



Manurewa High School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians

I have presented this newsletter as the final for 2010 as it is the last day the whole school will be present due to the senior students finishing.

Over the last few weeks we have held a wide range of award ceremonies that give us an excellent opportunity to enjoy, observe and honour the success of our students. Enclosed in this newsletter is a summary of some of the many achievements that were recently recognised at the Sports and Arts prizegivings. When you read the wide range of areas in which there has been such amazing achievements you cannot help but be impressed.

For me it highlights what an incredible school I have been fortunate enough to be given a chance to work in.

While these are impressive, they do not include what has been for me the highlight of the year, being the participation in the student academic interviews that were held during the year. The interviews, held on 5 and 6 May, had over 85% of parents attending. The recent option interviews held on 20 and 21 October had also had good attendance.

I am convinced that this will have a significant effect on the academic performance of students at Manurewa High School this year and into the future. Thank you so much for your participation. Your connection with the school has been a massive confidence boost to the staff and for the future success of the school.

It is the planning for the future which will be my main focus over the next few weeks. It is important we continue with our three major innovations from this year -

- Literacy – the need to have good literacy skills to communicate and access information.
- Academic conferencing – so that we can create a team approach with staff, parents and students working together to achieve.
- ICT – as a country leader in use of computers for learning, there is significant opportunities for students in this area.

Another innovation that we will be adding next year is the development of a school wide Whanau system in the school. The major benefit in this is to allow us to break down our large school into smaller more intimate groupings.

Each Whanau will have a leader, they will be:

Ms Julie Purcell
Mr Ed Hendrikse
Miss Donella McPherson
Miss Manaia Lau

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Newsletter—November 2010

Important Dates

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 10 November

Y12 Prizegiving 10.15am
Y12 students dismissed 11.45pm approx
Y9/10 normal classes all day

Thursday 11 November

Y11 Literacy/Numeracy Call Back
Assembly 8.50am (small gym)

Monday 15 November — Friday 19 November

Junior Assessments

Note—All Y9 and 10 students are to be at school, there is no assessment leave for junior students.

Thursday 11 November—Wednesday 1 December

Scholarship Exams

Monday 15 November—Wednesday 1 December

NCEA Exams

DECEMBER

Thursday 9 December

Y10 Prizegiving 9.45am
Y10 students dismissed 10.45am approx
Y9 Prizegiving 12.00 midday
Y9 students dismissed 1pm approx

Friday 10 December

Junior School Dismissal 10am approx
End of School Term

Manurewa High School
NEW Phone/Fax as from 1 January 2011

Phone 2690690
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Business Centre Fax 2690692

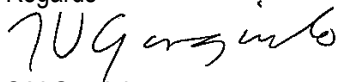
Manurewa High School Year 13 students have been awarded close to \$200,000 worth of awards and scholarships by businesses and universities.

This is most impressive as most of these awards have been contested from students throughout the country. Congratulations to the following students:

| Student Name | Scholarship | Total Value |
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| Qistina AHMAD-ALI | The University of Auckland - Jubilee Awards | \$6,000 |
| Yuyun Huang | The University of Auckland - Jubilee Awards | \$6,000 |
| Hannah LAI | The University of Auckland - Jubilee Awards | \$6,000 |
| Halyma NGUYEN | The University of Auckland - Jubilee Awards | \$6,000 |
| Israel NGUYEN | The University of Auckland - Jubilee Awards | \$6,000 |
| Joel NGUYEN | The University of Auckland - Jubilee Awards | \$6,000 |
| Viet PHAM | The University of Auckland - Scholarships | Up to \$50,000 |
| Haley CROOKS | Inder Lynch Lawyers – Achievement Awards | \$1,000 |
| Bruce LIGALIGA | Inder Lynch Lawyers – Achievement Awards | \$1,000 |
| Vathna AM | AUT – Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships | Up to \$30,000 |
| Mikayla MOORE | AUT – Significant Students Scholarship | Up to \$30,000 |
| Loto LATU | PricewaterhouseCoopers Foundation - Aspire Scholarship | Up to \$8,750 |
| Adam TAYLOR | MIT – Early Childhood Education Partnership Scholarship | Up to \$4,000 |
| Falemua IOANE | MIT – Secondary School Tertiary Scholarship | Up to \$4,000 |
| Cameron MALCOLM | MIT – Secondary School Tertiary Scholarship | Up to \$4,000 |
| Maki MCQUOID | MIT – Secondary School Tertiary Scholarship | Up to \$4,000 |
| Iliana RASOWAGA | MIT – Secondary School Tertiary Scholarship | Up to \$4,000 |
| Adeleina LOTO-MELEISEA | Pasifika Healthcare – Workforce Development Award | \$1,000 + Laptop |

All the best for the festive season and enjoy the holiday break.

