



Manurewa High School Newsletter

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

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to our first newsletter for the year. While there will be two newsletters per term, I would encourage you to keep in contact through the school website which is continuing to be developed.

Fourteen new staff started this year. They have established themselves and are making a valuable addition to the school. The roll of the school is 1863 which is getting closer to the desired 1850 that the school believes to be the ideal number. This is small enough to work in the four Whanau groups and big enough to offer the wide range of courses for our students. I have been most impressed with the resilience of staff and students while we are undergoing the rebuild. To have twenty classrooms out of action has put pressure on all the school, with every possible space being used as a classroom.



The success of the students in NCEA gave us a very positive start to the year. The highlights of these results were at year 13 where there was a 30% improvement from previous years. Also 90% gained level 2 or better. This tells us that if we can have students remain at school, they will achieve. The challenge for us is to increase the numbers who do stay at school while maintaining these excellent results. This we can do if we continue to work together. The school must

provide appropriate courses. The teachers must actively engage their students in learning.

We do know from our research into the students who continue at school and achieve that in most cases the parents make a significant contributions in three functions:

- Making sure your child does some school work at home. It is never true that a student does not have some work to do. It does not need to have been set by the teacher. It could be reading an article from the Herald which you have delivered every day. If they read it and give you a summary, you are improving your child's ability to read and comprehend.
- Attend the academic conferences. I am convinced that the programme of attending these conferences and making a connection with the whanau teacher is a major reason for the significant and sustained improvement that has been made in the schools examination results.
- Making sure your child is eating properly. Too many of our students are hungry at school. It is not possible to concentrate in class or take part in activities while you are hungry. It is crucial that students have a good diet. The school is not going to provide sweets, carbonated drink and poor quality pies. As part of the rebuilding we are only operating one canteen at the moment which is not sufficient for 1900 students. This increases the need for parents to provide a healthy sandwich and some fruit for your child to take to school.

A significant development this year has been the mentoring programme. Year 13 students mentor Year 10 and Year 12 mentor Year 9 students.

I have been impressed with the number of students who have undertaken the training to be a mentor. This programme has made a major contribution to the settling in of new students. We do know our senior students have developed good values and are achieving well. With their influence on the new students, I believe we will increase the engagement of the younger students which will increase the number who remain for five years.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards

S V Gargiulo
Principal

March 2012

Important Dates

March

Monday 12 March

Enterprise Day for Young Enterprise Scheme

Wednesday 14 March—Saturday 17 March

ASB Polyfest

Friday 16 March

Teacher Only Day—NCEA

Thursday 22 March

Y9 Manurewa Marae Visit (Ahi)

Monday 26 March

Summer Tournament week commences

Friday 30 March

International Week commences

Summer Tournament week concludes

April

Wednesday 4 April

Samoan Fono—PTA

Thursday 5 April

International Week concludes

End of Term 1

Monday 23 April

Term 2 commences

May

Thursday 10 May and Friday 11 May

Student Achievement Conferences

ASB Polyfest 2012

Manurewa High School

Cultural Groups Performance Schedule

Wednesday 14 March

1.30am—1.40pm

Indian

1.50am—2.00pm

Middle Eastern

2.10am—2.20pm

Cambodian

Friday 16 March

8.30am

Tongan

Saturday 17 March

8.30am—9.00am

Cook Island

1.30pm—2.00pm

Niuean

1.55pm—2.15pm

Samoa

New Staff 2012



Ms Judith Hoek
Languages



Mr Rangituhia Hollis
Digital Technologies



Ms Penny Bradford
Discovery Learning Centre



Miss Lynee Mataele
Mathematics



Miss Gabrielle Reid
Drama



Mr Avele Tanielu
Samoan Language



Mrs Katherine Wilson
Integrated Learning Centre



Mr Santiago Vega
Integrated Learning Centre



Mr Callum Wicks
Social Sciences



Mrs Trish Gargiulo
Education Support Centre



Mr Benjamin Silk
Social Sciences



Mr Hogan Chapman
Physical Education/Careers



Mrs Ailini Alatini
Dance



Mr Bruno Watkins
Physical Education/Te Reo

SCHOOL HOURS 2012

Monday—Thursday	8.55am—3.15pm
Friday	8.55am—2.25pm

School Bus Timetable

You can view bus timetables on the MAXX site
www.maxx.co.nz and select Manurewa High School.
For more information phone CALL CENTRE 3666400.

