



Manurewa High School Newsletter

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Newsletter No1—Term 1 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians

As I write my first item for the School Newsletter, I reflect on what has been for me, an incredible first two weeks at Manurewa High School.

While it has been a challenge getting to know the names of as many people as I can, as well as being informed of the programmes and processes of Manurewa – The Rewa way, there have been many highlights including:

- Observing the hard work being done by head of departments, deans and Senior Leadership team to prepare the school for the start of the year. There was a lot of work done to make sure students had their correct subjects based on the results of the NCEA examinations.
- Reading on the entrance board "Manurewa High School welcomes our new principal". What made this special was the word OUR. It is the feeling that I have been given, that I have been brought into a family. A special feeling.
- The new staff and new student powhiri where we were fortunate enough to have attending Tainui Kaumatua, Sonny Rauwhero, Sonny Thompson and Bobby Clarke. The blessings and the best wishes, helped to get the school off to a good start.
- The welcome from each of the year levels. I was impressed with the students appearance and behaviour in the assemblies.

As I said in these assemblies, I am honoured to have this chance to lead the school into the future. I am determined to build on the many good aspects of the school as well as identifying any areas that need working on.

My experience in over 35 years working in education has shown me that schools that work as a partnership between the students, the parents and the teachers have the best chance of success. While you can be kept informed by using the website and reading the newsletters, it is important that you take an active part in monitoring your child's progress at school.

5 ways that you can help your children succeed:

- 1. Take an interest in their education**
 - each student has been issued a planner - be aware of what is in it
 - get them to share with you things they are enjoying at school
 - read to, and with, your child
- 2. Get involved with the school**
 - being aware of the reporting times and opportunities for parent/teacher interviews
 - there will be a programme of meetings for parents to inform of different aspects of the school
- 3. Provide a positive start each day**
 - making sure your child has the right uniform
 - checking on the books and equipment needed at school
 - making sure your child leaves home in time to get to school on time
- 4. Making sure your child has a good diet**
 - a well balanced diet including healthy snacks. This year with lunch, on most days, not being until 1.35pm, students will benefit by healthy snacks to eat at interval.
- 5. A balanced lifestyle**
 - it is important your child gets good sleep
 - monitor to make sure your child has studies, co-curricular and social life balanced

Meet the new Principal

I was very impressed with the number of year 9 parents who attended the Powhiri at the start of the year. I am convinced that the involvement of parents in their child's education will improve the chances of their success.

On Thursday 18 February at 6:30pm I would like to host a function in the school hall at Manurewa High School to introduce:

- myself and present to you my long and short term goals for Manurewa High School
- the RewaNET and how it can help your connection with the school

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the function which will finish by 7:30pm..

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Principal
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Important Dates

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 17 February
ID Photos / Form Class Photos

Thursday 18 February
"Meet the new Principal"—
6.30pm—7.30pm, Hall
ID Photos / Form Class Photos

Friday 19 February
Activities Day—
Y9 & Y13 students

MARCH

Tuesday 2 March
Athletics Day, Massey Park

Wednesday 17 March
ASB Festival

Thursday 18 March
ASB Festival

Friday 19 March
ASB Festival

Saturday 20 March
ASB Festival

Monday 22 March
Interim Reports issued

Tuesday 23 March
HPV Vaccination Presentation—
Y10/11 Girls

Thursday 25 March
Interim Report Meetings
3.00pm—5.30pm and 6.30pm—
8.30pm

APRIL

Thursday 1 April
Term 1 concludes

Monday 19 April
Term 2 commences

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday	8.45am—3.10pm
Tuesday	8.45am—3.10pm
Wednesday	9.15am—2.45pm
Thursday	8.45am—3.10pm
Friday	8.45am—3.10pm

Bus Timetable

Please be advised that the Manurewa High School bus operator, Murphy Buses, is unable to alter the bus schedule to align with the change in our timetabled early finishes. Therefore, buses will continue to operate at the same times as last year for both the morning and afternoon runs. You can view bus timetables on the MAXX site www.maxx.co.nz/schools/school-timetables.html Select Manurewa High School then view buses that note Murphy Buses as the operator.

