



Manurewa High School Newsletter

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

September 2012

Dear Parents / Guardians

Thank you for the support you are giving the school in its desire to have your child achieve at Manurewa High School. I have appreciated the constructive feedback that I have been receiving from parents during this term. I am convinced the school is reaching a very high level in student behaviour and achievement.

Reflecting on the achievements of this term does show the diversity of the successes at the school. Some highlights include:

- National winner in the New Zealand Culinary Fare
- Bronze winners in the KBB Festival for our Jazz and Symphonic bands
- Winners of the Counties 1st XV rugby premier division
- High Achievements in the MIT Manukau City Science and Technology Fair
- High Achievements in the Australian Mathematics competition
- Top 8 placing at National League Competition

For me the highlight of the term has been the attendance and performance of students in the practice examinations in the first week of September. There was a significant improvement on previous years. This needs to be followed up with a clear plan to identify and work on weaknesses that were identified in doing these practice exams. I did notice that there were many students who found it hard to concentrate in the afternoon exams. On questioning them, I found in a lot of cases they had not had sufficient food. It is not possible for the brain to function at the high level needed to achieve in examinations without good healthy food. This is one area that you as parents can assist with.

There is a very important exercise for all students to undertake over the next few weeks:

Planning for next year

1. For many this requires selecting subjects for 2013.
2. Achieving for the rest of this year to allow for **success** in the selected subjects and career pathway.

As part of the Student Achievement Conferences you will be able to discuss the options available along with the selection process. Advice I would contribute:

- *"which teachers do I like and which ones don't I like"*. . . this is clearly short sighted and has the potential for you to choose courses which don't complement your interests and talents and will close off career pathways you may wish to pursue.
- *"what are my 'mates' choosing"*. . . this is even more short-sighted and has the same potentially dangerous consequences.
- *"won't bother filling in the option form until the last minute"*. . . be aware that many courses have maximum numbers and if you submit your form late, or not at all, you may not be able to take the subject you want.

Enrolment as a Year 14 student

There are students in Year 13 who consider returning to school as a year 14. As parents it is important that the following is noted before you consider this as a potential option for 2013:

- Enrolment is completely at the discretion of the School and no student has an absolute right to enrol as a Year 14 student.
- Enrolment as a Year 14 student is unlikely to be granted for students who have had poor work habits, attendance and attitude to their schoolwork in Year 13.
- Enrolment is only considered if an education/career plan, prior to application, is presented in writing.

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IMPORTANT DATES

September

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—Hall

Friday 14 September
Blood Bank—Hall

Monday 17—Thursday 20 September
Art Exhibition in the Hall

Friday 21 September
Ready 4 Work Day for all Y12 /Y13 students

Wednesday 26 September
Student Achievement Conference
Reports issued

Friday 28 September — end of term 3

October

Monday 15 October — term 4 begins

Wednesday 24 October
Sports Prizegiving 6pm

Thursday 25 October
Arts Prizegiving 7pm
ASB Community Awards—12.00pm

November

Friday 9 November

- NCEA Scholarship exams begin
- No School Y9 and Y10 students
- 8.55am Y13 Assembly & Dismissal
- 9.45am Y12 Prizegiving
- 12.30pm Y11 Prizegiving

December

Monday 3 December
Junior Fun Day

Tuesday 4 December
▪ 7pm Y13 Prizegiving

Thursday 6 December

- 9.45am Y10 Prizegiving
- 12pm Y9 Prizegiving

Friday 7 December—term 4 ends

Australian Mathematics Competition

In August around 100 Manurewa High School students attempted the Australian Mathematics competition. This is a competition offered to students throughout New Zealand and Australia. I was delighted with the high grades achieved by students. Schools only enter their top mathematics students so an award from this competition is very creditable.

Students who gained Distinction (this places the students in the top 10% of the competition)

Jessie Chen
Anna Siafolau

Ashlee Cochrane
Cathy Stainthorpe

Adam Scott

Students who gained Credit (this is in the top 30% of the competition)

Morgan Davis
Sukhmander Kaur
Vetri Krishnamoorthy
Braden Robins
Keylee Soriano

Andy Ha
Samarth Khanna
Kyron Moka
Avinash Sharma
Aaron Turner

Darren Hor
Adhitiyan Krishnamoorthy
Laura Newth
Jaspreet Singh
Jimmy Wu

Students who gained Proficiency (this is in the top 50% of the competition)

Isai Adam
Daisy Ancha
Andrej Domniku
Maile Guttenbeil
Ryan Iosefa
Amandeep Kaur
Chanmony Lach
Deschlla Leaso
Leonette Maoate
Andrea Navarro
Hayley Ngo
Kartik Ohari
Jasmine Puruto
Azhar Sadiq
Mosese Teuhema
Ishmael Tuitavuki

