



Manurewa High School Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents / Guardians

The end of term 2 also sees the completion of the refurbishment of what was the A to D block of classrooms involving 25 classrooms, the hall and the staffroom. It has been a major disruption for the school over the first two terms of this year. I have been most impressed with the tolerance, the resilience and the patience of the staff and students. The new block will operate from the start of term 3. There will be an official opening on 27 July and on 28 July there will be an open day for parents, past students and the community to be able to tour the new block and see first-hand the significant difference that has been made to the building.

There has been a lot of discussion in the media about giving all students an equal opportunity to gain good jobs and good careers. I am convinced that there are many opportunities available to students at Manurewa High School. I see students working really hard in sporting, cultural and performance areas. The successes of these efforts are advertised in this newsletter and are continually reported on rewanet.

There is however a very important opportunity that more students should be taking, the chance to gain good qualifications. I was delighted that over 85% of parents attended the Student Achievement Conferences. The relationships developed between staff, students and parents is a major support for the success of students.

Term 3 has three very important events that will make a significant effect on the future of many students

1. Practice exams for year 11 to 13. Students need to take these seriously. As in sport and performance, not practicing results in poor performance. Please make sure your child does preparation by going through past papers and revising work that has been covered. Success in these examinations will allow for students to have better selections of subjects for next year.
2. Selecting options. Poorly selecting options can result in failure and/or reducing future career possibilities. The curriculum booklet will be published early in term 3. Spend time with your child looking carefully at the information that is in this important resource.
3. Another Student Achievement Conference to review the major 2012 report, set up the goals for the end of the year and confirm next year's option.

Regards

S V Gargiulo
Principal

Important Dates

June

Saturday 30 June
School Ball, Alexandra Park

July

Monday 16 July
Term 3 begins
Dental Onsite Service continues

Wednesday 18 July
Samoan Fono—PTA

Tuesday 24 July
Te Reo Maori Staff PD

Thursday 26 July
Senior Maori Student Achievement Dinner—
details in newsletter

Saturday 21 July
1st XV Rugby Gala Day

Friday 27 July
Official Opening of Akoranga Block

Saturday 28 July
CAR BOOT SALE—details in newsletter

Saturday 28 July—Friday 3 August
Takasaki Higashi High School Short and
Long Term Exchange visit commences

August

Thursday 2 August
Australian Mathematics Competition

Friday 3 August
Takasaki Higashi High School Short Term
Exchange visit concludes

Friday 10 August
Dental Onsite Service concludes

Wednesday 15 August
Samoan Fono—PTA

Tuesday 21 August—Saturday 25 August
KBB Festival

Friday 24 August—Friday 31 August
Senior Assessments—seniors on study leave

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" - Nelson Mandela

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.

Student Successes

Brooke Hemy is a member of the Dziah Dance Academy varsity crew M.Eye.A who will represent New Zealand at the World Hip Hop International Dance Championships in Las Vegas at the end of July. All the members of this crew have worked so hard to ensure they have a chance to compete on the 'world stage'. Congratulations Brooke—we wish you and your crew all the best for this upcoming event.

Sport

02 Sport Leadership

Interschool Primary Volleyball Competition

On Tuesday 19 June, Year 12 students from three 02 Sport Leadership classes organised and implemented an Interschool Volleyball Tournament as part of their level 2 Event Management Assessment.

Twenty three primary schools from around Manurewa attended the event. Students used the two weeks prior to the event to prepare. As there were three separate classes involved, a high level of organisation, responsibility and communication by the students was crucial to ensure all aspects of the event were covered. Roles and responsibilities of the students included:

- Class Liaisons
- Referees and Referee coordinators
- Draw organisers
- Organisation of the schedule and timetable
- Class hosts
- Scorers
- Equipment managers
- DJ, MC's, Spokespersons
- Prize coordinators

Initially the students struggled to get started as they realised the enormity of the event. However, once leaders within the group stepped up to the challenge the entire group soon found their feet and persevered to create a successful tournament.

The feedback from teachers was very positive and students were fully active with bright smiles throughout the day.