Terms and Holidays 2012

Term 1	(96 half days)
Wednesday 1 February—Thursday 5 April	
Monday 30 January	Auckland Anniversary Day
Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day
16 March	Teacher Only Day (NCEA)
Easter	in holidays
Term 2	(96 half days)
Monday 23 April—Friday 29 June	
Wednesday 25 April	Anzac Day
Monday 4 June	Queens Birthday
Term 3	(110 half days)
Monday 16 July—Friday 28 September	
Monday 3 September	Teacher Only Day (NCEA)
Term 4	(78 half days)
Monday 15 October—Friday 7 December	
Monday 22 October	Labour Day

Homestay Caregivers for International Students

We are looking for dedicated and caring families to go on to our homestay register. These homestay students must have a bedroom to themselves with a desk, chair and lamp. They should also have access to the Internet. Caregivers will be paid \$215 a week.

If you are interested in being a caregiver
please email the Principal go@manurewa.school.nz
or phone Mrs Davies - Principals' PA
09 2690690 extn 202

Refurbishment Update

The construction and refurbishment of the A-D block is well under way. This refurbishment will see all classrooms in that block updated, along with the Discovery Learning Centre being created in the downstairs classrooms of D block. All internal stairways have been removed and the finished building will have an outside covered balcony that will run the entire length of the building with a lift included. A new Health Room for students with disabilities is being built, along with a refurbishment of the hall and staffroom.

IMPORTANT—Reminder to parents/caregivers

We would like to remind all parents and caregivers that students must be dropped off at the front gate rather than driving into school. With construction vehicles coming and going our school site is very congested with traffic and we need to ensure the safety of students at all times.



Whanau Team 2012

Mrs Girdwood
Whanau Assistant



Miss Thomas
Mentor Co-ordinator



KOTUKU WHANAU—pictured left to right
Mr Clemas—Whanau Dean; Miss Purcell —Whanau Leader; Miss Glendinning—Whanau Dean



TE AO MARAMA WHANAU—pictured left to right
Miss Spraggon —Whanau Dean; Ms Stapleton—Whanau Leader; Mr Watson—Whanau Dean



POUNAMU WHANAU—pictured left to right
Mrs Jacobs—Whanau Dean; Mr Hendrikse—Whanau Leader; Mrs Sharma—Whanau Dean

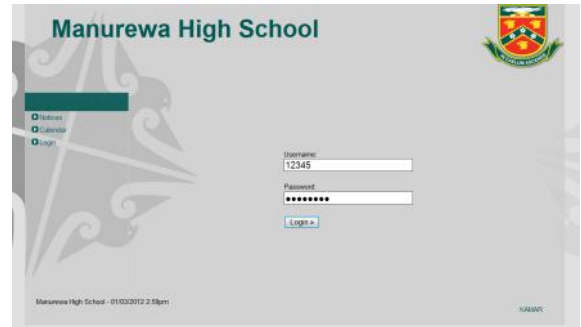


AHI WHANAU—pictured left to right
Mrs Lord—Whanau Dean; Miss McPherson—Whanau Leader; Miss Matthews—Whanau Dean

KAMAR Parent Portal

The Manurewa High School parent portal has been upgraded a system that runs directly through our student management system, KAMAR. In the next week a username, password and login link will be emailed to all parents who have an email address on our database. This link will allow you to view live attendance data, assessment data, outstanding fees, timetable information, school reports, school calendar details and more.

In order to access the KAMAR parent portal you require access to the internet and a valid email address. If you do not receive an email before Friday 9 March it means that your address is either not on our system, or incorrect on our system.



If you have not received an email from the school and would like to receive:

1. Login and password instructions for our KAMAR parent portal
2. School newsletters via email
3. School reports via email

Please email the school at update@manurewa.school.nz with the full legal name of your child in the subject line.

Mr D Wilson
Associate Principal

NZQA Scholarship

Congratulations to the following students who achieved an NZQA Scholarship as follows:

Stacey McLeod—English
Thai Nguyen—Mathematics with Calculus

Sport

Congratulations to Sean Capewell 10PHY on being selected to attend the International Softball Academy Australian Tournament programme to be held in Sydney from 17—26 March 2012. Well done Sean and all the best for your trip.

Engineering Scholarship

Henri Tulleners was fortunate to be awarded a \$1000 Engineering Scholarship to MIT. Henri was an outstanding Engineering student and thoroughly deserved this scholarship. It was awarded on successful acceptance to a course at MIT—congratulations Henri.