2009 Y13 Students Leavers Packs

Many 2009 Yr13 students have Leavers Packs to collect. If you have a student in your home who attended last year in Y13, please ask them to pick up their packs from the Main Office—thank you.

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Parent Portal

Manurewa High School is expanding its RewaNET web portal in 2010 to include parent access. This means you will be able to log into the RewaNET site to view attendance data, assessment data and the e-portfolio of your child. In the future it is envisioned that you will also be able to view student timetable and report information through this gateway.

In order to access the RewaNET parent portal you require access to the internet and a valid email address. The school will be emailing all addresses in our database sometime between 8-12 February. If you do not receive an email it means that your address is either not on our system, or incorrect on our system. In order to improve communication across the school as well as distributing hard copies we will also be emailing home school reports and newsletters (both in PDF format).

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

1. Login and password instructions for our RewaNET 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
Deputy Principal

TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2010

Term 1	Tuesday 2 February—Thursday 1 April (88 half days)
Term 2	Monday 19 April—Friday 2 July (106 half days) <i>Holiday: Queens Birthday—Monday 7 June</i> <i>Teacher Only Day—date to be advised</i>
Term 3	Monday 19 July—Friday 24 September (100 half days)
Term 4	Monday 11 October—Friday 10 December (88 half days) <i>Holiday: Labour Day—Monday 25 October</i>

Vehicles Stopping/Parking Outside School

Due to the continuing rise in complaints regarding illegal and dangerous parking at school in this area, Manukau City Council's Parking Services will be doing regular school enforcement patrols. The stopping/parking restrictions around schools are designed primarily for the safety of students by ensuring that the students are able to see and be seen by moving traffic. Stopping even momentarily can compromise their safety, this being the reason a zero tolerance practice is applied, and this is also in line with the NZ Police enforcement approach of zero tolerance around schools. Parking Officers will no longer be asking parents/guardians to move vehicles from illegal parking areas, but will instead be issuing infringement notices in respect of the offence and will then post tickets out to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Futureintech

Kelly Stewart 11HU spent time over the recent school holidays at Goodman Fielder in their food testing facility. Kelly is in Y11 this year and is working on extending her prize winning Y10 Science Fair entry. The topic was originally on analysing various types of honey for impurities, water content etc. But if Kelly wishes to proceed through to Gold CREST level the idea will need considerable expansion. It is for this reason that she has been paired up with Stephanie, a Futureintech ambassador and food scientist who has given of her time to mentor a promising student. Kelly will develop her topic further according to strict guidelines and criteria laid down by the Royal Society and will then register her final concept towards the end of the year. The main work and data collection will take place in 2011 and she will know whether or not she is successful by October 2011.



Pictured:
Stephanie Jones (left) and Kelly Stewart (right)

City and Guilds Certificate in Food Preparation

Results for the London based City and Guilds Certificate in Food Preparation and Cooking Examinations as follows:

- 7 x Distinction
- 6 x Merit
- 1 x Pass

This is an additional qualification for 13HAC students and includes a theory as well as practical component. Fees for this is \$150 per student and students fundraise throughout the year to pay for this. All in all a great achievement and congratulations!

NCEA Success

Manurewa High School is celebrating the success of a large number of students who have been extremely successful in the 2009 National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA).

Congratulations to the following students who received excellent endorsements by year end 2009, achieving at least 50 credits at excellence level.