Regards



S V Gargiulo
Principal

NCEA RESULTS PUBLICATION 2011

Notification of Results 2011

For the first time, results will be available to students online **before** hard-copy results are delivered by mail in the first half of January. A media release will be issued when results are online.

In previous years, students have received their hard-copy results at the same time as online results were made available.

Students have been told about this through their admission pack, but anything you could do to ensure the message is clear, would be greatly appreciated.

Availability of Certificates

In a new service, students will be able to order certificates and other results documents online and receive them in late January. The first copy of each document is available free to students.

Because students are now able to order certificates in January, NZQA will not be sending out copies automatically in April/May.

In January, students without internet access can order their result documents by contacting NZQA on Free Call 0800 697 296 or can access the internet by visiting a partner library of the [Aotearoa Peoples Network Kaharoa](#). This service is free.



MHS 2010 HALP Team with orphans rescued from the dumps of Phnom Penh

MHS Humanitarian Aid Expedition to Cambodia

On 23 September, 24 students and staff flew to Cambodia to carry out Manurewa High School's first ever Humanitarian Aid Leadership Expedition. The group landed in Siem Reap, stayed there for 4 days then drove overland to the capital, Phnom Penh, where they stayed for 6 days. In the time they were there they carried out all their objectives which included: building 6 houses and handing them over to their new families, visiting orphanages, visiting hospitals and giving blood, interacting with locals as well as sightseeing and a little bit of shopping.

Cambodia is a country that has suffered immensely in the last 30 years – civil war, genocide, famine, corruption, poverty. For our students to visit and help is an amazing thing to do – being able to take our resources and help those in need changed many lives. We performed songs, played with the orphans and delivered lots of toothbrushes, clothes, toys, balls and books. Our team developed an understanding about how lucky we really are, and how we are all in a position to help other people who have lived with nothing – if we put our hearts, minds and energy to it.

The students and staff had spent many months fundraising and really earned their empowering experience. Special thanks also needs to go to MIT, Rotary, Bunnings, International Travel College, St John, Sir George Seymour College of Travel and Tourism, Johnson and Johnson and all the hundreds of other staff, students, parents and members of the community who helped the team to get there, and get back! Planning will start soon for next year's expedition. Any support welcome!

TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2011

Term 1 (108 half days)

Tuesday 1 February—Friday 15 April

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| Waitangi Day | Sunday 6 February |
| Good Friday | Friday 22 April |
| Easter Monday/Anzac Day | Monday 25 April |

Term 2 (108 half days)

Monday 2 May—Friday 15 July

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| Queens Birthday | Monday 6 June |
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Term 3 (100 half days)

Monday 1 August—Friday 7 October

Term 4 (64 half days)

Tuesday 25 October—Wednesday 7 December

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| Labour Day | Monday 24 October |
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Uniform Donations

School uniform donations from those students leaving at the end of this year would be gratefully accepted and appreciated by the Student Support Services. These can be delivered to the school office or student support services desk.

Australian Mathematics Results

About 120 of our best mathematicians sat the Australian Mathematics Competition papers in August. Congratulations to the following students who performed very well.

High Distinction (top 2%) - Kimberley Emery 10KD

Distinction (top 10%) - Thai Nguyen 13DM, Samar Khanna 12HY, Devon Tavui 10KD and Jimmy Wu 10KD

Credit (top 50%) - Ngoc Minh Giang 13WR; Aditya Gupta 11HU; Tui Toailoa 11HU; Dominique Asser 10KD; Morgan Davis 10KD; Darren Hor 10KD; Tryphaena Kumar 10KD; Kate Montgomery 10KD; Joseph Parker 10KD; Keylee Soriano 10KD; Jacinta Talia'uli 10KD; Aaron Turner 10KD; Levi Graham 10MN; Karissa Leilua 10MN; Krystal Reid 10MN; Ashley Tipene 10MN; Tayla Coman 9BW; Maxwell Crone 9BW; Garion Gleeson 9BW; Savalinga Leota 9BW; Tayla Pritchard 9BW; Keerthana Rajasekaran 9BW; Constance Rennie 9BW; Aimee Scott 9BW and Sophie-Jane Painting Black 9PN

Manurewa High School Rugby Programme

2010 has been a very successful year for Manurewa High School with all teams making the finals — U15 winning Counties Manukau competition and 1st XV Rugby placed 2nd New Zealand Secondary Schools Co-ed competition.

