gain over 80 level 1 credit
Attended over 90%	181	39
Attended less than 90%	57	162

While we can make the buildings better, make sure there are courses that students can achieve in, that there is top standard broadband, that teachers work hard to give students the opportunity to achieve, it is obvious that none of this will make a difference if you do not help us make sure your child is attending classes.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Regards

S V Gargiulo  
Principal

## Important Dates

### August

#### Thursday 9 August

Music Concert—see details over

#### Friday 10 August

Dental Onsite Service concludes

#### Tuesday 14 August

Parent Information Evening for students enrolling Y9 2013, 6.30pm in the school hall

#### Thursday 16 August

02BUS Trade Fair

#### Tuesday 21 August—Saturday 25 August

KBB Festival

#### Wednesday 22 August

KBB—MHS Senior Concert Band

#### Thursday 23 August

KBB—MHS Symphonic and Jazz Band

#### Monday 27 August—Friday 31 August

Senior Assessments—seniors on study leave

#### Saturday 25 August

KBB Gala Concerts afternoon and evening

#### Friday 31 August

Final date for paying NZQA fees

### September

#### Monday 3 September

Teacher Only Day NCEA

#### Tuesday 4 September

Option Assembly—Whanau Y9

#### Wednesday 5 September

Option Assembly—Whanau Y10

2013 Out of Zone enrolments close

#### Thursday 6 September

Option Assembly—Whanau Y12

#### Friday 7 September

Option Assembly—Whanau Y11

Ready 4 Work Friday for all Y11 students

#### Monday 10—Wednesday 12 September

Health Fair/Expo—Hall

#### Wednesday 12 September

Ballot for 2013 Out of Zone enrolments

#### Thursday 13 September

Y10 Product Launch in the Hall

#### Friday 14 September

Blood Bank—Hall

#### Friday 21 September

Ready 4 Work Friday for all Y12 /Y13 students

#### Monday 24 September

Reports Issued

#### Wednesday 26 September

Student Achievement Conference (Option Choices)

#### Friday 28 September

End of School Term

## NZQA Fees

NZQA fees must be paid to the school Business Centre **before 1 September 2012**.

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 2012 (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 High School on 2690690.

## Option Choices for 2013

Your child has just been given the relevant junior or senior 2013 option booklet which will provide them with a comprehensive view of the Manurewa High School curriculum and the many pathways available at our school. They will spend the next three weeks going through the option book with their whanau tutor.

Manurewa High School offers a diverse range of courses that prepare students for a range of National Qualifications including National Certificate of Educational Achievement [NCEA] levels 1, 2, and 3, National Certificate, and a variety of tertiary qualifications. It is important that students make good choices with regard to course selection and their option book provides vital information to enable them to do this. Please take the time to go through the option book with them when they bring it home at the end of week 6. We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 26 September** for the next Student Achievement Conference.

### Options Timeline 2012

Term 3 Week 3	Option Book issued to students
Term 3 Week 4/5/6	Option Book Familiarisation (time to read and discuss in tutor time)
Term 3 Week 4	Option Assemblies (a check to make sure you are clear on everything)
Term 3 Week 6/7/8	Option Conversations Home (time to read and discuss at home)
Term 3 Week 7	Senior Assessment Week (demonstrate your understanding)
Term 3 Week 8	Option Conversations Week (ask teachers questions about courses)
Friday 7 September	Ready 4 Work Friday for all Y11 students
Term 3 Week 9	Option Selection (make your option choices in tutor time)
Term 3 Week 10	Option Selection Checking by Heads of Learning and Whanau Team
Friday 21 September	Ready 4 Work Friday for all Y12 and Y13 students
Term 3 Week 11	Student Achievement Conferences Option Confirmation



### Ready 4 Work Fridays

Manurewa High School in partnership with the Foundation for Youth Development (FYD) will host two days for all our senior students. The aim is to support our students in making their option choices and thinking about their future pathways as well as providing the opportunity to make connections with employers and course providers. Further details will follow once we have confirmation of the organisations that will be present on the day.

### Hawaii Band Tour Fundraiser

## CONCERT

**7.30pm Thursday 9 August**

@ Manurewa High School

### Door Sales

Students \$5—Adults \$10

family discounts available

raffles and refreshments on the concert night



### Reminder to Parents/Caregivers

NZ Uniforms is the official supplier of the regulation school uniform.