Sporting Successes

North Island Orienteering Champs

This event was held in the April holidays in Hawkes Bay. Three students represented our school in both the Relay and Individual races. Great effort to all students that competed. Good luck for the Orienteering Championships! Placings—Kelly Stewart 3rd, Stephanie Clayton 7th and Andrew Robins 9th place.

Nav Quest

The events for Nav Quest are three hours long and are a mix between Orienteering and Rogaining. Twelve students from Year 10 – Year 13 competed against other schools on 27 May in the Waiuku Forest. Congratulations to all the students that competed! We look forward to next year—well done!

Junior mixed team 2nd place—Savanna Blackburn—Rangitaawa, Tessa Dreadon, Dayna Lowry and Aaron Dormer.

Senior Boys 5th place—Jordan Cama, Ryan King, Andrew Robins and Wisona Iehu Moetara.

Senior Girls 3rd place—Stephanie Clayton, Susan Ly, Kirsty Lyes and Anne Vu.

Cross Country

Awesome effort to all students that competed in the Cross Country Zones at Wesley College. We hope you are all training hard for the next cross country event. Dayna Lowry 5/24 Junior Girls; Amandeep Kaur 17/24 Junior Girls; Aaron Turner 16/26 Intermediate Boys; Paul Stainthorpe 21/26 Intermediate Boys; Oliver Kent 13/19 Senior Boys and Vetri Krishnamoorthy 19/19 Senior Boys.

Golf Strokeplay Champs

Nick Voke successfully defended his 2011 title in the Auckland Golf Stroke Play Champs on Monday 28 May. Nick finished 2 under par, with a total score of 69. Already well known in golfing circles (last year he won the ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year in the Golf category), Nick's golf has continued to improve with a rigorous training regime and more time on the golf course.

Nick was accompanied at the Auckland Golf Stroke Play champs by Daniel Haretuku. Daniel is only a year 11 student, and this year was his second time competing on behalf of the school at the event.

Nick and Daniel both belong to the Manukau Golf Club.

Gym Sports—Trampolining Champs

We took Caleb Davies, Savanna Blackburn—Rangitaawa and Chelsea Davies to the Auckland Trampolining Champs in Browns Bay. They all did exceptionally well with Caleb Davies taking 2nd place in the Mens B grade—well done!

Gym Sports—Artistics and Tumbling Champs

Congratulations to Caleb Davies who placed 1st in the Mens Artistic B grade and to Savanna Blackburn-Rangitaawa who placed 2nd in the Womens Tumbling B grade. They will all go on to compete at the Gym Sports Nationals in August—good luck and train hard!

Go for Gold 7s

We sent 24 of our female athletes along to our Regional NZ Women's Rugby 7s testing night held at Eco Light stadium in Pukekohe. This night was held to identify potential talent that could be selected to be a part of a 4 year campaign that NZ is building for the 2016 Olympics. From that 24, 2 students were identified and have been invited back for further testing those students were Fuifui Fetolofai and Tenisha Stringer. Good luck to you both.

A huge thank you to all of the staff and external coaches, managers and supporters who are working with our teams this winter season, without you none of this would be possible—we salute you.

Tihei... MAURI ORA!

This year Kahui Kaiako Māori (KKM) have initiated and organised for staff at Manurewa High School to take part in the twelve month, home based course provided by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa called Mauri Ora. Staff need to complete four journals in total and on completion will receive a Level 2 National Certificate in Māori. This course specifically looks at the views of Te Ao Māori and aims to create a foundation for cultural awareness and identity to broaden knowledge of New Zealand history. Currently we have over half our staff with 62 staff members partaking in the Mauri Ora programme. We are proud to say we have representatives from our school Board of Trustees, our Principal, Deputy Principals, Whānau Leaders, Head of Learning Areas, Teachers and Support Staff who are gaining a better understanding of kaupapa Māori. We then hope this will transform into staff developing a better understanding of our Māori students to form positive relationships and will help to increase student engagement and achievement.