Cameron Alanotama
Rosiah Crichton
Paula Falevai
Toni Holland
Violet Jackson
Hannah Kepa-Jama
Izaiah Lafolua
Dayna Lowry
Nayiam Mirranay
Jacob Nawaqavanua
Joseph Nguyen
Allissa Paras
Sean Randal
Aaron Tan
Solinna Tout
Lukey Zhou

Aurora Amani
Dennis Daniela
Grace Gago
Kalolaine Ikavuka
Amon Kalipatama
Damien Kumar
Lavinia Latu
Thongchai Manawangphiphat
Bhavina Mistry
Nathan Ness
Aeluna Nissan
Ashiyana-Aisha Prasad
Lupepe Ropati
Jonathan Taukolo
Laurance Tuhega

Wednesday Soup

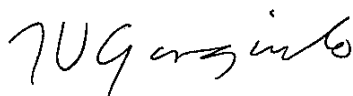
Since the beginning of August the school has operated a Soup Kitchen with free soup offered to students every Wednesday. The soup is prepared by the Hospitality and Catering students and served by the Prefects under the supervision and support of Christine Steeples.

We were fortunate to have the soup donated to the school after our head prefects had a meeting with Ms Louisa Wall to discuss their initiative. Nicole and Mark voiced to Louisa that one of the blocks to our students achieving was the lack of good food. Louisa followed this up by sourcing the soup and arranging delivery to the school.


Each Wednesday 120 litres of soup is given out to students. What we have ascertained from this exercise is that on Wednesday afternoon there has been:

- Higher attendance
- Higher student participation in lessons
- Less negative behaviour of students in class
- Students on daily report getting better grades

Regards



S V Gargiulo
Principal



Look forward to seeing you @ the next
Student Achievement Conference
Wednesday 26 September

"Piki Atu Ki Te Rangi - Aim High, Strive for Excellence"

MIT Manukau City Science and Technology Fair



2012 has been another great year for Manurewa High School at the annual MIT Science Fair. Past student Amy van de Weg was there to deliver a speech as last year's winner. There were 21 schools represented and 207 entries—so competition was stiff. As in recent years, Manurewa High School students dominated the podium with the following awards:

Susan Ly 12AKD

- Otago University Award—a fully sponsored week long attendance at Otago University Summer Science School.

Garling Wu 12AKD

- 1st place Consumer Science

Jaspreet Singh 13TSN

- 3rd place Senior Science

Cedric Wiremu 10PSZ

- Best Project in Fair by a Maori student
- High Commended—Physical World

Tryphaena Kumar 12AKD

- Highly Commended-Consumer Science

Paul Stainthorpe 12AKD

- Highly Commended-Consumer Science



Susan Ly's award (pictured left) was particularly notable. Her scholarship means she will attend an all-expenses paid week of Science in January 2013 at Otago University. Her project "Contemplating Coconut Carbs" won "Best Scientific Application and Method".

Science teacher Fenella Colyer is very proud of her students' achievements and the way they conducted themselves at the Science Fair.

The Kermadecs Expedition 8—19 August

Gomathi Rajasekaran (pictured) a year 13 student at Manurewa High School attended the inaugural voyage of the Young Blake Expeditions, a programme which aims to follow in the footsteps of Sir Peter Blake and to mobilise and inspire the next generation of kiwi leaders, adventurers and environmentalists. 30 teenage leaders, 18 girls and 12 boys, from all over New Zealand had the opportunity of a lifetime .



NZ Culinary Fare



Our hospitality students showcased their skills at the recent Culinary Fare and came away with top marks. The students' combined efforts earned Manurewa High School the Secondary Schools Excellence Award 2012, given to the school with the highest aggregate marks during the competition. Individually, the students were outstanding, with the following achievements:

Café Breakfast section

Students must prepare and present a café style hot cooked breakfast for two—Kajal Sharma was awarded Bronze.

College Challenge

Aygnin Ing won Bronze—Students had to prepare and present two portions of a specific recipe.

High Tea

Students had to prepare high tea served on a three-tiered stand—Elizabeth Filimoemaka received first prize (gold), followed by Mariah McGregor (silver).

Table Setting

Complete a full table restaurant setting for four people—Manutu'ufanga Kaitapu (gold) and Joseph Liugalua (silver).

Well done to all students who took part—a fabulous achievement which upholds Manurewa's tradition of excellence in hospitality sector.

Counties Manukau Representatives 2012

The following players have been selected as Counties Manukau Representatives 2012.

Counties Manukau U15 Cavaliers

Manuel Kiliva—U15 Green, Dan Maireroa—U15 Gold, Anthony Leafi—U15 Green, Tupu Tupu—U14, Fatai Tuitavuki—U14, Mua Tuumaialu—U15 Gold, Alipati Segal—U15 Green, Jeremy Pua—U15 Gold, Evander Siafa—U15 Gold.