Manurewa High School Uniform

A reminder to parents/caregivers that the official supplier of regulation school uniform for Manurewa High School is

**NZ Uniforms , 29E Lambie Drive, Manukau 2104
09 950 6747**

Open 6 days

**Monday—Friday 9am—5pm
Saturday 9am—12noon**

Uniform purchased from any other retailer is NOT Manurewa High School uniform

Please encourage students to wear the school jacket during wet weather—these are available at NZ Uniforms

Careers Update

Just the Job – Series 7

Last year we were invited again to offer our students the opportunity to feature in Just the Job, a TV programme profiling various careers. Joshua Hughes 13TCD was successful in his audition and is looking forward to filming in March. 'Just the Job' screens Sundays 5pm TV2.

Y13 Liaison Visits

The following in-school visits have been scheduled for Term 1 and 2:

20 March	The University of Waikato (Period 2)
5 June	The University of Massey (Period 3)
14 June	The University of Auckland (Period 3)
18 June	The University of Otago (Period 5)
TBA	AUT, UNITEC, Victoria Uni, Canterbury Uni

Y13 students considering studying at these institutes should register now at Careers.

Y13 Student Interviews

Interviews have commenced and will continue throughout the year giving each student an opportunity to discuss their future career goals and pathways with the Careers Advisor.

Pacific Islands Scholarships

Grace Ierome 12KTG, Theresa Ale 12PCA and Amanaki Moala'Eua 12PHN were selected to attend the Hands On Science week at Otago University in January. The purpose of the event is to encourage talented young New Zealanders to consider science as a career. The University offers up to six full scholarships for students of Pacific Island descent every year. Scholarship included travel expenses/meals/accommodation. The students attended lectures and seminars, presentations and experimental demonstrations, worked with scientists and got a feel for real life science investigations using high tech equipment as well as mixing socially with other students from around the country. According to Amanaki "It was really informative and we got to do a lot of practical stuff. It truly beats doing nothing at home." The best part of the programme he said was making video games and the tour of the university.

Term 1 Up and Coming Events

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

Students should come to the Careers Department for more information regarding the events listed below.

30 March PIHMS (Pacific International Hotel Management School) Open Day

Information day for students interested in Hotel Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management. \$30 fee includes bus fare to Taranaki, lunch and activities.

3 April University of Waikato Law Student For A Day

Free information day for students intending to study law at the Hamilton campus. Transport provided.

10-13 April PIHMS (Pacific International Hotel Management School) Career Week

Information week in school holidays for students interested in Hotel Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management. Great opportunity for students wanting to get the full campus life experience. \$298 fee includes bus fare, accommodation, meals and activities. Students MUST be doing Hospitality and Catering or Food and Nutrition.

13 & 19 April Crown Institute of Studies – Taster Day

Information Day for students interested in Business, Hospitality and Travel and Tourism courses. Free to attend. 10am–2pm. Auckland City campus.

Homai Nga Taonga Early Childhood Centre

This new centre is located on the grounds of Homai Primary School and operates Monday–Friday 7.30am–6pm.

The centre offers 20 early childhood hours per week and caters for children from 6 months to 5 years. Separate areas are designated for babies and toddlers with secure indoor and outdoor areas for each.

The centre operates on a child initiated programme with special events organised to recognise significant days of the year. Meals are provided for full-time children attending the centre.

For further information please contact the Centre Supervisor Moana or Valerie on 269 2867

During February and March Manurewa High School families and students can buy Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2010 for only \$98 (see details below).

Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2010 includes: Word 2010, Excel 2010, PowerPoint 2010, Publisher 2010, OneNote 2010, Access 2010, Outlook 2010 with Business Contact Manager, InfoPath 2010, Communicator 2010.

From 1 April 2012 Microsoft is withdrawing the Student select Programme and the cheapest option for students to buy an Office Suite will be the purchase of Home and Student which is currently priced at \$225 (RRP).

Limited Time Offer
Microsoft Student Select Software is
going end of life 31st March 2012!
Microsoft Software will never be cheaper!

Windows 7 Pro Upgrade (PVP)	Windows 7 Ult Upgrade (PVP)	Office Pro Plus 2010 (PVP)	Office Mac Std 2011 (PVP)
\$118	\$150	\$98	\$99
Visio Pro 2010 (PVP)	Visio Premium 2010 (PVP)	Project Pro 2010 (PVP)	Expression Studio 4 (PVP)
\$124	\$139	\$229	\$40

LAPSHOP
www.lapshop.co.nz | 0800 886 885

Pricing includes GST and excludes freight. Microsoft Student Select Products are for approved school and tertiary students and staff members only. Microsoft Student Select Products are not provided in retail packaging as pictured. Pricing is subject to change without notice.