Most staff have completed the first journal which covered Ngā Atua (Māori Gods), Powhiri, Tangihanga, Māori Birthdays and Weddings. The second journals looks to be more challenging where we will have to look more into how Māori manage the environment and their natural resources effectively. Several staff have already made contact with Bobby Clark, a local kaumatua from Manurewa Marae, to assist them with their knowledge and understanding in Journal 2. This is great and shows our staff making genuine links with our local marae, which is something the school has been trying to improve.

Kia kaha rā koutou ngā kai-ako i roto i ā koutou mahi—Miss N McCall



The mobile dental unit will be visiting Manurewa High School

18 June—10 August 2012

The mobile unit will provide the following services:

1. Enrolment of students 13 years—under 18 years **who do not have a dentist** or choose to transfer to the service and who qualify for free dental care (some exceptions apply—orthodontic and oral surgery).
2. Examine and assess students (including x-rays) unless otherwise advised.
3. Develop dental treatment plans and treat accordingly. If treatment is unable to be completed while at school you will be notified by letter to make an appointment at Mahu Dental, Trust Health Care Medical Centre in Manurewa—phone 09 2682266 to make an appointment.
4. Provide information, advice and feedback on good oral health habits.

The consent procedure:

The consent process will comply with the Health and Disability Commissioners Act 1994 and The Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers Rights 1996.

Students will be advised before enrolling that if they have a dentist, they will not be invited to enrol.

The consent form will be sent home seeking parental consent for students under the age of 16 before any treatment is carried out with clear instructions and options for treatment.

If there are any enquiries regarding the enrolment and/or treatment procedures, please contact Ana Randall—Mobile Dental Co-ordinator, Raukura Hauora O Tainui Dental Services ana.randall@rauкура.com

Senior Maori Student Achievement Dinner

To co-exist with Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, Kahui Kaiako Māori (KKM) are excited to present to you Manurewa High School's first official Senior Māori Achievement dinner in term 3. week 2. The kaupapa of the night is to acknowledge the achievements of our senior students so far, inspire them to carry on in their achievements toward our Māori Celebration in Term 4 and build stronger relationships with whānau.

Details of the night are as follows:

Thursday 26 July
Manurewa High School Hall
6pm—8.30pm
(students to arrive 5.45pm)
\$10 per person

(maximum 4 whānau members per student)

The cost covers kai and needs to be paid at the school Business Centre with the receipt given to Miss McCall.

This event promises to be another fun filled night, showcasing the talent of our students and a follow up from our very successful Māori celebration last year. To be part of this night we need you to RSVP by **Friday 20 July**, by returning the RSVP form accompanying the official letter to Miss McCall. Alternatively, you may contact me at mn@manurewa.school.nz with the details required on the RVSP form.

Te Reo Maori Staff PD—Tuesday 24 July

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2012, Māori Language Week is Monday 23 July to Sunday 29 July. **Arohatia te Reo** is the theme for Māori Language Week, which means to cherish the language.

KKM will be encouraging the use of Te Reo by putting on a whole staff Professional Development Session to help staff with pronunciation and encourage them to use it in their teaching. This will take place on Tuesday 24 July, 3:30pm—4:30pm. So if there are any whānau out there who can help KKM to run some workshops and activities or have great ideas to help our staff with their Te Reo, please email Miss McCall by the end of term at mn@manurewa.school.nz.

Fundraiser in support of the

Manurewa High School Concert Band Trip to Hawaii 2013



CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 21 July

7.30am for 8am start

Pay and pre-book a space @ MHS
Business Centre

\$10 a space (or \$8 pre-booked)

**Sausage Sizzle / Cake Stall /
Soup / Hot and Cold Drinks**

If you do not want to book a space but have goods you would like to donate please contact Mrs Girdwood 2690690 ext 258

Fundraiser in support of 1st XV trip to Australia

1st XV Rugby Gala Day @ MHS Saturday 28 July

Food / quick fire raffles

sports clothes for sale - nothing over \$25

Come along and help the boys!



Interested in a Beginners Cupcake Decorating Class?
Cost \$20—For more information contact Chrissy
092690690 ext 255 or email see@manurewa.school.nz

Play SQUASH for fun, fitness and friendship!