Uniform purchased from any other retailer is **NOT** the regulation Manurewa High School uniform.

## NZ Uniforms

**29E Lambie Drive, Manukau 2104**

**tel: 09 950 6747**

**Monday—Friday 9am—5pm**

**Saturday 9am—12noon**

**NOW available from our supplier!**

- a regulation "beanie" -

- school jacket -

*please encourage students to wear the school jacket during wet weather*

**Manurewa High School is making an application to The Trusts Community Foundation for the following Scholarships:**

- **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.**



**Interested students to apply through the Careers Department.**

### **Badminton Champs**

Our A grade badminton team beat Strathallan to win the Counties Manukau Secondary Schools A Grade Badminton Competition on 27 June.

The win is a fantastic result for Alberetti Robertson (Captain), John Nguyen, Cameron Hor and Ben Perry, who make up Manurewa High School's Rewa A1 team. They had not beaten Strathallan throughout the season, so the final score of 4-2 proved their skill and determination.

The Rewa A1 team were not the only Manurewa High team to do well. A last minute shuffle of teams saw our B grade players move into the A grade competition, where they played so well they ended up in the 3rd/4th place playoff against Alfriston. While the match was a draw, the final decision was based on points with Alfriston taking 3rd place. The team was Kenneth Leong (Captain), Thomas Kaifoto, Georgia Perry, Tugaga Sioli and Vimean Keo (reserve).

### **Rugby Success for 2012**

Congratulations to the rugby teams for their success as we complete the round robin series at all levels. This is an excellent result by all teams.

- 1st XV competition finished 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> XV competition finished 2<sup>nd</sup>
- The two Under 15 teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Under 14 team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>

The boys have been training hard and are now working to achieve well in the finals series.

Also congratulations to the students who have achieved selection for New Zealand secondary schools squads — Mark Talaese, Raymond Fuilala and Alamanda Motuga.

### **Chiefs U18 Team**

The following students were selected for the Chiefs U18 team: Richard Mariota, Jordan Cama, Peni Emelio, Raymond Fuilala, Mark Talaese and Alamanda Motuga.



### **Rugby League**

Congratulations to **Jacob Diaz 12TSS** on being selected into the New Zealand Under 16 residents squad for Rugby League and also to ex-student Tauturu Hapuku, selected into the New Zealand Under 18 residents squad for Rugby League. Well done and good luck to you both.

### **School Ball**

Thank you to the Prefect team for organising a wonderful school ball at Alexander Park at the end of last term. The evening was a great success and was enjoyed by all students and staff. Mr Muir has taken some stunning photos which can be viewed on REWANET—School Ball Photos 2012. These photos can be ordered @ Business Centre on the order form printed from the photo folder, collect a copy from the Business Centre.

### **Ready Steady Bake!**

Maria McGregor (pictured below) placed second at the New Zealand Rising Young Baker 2012 competition recently. Mariah competed against two other finalists in a live 'ready steady bake' style showdown. The competition is run by Competenz, the Baking Industry Training Organisation and BIANZ, the Baking Industry Association of New Zealand, in a collaborative effort to promote baking as a career pathway for young New Zealanders.

Maria's McGregor's account of her success:

*On 19 June I competed in the Rising Young Baker of the Year for 2012 at the Auckland Fine Foods Festival in Greenlane. We had 90 minutes to*



*make a loaf of Ciabatta bread, six olympic themed cupcakes and a fruit strudel. My competitors were a 14 year old fourth generation baker from Hastings and a 17 year old from Gisborne who worked part-time in a café. I wasn't worried, because for the two weeks prior to the competition I had been honing in on my inner baker with Malcolm Cook, a baker/teacher for Bakels.*

*Malcolm and I worked together at Bakels headquarters practising, testing and tasting all new cupcake recipes, strudel fillings and ciabatta recipes. It was a very early start on the big day, we were on the road by 8am. Robert Samupo was the other student who was taught alongside me in Malcolm's industry-sized kitchen and so for the last couple of weeks he was there as my support. We arrived at Bakels HQ, boxed up all of our pre-made pastry from Monday, our pre-weighed ingredients and other equipment needed that day including*