Microsoft Partner

AT HOME WITH THE HERALD

Manurewa High school has entered into a partnership with the New Zealand Herald to promote and support literacy beyond the classroom.

AT HOME WITH THE HERALD – supporting literacy beyond the classroom is a new APN initiative that promotes literacy at home. The programme offers a **FREE** Monday to Friday subscription of The New Zealand Herald delivered to the household of every student at Manurewa High School.

AT HOME WITH THE HERALD benefits:

Parents

Newspaper readership has been shown to help build literacy skills, as well as build social awareness and improve community engagement.

Students

The New Zealand Curriculum outlines a vision for young people: who will be confident, connected, actively involved, and lifelong learners. The newspaper is an ideal educational tool to support this, connecting students with the outside world and offering a source of reputable up to date information.

Schools

Parents with higher literacy have been shown to be more actively involved in their children's education.

There is no cost to either parents/guardians or the school. This is a **FREE** subscription.

Are there any hidden requirements?

There is no requirement to continue with a paid subscription once the free delivery period finishes and subscribers **can cancel** at any time.

How long is the free subscription for and what happens at the end of this period?

The initial subscription is for a one year period to run through to the end of February 2013. The programme will then be reviewed with the potential for this to be extended for those households who continue to have a student/students at the school.

All households of Manurewa High School students will automatically receive a Monday to Friday paper.

If you **do not wish** to receive a *free* weekday copy of the New Zealand Herald, please return the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return with your child to their Whanau Tutor or hand into the main school office.

If you have any further enquires regarding this matter please do not hesitate to telephone D Wilson, Associate Principal on (09) 269 0690 ext 282 or email wo@manurewa.school.nz

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Please return this portion if you **DO NOT** wish to receive a free weekly copy of the New Zealand Herald

I/we **do not wish** to receive a free week day copy of the NZ Herald.

Name:

Address:

Signed:

ASB Polyfest

Practices have commenced for Polyfest and are being held every weekday until the ASB Polyfest performances March 14 – 17 2012. Parents should be aware of the following protocols:

- All groups are to have teacher present during practices.
- Off-site practices can be held but they are not the responsibility of Manurewa High School.
- Permission slips must be issued and returned by all students **three** days before performances.

Please refer to the schedule for practice times and locations.

	Y2	PAVILLION	HALL	Y0	G5	E11	Covered Way Outside Hall
Teacher in Charge	SG	SV / MD / PL	HF / ED / MT	HJ / TX	SZ	SS / TC / PD	
MONDAY							
3.30pm - 6.30pm			Tongan				
3.30pm - 5.30pm				Niuean			
3.30pm - 5.30pm					Indian		
3.30pm - 6.00pm						Cook Island	
3.30pm - 7.45pm	Samoan						
TUESDAY							
3.30pm - 5.30pm							
3.30pm - 5.00pm						Cook Island	Niuean
3.30pm - 5.30pm		Middle Eastern					
3.30pm - 5.30pm					Indian		
3.30pm - 6.30pm			Tongan				
3.30pm - 7.45pm	Samoan						
WEDNESDAY							
3.30pm - 5.30pm						Cook Island	
3.30pm - 5.30pm					Indian		
3.30pm - 5.30pm				Niuean			
3.30pm - 6.30pm			Tongan				
3.30pm - 5.30pm		Middle Eastern					
3.30pm - 7.45pm	Samoan						
THURSDAY							
3.30pm - 5.30pm							Niuean
3.30pm - 5.00pm						Cook Island	
3.30pm - 6.30pm			Tongan				
3.30pm - 5.30pm		Middle Eastern					
3.30pm - 5.30pm					Indian		
3.30pm - 7.45pm	Samoan						
FRIDAY							
3.30pm - 5.30pm						Cook Island	
3.30pm - 5.30pm					Indian		
3.30pm - 6.30pm			Tongan				
3.30pm - 5.30pm		Middle Eastern					
3.30pm - 7.45pm	Samoan						
SATURDAY							
10am - 3.00pm			Tongan				
11.00am - 7.45pm	Samoan*	*Samoan Church Hall on Jellicoe Road					

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