Manurewa High School students are offered 9 months membership at the Manurewa Squash Club for \$45—Join now and have access to the club facilities during the holidays—For more details phone 021 2575667.



Discovery Learning Centre

This year Manurewa High School has organised a special programme for Year 9 students in the Discovery Learning Centre which aims to meet their unique developmental needs.

What is Discovery learning?

Developmentally responsive

Intellectually challenging

Socially responsible

Culturally relevant

Open ended

Voice uncovering

Engaging

Real and relevant

Youth action projects



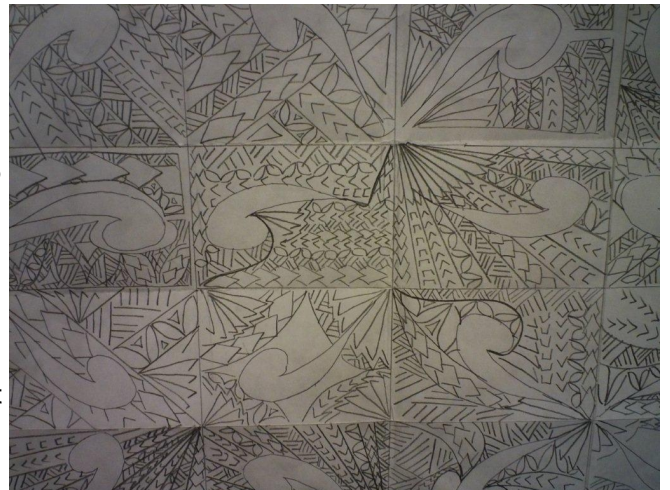
Why discovery learning?

Firstly, young people require key competencies to navigate all the new technology and a life of constant change and increasing diversity that they are experiencing. They need to become CONCEPTUAL thinkers which is why we are INTEGRATING the curriculum. Schools are needed where students use information, skills and technologies to:

- construct new knowledge,
- solve complex problems,
- integrate ideas and concepts across disciplines,
- effectively communicate orally and in writing, and
- work in diverse groups.

Secondly, Year 9 and 10 students have different needs to Year 11, 12 and 13 students. The needs and characteristics of early adolescents involve the development of:

- a sense of identity and purpose,
- diversity of ideas and challenges –intellectual, emotional, physical, not bounded by subjects,
- social interaction with peers and adults,
- mastery, competency, achievement –and achievement progression,
- meaningful participation in school and community,
- active & exploratory learning that involves physical activity,
- routines, support systems and structures which they help to devise,
- caring, affirming, supportive relationships with adults who are friendly but not friends,
- opportunities to lead, experience diverse styles and forms of leadership and develop as leaders.



Thirdly, to respect the tangata whenua of Manurewa the Discovery Learning Centre is situated within the broader school concept of Te Kotahitanga and students explore te reo and kaupapa maori. Finally, Manurewa is a culturally diverse community and we want to take advantage of this by relating learning to the cultural background and context of every student.

How do we facilitate discovery learning?

Last year a team of eight teachers collaborated to design the new inquiry learning programme for the incoming Year 9s with Dr Pat Nolan from Massey University. In 2012 the three teachers in discovery collaboratively plan each week using a four dimensional integrative curriculum design. The design integrates into the curriculum personal concerns, social responsibility, the eight learning areas and the culture of the school. Students work in co-operative groups and are encouraged to explore and be creative. For example, they have learned to say their mihi, explore their whakapapa, diverse cultural patterns and the design process for kites.

Year 9s use the purpose built Discovery Learning Centre which has flexible teaching spaces for ninety students. Each day one whanau spends four hours undertaking critical inquiries. When possible they learn in real life environments. All Year 9 students have had the opportunity to visit the marae and learn about Manurewa from the kaitiaki and kaumatua of the marae. When appropriate they use the library, playing fields, and other school services and facilities. The students interact with the Youth Workers, nurse, senior leaders and other school staff whenever appropriate. The students continually use a range of digital devices, including desktop computers, laptops and iPads. The teachers collaborate with senior leaders and teachers throughout the school to ensure that the programme has a broad and solid foundation. Discovery learning aligns very closely with the New Zealand Curriculum.