*pastry brushes, cutters, dough scrappers and even extra water. We arrived at the festival, registered, and then began to take in just how big of a deal it really was. There were hundreds of stalls set up and our competition was to be held in "Bakery World". The benches were extremely small and not at all what I was used to but, as I acquainted myself with the facilities, I began to map out how I would organise all of my equipment and ingredients. The NZ Pastry Team was just finishing up a demonstration before our competition*



*was set to start. My Hospitality and Catering class finally made it and as the class counted down the clock from 10 seconds I was confident that with Malcolm beside me, I couldn't really mess anything up. All the competitors shook hands and that was it, we were all extremely focused on the task ahead of us. After 90 minutes I had produced six London olympic themed cupcakes, two ciabatta breads and two apple, cranberry and pistachio fruit strudels. Needless to say, my mentor, my hospitality teacher and my class were proud of me...all that was left was prizegiving. After several photos, an interview with the sponsors, Competenz, and a couple of tense moments, I had placed overall second, losing by a mere 2 points. I had won a \$500 baking apprenticeship scholarship, an iPod nano, a chef's jacket, apron and a hat. Overall it was an amazing experience and completely unforgettable.*

### **Takasaki Higashi High School Exchange**

Exchange students from our sister school in Japan, Takasaki Higashi High School, are visiting Manurewa High School. Please make these seven young Japanese people and their teacher feel welcome. A special thank you to the families of Savalinga Leota, Monteil Jones, Breanna Bruce, Danielle Tomlins, Ishai Adam, Kayla Ness, Lydia Firmin and Mr and Mrs Gargiulo for looking after our visitors in their home.



The **Young People's Reference Group** is one way the Children's Commissioner hears first hand what it is like being young in New Zealand/Aotearoa. The group provides their view, and finds solutions to key issues affecting children and young people in New Zealand/Aotearoa. The Commissioner is looking for new members for his Young People's Reference Group (YPRG 2013-15).



In particular they are looking for young people:

- aged between 12-16 years or Year 9-11.
- who want to contribute to change.
- who are passionate and engaged in their community.
- with a willingness to learn.
- who have a unique perspective on the world.
- who show leadership potential—but just need support.
- who are passionate about making New Zealand a better place for young people.

What the Young People's Reference Group does:

- Informs the Children's Commissioner face to face about what is important to young people.
- Helps the Children's Commissioner in his role standing up for the well-being of children and young people in New Zealand/Aotearoa.
- Write articles for the Commissioner's journal.
- Provides comment on government policy and decisions that effect young people.
- Networks and connects with other groups of young people, especially in their region.
- Has national and local involvement with the media.
- Meets four times a year and has regular communication with the Commissioner and his office.

Application forms can be downloaded at [www.occ.org.nz/yprg](http://www.occ.org.nz/yprg) or request one from Rebecca 0800 22 44 53, or email [youth\\_voices@occ.org.nz](mailto:youth_voices@occ.org.nz). If you would like to learn more about the role and the Office of the Children's Commissioner check out [www.occ.org.nz](http://www.occ.org.nz). Completed applications can be sent to Rebecca Blaikie, Office of the Children's Commissioner, P O Box 5610, Wellington 6145.

Applications to apply for the Young People's Reference Group will close @ 5pm Sunday 14 October 2012. A decision around successful applications will be made in late November 2012. The new members will have their first meeting in early 2013.

## 40km variable speed limits outside Manurewa High School

Signs are now operating around our school where motorists are legally required to slow down to 40km/hr. Distinctive flashing lights are used to warn motorists of students arriving and leaving the school grounds and to advise them that they are required to slow down their vehicle speed to 40km.



*An invitation is extended to the parents of Year 9 students enrolling for 2013*

### OPEN EVENING

**Tuesday 14 August 2012**  
from 6.30pm in the school hall

#### Programme

##### Opening

Student Performance

##### Welcome

Principal—Mr Salvatore Gargiulo

Head Student

##### Tour of School

led by 2012 Prefect team

##### Refreshments

in the Staffroom afterwards

## Akoranga Block Opening

It was our pleasure to host Sir John Walker, former student of Manurewa High School, as he officially opened the Akoranga block on Friday 27 July 2012. Hon John Banks was in attendance along with local councillors, Principals and ex staff. The re-developed facility is already proving to be a great asset to the school.