In 2011 we want to build on this success. With many students keen to play there is a need for more coaches to add to our existing team.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact by Friday 26 November

Mel Martene, Sports Co-ordinator—021 021 97771
or Salvi Gargiulo, Principal— go@manurewa.school.nz

Gold CREST—We've done it – again!



Vathna Am 13PR (pictured left) has been awarded a Gold CREST by the Royal Society of New Zealand.

This is the culmination of years of research work in Science beginning with the Bronze and Silver CREST Awards. The Gold Award is very prestigious and Vathna is the first secondary student in New Zealand this year to achieve it. He will attend the Royal Society Prizegiving in Christchurch in mid-November to formally receive the award. Mrs F Colyer his

Physics teacher and Crest supervisor will also attend.

His project was on the insect eating pitcher plants. He has been analysing the fluid inside the pitcher to see whether it has any potential microbial effects. He has been assisted by consultants at Auckland University for advice and use of correct scientific technique.

Last week he presented a seminar to an audience of peers, staff, his consultants and the national assessor. The assessor was full of praise for Vathna and was thrilled with the high level of support Manurewa High School gives its science students.

Music Department Success

The KBB Music Festival is a celebration of youth music, performed annually at the Auckland Town Hall. Performances from over 120 Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Symphony Orchestras and Chamber Orchestras from Auckland Secondary Schools are judged, with the top performers being awarded at the end of the festival. Traditionally, Manurewa High School has performed exceptionally well at the event. This year the music students were determined to uphold the school's great reputation. All three of the school's bands battled their way to medal contention at the Town Hall, with the Senior Concert Band winning a gold medal, the Jazz Band winning silver and the Junior Concert Band being awarded bronze.

The Band of Strangers event held at the Telstraclear Pacific Events Centre is based on a concept by Neil Finn. Senior secondary school students are invited to audition for the event, with the top students going through to play on stage with some of New Zealand's biggest names in music. After taking part in a week of rehearsals, an unprecedented nine students from Manurewa High School were selected to play on stage at the event alongside well-known artists Andrew Fagan and Nesian Mystik.

Year 10 Camp

The Y10 camp is to be held at **Tawharanui Regional Park** from Monday 22 – Friday 26 November.

The theme for the camp is "Being as One". The students will be sleeping in tents and will be working in their camp groups throughout the day and evening in a range of activities that include:

- Beach Games
- Kayaking
- Orienteering
- Problem Solving Activities
- Raft Building
- Snorkelling
- Trail Walking



The cost per student is \$150.00. All Y10 students interested in attending are to collect a letter from Miss Kiff in the PE office.

Te Kahui Kaiako Maori

Te Kahui Kaiako Maori is proud to announce it's establishment within Manurewa High School. Te Kahui Kaiako Maori is made up of teachers from all curriculum areas whose main focus is to -

- Look at ways of Raising Maori student achievement
- Provide positive presence to Maori issues
- Manaaki, awhi school and parent driven initiatives
- Enhance the Mana of the Maori Community within the school

No reira tena koutou

Gateway

Special congratulations to Jonathan Havill, Shivam Prasad and Vanel Ram after successful completion of their Gateway Programme with Air NZ Engineering Services. All three students successfully passed the entrance test and have been accepted into the Air NZ training school commencing 2011, where they will start their training to become aircraft engineers. We wish them all the best.

Special congratulations also to all 17 senior Gateway students who completed their 'Customer Service Award' a national qualification recognised within the retail industry.

Look out for our MH students on Maori TV and also Tagata Pasifika later this year. Two media groups as part of their Gateway programme had the opportunity to create a story that will go to air on these stations. Congratulations to the students involved and their hard work in putting these stories together.