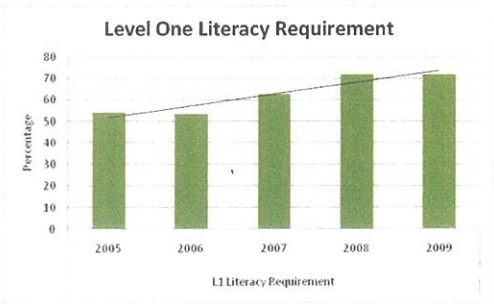
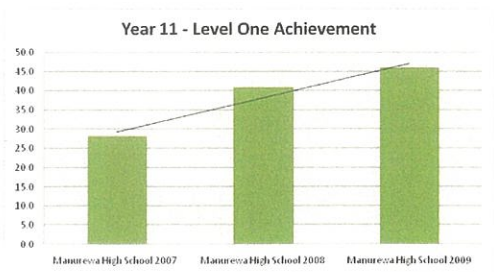
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Linda Zhang
Crystal Braganza
Megan Naidu
Reia San Sebastian
Cassandra Ganley

Level 2 Danielle Soo
Yuyun Huang
Viet Pham
Jordan Ormsby
Diana Tran

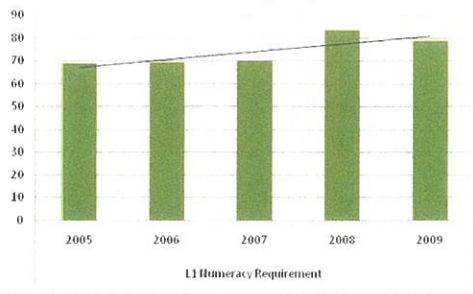
Level 3 Barnabas Hyland (2008)

Level One Achievement

Overall Manurewa High School continues to improve our NCEA results each year. We have seen a rapid improvement over the past few years of students achieving level 1 at all year levels, with almost 50% of Y11 students and 75% of Y12 students finishing 2009 with at least level 1.



Level One Numeracy Requirement



It is a tribute to all students and staff involved that 85% of our Y13 leavers are now leaving school with a level 2 qualification or better. *D Wilson—Deputy Principal*

Mathematics Department. . .

The Mathematics Department has two new teachers who are very highly qualified in their specialities. Please make them welcome and get as much maths from them as you can.

This year the Mathematics Department has a policy that calculators are a compulsory stationery requirement. The level of difficulty of mathematics that our students have to deal with means that they need a good calculator at every lesson. Here are a few easy samples:

$$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{496} \times .876 = \$56.75 \times 895 = 493457 \times 23.05 =$$

More and more of our classes this year will be sitting external exams and it is important that we have a good start.

The Mathematics Department wishes you all a good and successful 2010.

Polyfest and International Week. . .

Throughout much of this term, many staff and students will be busily engaged in preparing for our annual cultural weeks—Polyfest (week 7) and International Week (week 9). Polyfest, the Auckland Secondary Schools Polynesian festival, enables Manurewa High School's participation in celebrating the richly vibrant Pacific Island and Maori traditions that flourish in contemporary New Zealand. The diversity stage of the Polyfest in turn recognises the colourful dances of our non-Polynesians who feature significantly in modern day society.

Similarly, International Week celebrates our school's widely multicultural community through their dances, food, costumes and flags. Any money raised from the events help charities that are supported by the school.

Careers Update. . .

New Zealand Army

Army Careers Experience Applications

Y12 and Y13 students who meet the basic academic and physical fitness requirements are invited to apply for consideration to attend an *all expenses paid* Army Careers Experience for one week, 5—9 April, at Waiouru.

Students need to register their interest at the Careers office before 1 March.

Gateway Programme

An opportunity exists at the beginning of this term for any Y13 student who is interested in completing a Gateway experience in either RETAIL or the POLICE. Students need to register their interest with Mr Reid, Gateway Co-ordinator.

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 end of February 2011. 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 Form Teacher or hand into the main school office.

If you have any further enquires regarding this matter please do not hesitate to telephone D Wilson, Deputy Principal on (09) 268 3888 Ext 282 or email wo@manurewa.school.nz

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Signed:.....