Counties Manukau U16

Joseph Kumar—Colts Gold and Jonathan Talia'uli—Colt Gold.

Counties Manukau U18

Peni Emelio, Vaoala Enesa, Raymond Fuilala, Daniel Hudson, Alamanda Motuga and Mark Talaese

Thank you to all of the coaches who have been involved with these player's development.

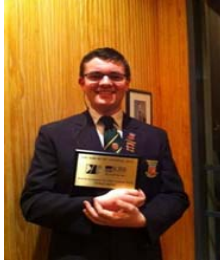
Waka Ama . . . a few words from Cullen Edwards

I recently went to the Waka Ama World Sprints 2012 in Calgary Canada, representing New Zealand in the Under 19 girls division and won the *silver* medal. It was a big sacrifice and a lot of hard work but the results paid off. A once in a lifetime opportunity and great experience .

Music Department News

Manurewa High again excelled in the Play it Strange Songwriting competition this year winning \$3000 worth of professional recording time for students Renee Apulu, David Afoa, Mariah McGregor and Caylin Klein enabling them to re-record their songs in one of New Zealand's top recording studios.

Another successful KBB music festival was attended with both our Symphonic Band and our Jazz band picking up Bronze Medals. Our Jazz band also picked up the award for best performance of a NZ work for their performance of No.22 written by current band member Mitchell Clark. Congratulations Mitchell.



pictured—Mitchell Clark

Our Senior Concert Band will be representing our school in the Concert Band Nationals to be held in Hamilton later this month.

A CD of our fantastic singer/songwriters will be available to purchase soon, the result of collaboration between the Music and Business Studies Learning Areas.

Parents/Caregivers of recipients are welcome to attend the
2012 Annual Sports Awards Evening
6pm Wednesday 24 October

in the Hall at Manurewa High School
Recipients will be notified and would be required to attend the evening
Full school uniform to be worn

You are invited to attend the

Arts Prizegiving

7pm Thursday 25 October

in the Hall at Manurewa High School

This night is to recognise the achievements of Students in Art, Drama, Music and Dance

MANUREWA HIGH SCHOOL

Help us win a classroom full of kitchen appliances!

We've joined the brand new Let's Cook with Parmco programme, hosted by Brett McGregor, to help get our kids into the kitchen to learn a few new skills and try some fun recipes. Plus, there's over \$150,000 of prizes to be won! The programme is underway and runs until 25 September. It includes Brett's weekly cooking challenges with video tutorials and recipes, weekly prizes for participating students, and our very own page on the Let's Cook site to celebrate our students' cooking successes.

Vote and you could win a luxury family break!

To win the Parmco kitchen prize pack, we need to get as many people as possible to go online and vote for our school. As an incentive, Let's Cook has got two fantastic prizes up for grabs for everyone who votes. Fancy a luxury break at one of New Zealand's most exclusive hotels, with a behind-the-scenes cooking master class at Simon Gault's latest restaurant, FISH?

So please visit the Let's Cook site and vote for our school before 25 September. It's one vote per person. We'd also love your help to spread the word, so please tell your friends, family and neighbours to vote for us as well!

VOTE HERE Visit www.letscookwithparmco.co.nz for more information and to vote or www.manurewa.school.nz



Manurewa High School

Homework Centre

3.30pm—5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

The Homework Centre located in the Discovery Learning Centre (Akoranga Block) and is available to **all** students who need a quiet place to complete their homework and study in preparation for their assessments.

Beginning Tuesday 11 September, the Homework Centre will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.30pm—5pm. Teachers will be available to supervise and help where possible.

for further information please contact Miss So'oa'emalelagi by emailing so@manurewa.school.nz or Ms Lauulu 2690690 ext 298 or lu@manurewa.school.nz

message from Terenzo Bozzone Life Education Ambassador

It is a privilege to be the Ambassador for the Life Education Trust. Without the type of direction and help the Trust provides there is no way I would be where I am today – that is why I am a strong believer and supporter of what the Trust is doing for the Youth of New Zealand.

I have also had the privilege in watching the senior students from Manurewa High School form their Young Enterprise Company and develop a product that ties in with Life Education's Health philosophies and take it to market in such a way that captured consumer's minds, learning the many skills needed to run a company, work with networks. . . all the while doing wonders for their own Vision of "Caring for the Community" which in turn helps Life Education's Mission to "LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND".

What fantastic role models for Youth Lar Su'a and Ryan King are, it was awesome to catch up with them when they personally delivered my big supply of "UNIQUE DRIZZLE" which I will proudly take with me to the World Stage!

Congratulations Caring & Co and Manurewa High School.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
MANUREWA HIGH SCHOOL'S

2012 ART EXHIBITION



Opens 4pm Monday 17th Sept until Thursday 20th Sept