Learning without limits

There is increasing evidence that learning in online environments can significantly enhance engagement and lift achievement. At Manurewa High School we acknowledge that the online world is now integral to student's lives and as such have made a significant investment in ICT infrastructure.

Over the past term the Manurewa High School network has undergone an \$800k transformation. Every room at the school is now future proofed with a large number of network and power outlets, fibre cables have been dropped across the school site and all network cabling and switches have been upgraded to the latest CAT6 standard. This network upgrade has also enabled the school to join the Vector EduNet ultra-fast broadband service, meaning students and staff at Manurewa High School have access to one of the fastest internet services available in the country.

So what does this mean for your child?

- Fast, efficient network and internet access across the site (100Mb+)
- Ultra-fast video streaming and conferencing (both upload and download)
- Direct 1GB link to network partners TVNZ, TV3, E-Cast and e-asTTle
- On-demand content for staff and students
- Student files can be stored "in the cloud" – meaning access from home
- Cloud based student email and document services (2011)
- Shared content with other schools as access grows
- Future access to a National Educational Network



Manurewa High School is an early adopter of this technology. As access to ultra-fast broadband becomes more common the possibilities of this service are endless. We look forward to sharing the journey with our students.

Careers Update

Tertiary Scholarships 2010

Our Y13 students have been most proactive this year in applying for funding assistance for tertiary study. So far, and with more results pending, our leaders of tomorrow have secured over \$200,000 in scholarships. Presentations will be given by the providers at our senior Y13 prizegiving.

Girls Into Science

As in previous years, eight of our brightest Year 10 female students who have a passion for science will be attending a regional hands-on exploration of the Science faculty, University of Auckland on 23 November. This programme is designed to further ignite interest in continuing to study the sciences at secondary school. Students nominated by their teachers, they are—Krystal Benjamin, Grace Jerome, Preeyeta Mala, Meenal Pratap, Jayapriya Rajasekaran, Ida Stowers, Jacinta Talia'uli and Emeline Tupou.

AUT Justice Pilot Scheme

To encourage students to consider a career in any of our legal systems, AUT is running a pilot programme beginning this year and continuing 2011 for up to 30 students Auckland wide. The aim of the programme is to engage future leaders with the justice sector so they can begin to formulate career pathways from secondary school to tertiary employment. Students will be mentored by leading judges, lawyers and police and will visit various justice and crown facilities. Our school's representatives are: Aaron Caulton, Pritika Chand, Rosie Johnston and Harshika Mistry.

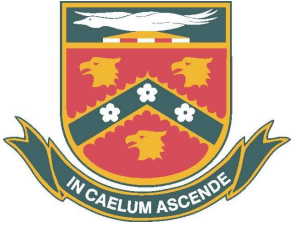
BEAMS Programme

The University of Auckland is hosting their BEAMS programme (Business, Engineering, Architecture, Medicine and Science/Technology) for Maori and Pacific students on 22 November. Ten of our Year 10 students showing a keen interest in the subjects above will have the opportunity to travel to the University and participate in five interactive workshops over the course of the day. The aim of this programme is to encourage Year 10 students of Maori and Pacific Island descent to consider these science-related courses and to continue to take Mathematics and Science subjects at school up to Year 13.

Just the Job

Leading up to the sixth season of the TV programme—Just the Job—12 of our Year 12 students were auditioned on camera yesterday in the hope of securing their television debut to be filmed next year. Since the programme began we have had six successful students star on the series from this nationwide talent scout.

Our best wishes go out to all seniors about to sit their NCEA exams and especially to our wonderful Year 13 students for a successful and exciting tertiary experience.



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ARTS AWARDS RESULTS

At the recent Arts prizegiving we celebrated in the success of a number of talented Manurewa High School Arts students including the nominees for Arts Person of the Year 2010.

Arts Blue and Arts Person of the Year Nominees:

Cochise Avei

Cochise's strengths are in vocal performance and drama and his achievements include: Cast as 'Nicely Nicely' in the school production of 'Guys and Dolls', member of the Samoan Culture group, lead role of 'Leporello' in 'The Casanova Project', performing with Tina Cross, interviewed on TV3 and sang at a fund raising dinner to a gathering of Auckland celebrities, finalist in the Auckland Opera Idol competition.

Casey Clark

Casey's strengths are in music – both instrumental and vocal – and the visual arts and her achievements include: Cast as "Arvide" in the school production of 'Guys and Dolls' and helped to paint New York street scene back drop, member of KBB Gold winning senior concert band and silver winning Jazz Band, cast as 'Anna' in 'The Casanova Project', significant contribution to this years art exhibition with her photography.

Henry Laussen

Henry is a Year 12 student whose strengths are in music – electric bass, drum kit, vocals and drama and his achievements include: Cast as the male co-lead of 'Nathan Detroit' in the school production of 'Guys and Dolls', member of KBB Gold winning Senior Concert Band and silver winning Jazz Band, rock band 'Lost Avenues', finalist in Manukau finals of the Smokefree Rock quest and also 'Rubber Band', sang with Nesian Mystic in 'Band of Strangers' concert and entertained our guests at the school 50th anniversary celebrations.

Congratulations to the following:

Arts Person of the Year

COCHISE AVEI

Best Senior Maori Artist

Starcia O'Neill

Instep Dance Award

Brooke O'Neill, Starcia O'Neill

Leadership in Dance

Cassandra Ganley

Contemporary Musician of the Year Award

Junior Taala

Concert Band Player of the Year

Viet Pham

Excellence in Singing

Ekta Kumar

Outstanding Contribution to Concert Band

Liam Clowes, Dominic Trang

Outstanding Contribution to Music

Casey Clark

Outstanding Contribution to Art

Billy Mauga

Outstanding Contribution to Drama

Haley Crooks

Outstanding Contribution to the Performing Arts

Henry Laussen

Entertainer of the Year

Cochise Avei

SPORT RESULTS

At the recent sports prizegiving we celebrated in the success of a number of Manurewa High School team and individual sportspeople who achieved at National level in 2010.

Congratulations to the following:

TEAMS:

Waka Ama – Senior Boys: *Simon Elliott - Ola Papalii, Roy Sau'u*

- 2nd W6 250m NZSS Waka Ama Champs
- 2nd W12 500m NZSS Waka Ama Champs

Rugby – 1st XV Boys: *Shaun Atamu - Tamaiti Charlie - Toetu David - Abel Enosa-Taifau - Sam Fa'apito - Lefu Fepuleai, Junior Filipo - Raymond Fuilala - Nephi Leatigaga - Dillon Levae - Richard Mariota - Alex Mase Taimo Matau - Ola Papalii, Dylan Rangī - Roy Sa'u - Patrick Sao - Mark Talaese – Ah Yen Tam Yam - Hugh Teahuru-Kakahi - Teina Tiavare - Mike Timai - Taylor Timoko - Aukilani Tuala*

- 2nd NZSS Co – Ed Nationals

Volleyball – Premier Girls: *Leilani Asiata - Bridgette L.Fati - Courtney Fepuleai - Falemua Ioane - Rosie Johnston – Hannah Peteli - Anevili Suetena - Salota Tapaleao - Mel Tualaulelei*

- 5th NZSS Nationals

INDIVIDUALS:

Wuanyei Ah – Hing

- Member of the NZ Koru Basketball Team

Nick Voke

- NZ U16 Golf Champion
- Member of the NZ Development Squad

Sharn Young

- NZ U19 Waka Ama Team – 2nd World Champs

Jethro Friend

- NZ U18 Maori Rugby League
- Member of the NZ Warriors Development Squad

Kahurangi Peters

- NZ U17 Touch Girls Team
- NZ U19 Touch Girls Team

Toetu David

- Selected for the NZ Rugby Union U17 wider training squad

Marama Davis

- NZ U17 Touch Team
- NZ U19 Touch Team

Kimberly Robins

- Selected for Australian Club Nationals 2011
- Silver at the North Island Championships
- Silver for the double mini 17+ age group
- Qualified and selected for National Championships

Charlotte Davis

- Member of NZ Secondary School Touch Team
- Member of the Bullets open Women's Touch Team
- Member of the Samoan Indigenous Mixed Touch Team

Talisua Tipelu

- NZ U17 Womens Touch Team
- NZ U19 Womens Touch Team

Rosie Johnston

- NZ U17 Youth Women's Volleyball Team
- NZ U19 Junior Women's Volleyball Team
- NZ U18 Youth Women Volleyball Team