



Manurewa High School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Newsletter No1—Term 1 2009

I trust that you have enjoyed the great weather that we have had over the Christmas break and thank you for supporting us with the start of a new school year.

The school student roll this year is approximately 2100 students and again we have, unfortunately, not been able to accommodate all the out-of-zone applications.

The NCEA results from last year continue to show improvement and many students are now staying at school longer and ensuring that they leave school with at least Level 2 of NCEA.

Last year we again received over \$200,000 in student study scholarships to assist our students with tertiary study.

The Strategic focus for this year continues to be **“meeting the learning needs of all students through effective teaching and engaged learning in a safe and supportive learning community”**.

All of the school initiatives are geared towards achieving this goal.

Thank you for supporting us with the school uniform. Students are wearing it well and it helps us to establish our standards and to ensure that students develop pride in themselves and their school.

There is a lot of publicity in the media at the moment about school donations. Our school donation is \$100 and has remained unchanged for many years. We greatly appreciate receiving the donation from families, which we use wisely to provide the many extras that make a difference.

Talking of extras, the new buildings are progressing well. The extra canteen will be ready during Term 1, the new classroom block by the start of Term 2 and the new Gymnasium and Fitness Centre by the start of Term 3.

The Head Prefects have been announced for 2009 and congratulations to Haze White-Miller and Jarita Kaumoana along with Deputy Head Prefects Rebecca Burrows, Anne Haini, Michael Eastham and Michael Peti.

As always, thank you for supporting us and allowing us to get on with the very import job of ensuring that your child receives the best education possible.

Best Regards

R J Thornton, Principal

Important Dates

Thursday 12 February
Swimming Sports

Wednesday 18 February
ID Photos

Thursday 19 February
ID Photos

Friday 20 February
Activities Day
Y9 and Y13 students

Tuesday 3 March
Athletics Day
Massey Park Papakura

Wednesday 18 March
ASB Festival

Thursday 19 March
ASB Festival

Friday 20 March
ASB Festival

Saturday 21 March
ASB Festival

Monday 30 March
Form Class Photos
Interim Reports issued

Thursday 2 April
Interim Report Meetings
3.00-5.30pm & 6.30-8.30pm

Thursday 9 April
Term 1 Concludes

Terms and Holidays 2009

Term 1	Monday 2 February — Thursday 9 April (96 half days)
	Holiday: Waitangi Day Friday 6 February Good Friday Friday 10 April Easter Monday Monday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 27 April — Friday 3 July (96 half days)
	Holiday: Queens Birthday Monday 1 June
Term 3	Monday 20 July — Friday 25 September (100 half days)
Term 4	Monday 12 October — Friday 11 December (88 half days)
	Holiday: Labour Day Monday 26 October

2008 YR13 STUDENTS LEAVERS' PACKS

Many 2008 Yr13 students have Leavers Packs to collect. If you have a student in your home who attended last year in Yr13, please ask them to pick up their packs from the Main Office—thank you.

School Hours

All students are expected to be at school by 8.45am each morning. On Monday & Tuesday all students finish school at 2.35pm; on Wednesday & Thursday all students finish school at 3.20pm. On Friday Yr9/10 students finish at 3.20pm and Yr11/12/13 students finish at 2.35pm.

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.

Adeleina Loto-Meleisea 12CM

Canterbury University has contacted Manurewa High School to say they were so impressed with Adeleina Loto-Meleisea's work at the recent Untouched World Sustainable Cities Conference that she has now been awarded a scholarship by the University to attend a conference at Bluemine Island near Picton. She will be working with DOC on biodiversity issues. A prestigious award, only four students in New Zealand are chosen - congratulations Adeleina!

City and Guilds Exam

Our 13HAC students sat the City and Guilds Examination—Certificate in Food Preparation and Cooking in November 2008: 8 x Distinction; 5 x Credit and 2 x Pass—great results, congratulations!

If you are interested in hockey, please come to the

Alfriston Hockey Club MUSTER

@ Beresford Park, Pukekohe

5-6 pm Sunday 15 February & Sunday 22 February

6-7pm Thursday 19 February & Thursday 26 February

For more info telephone 09 2980538

Permission to Leave School

Once students have arrived at school, they remain in the school unless they have written permission to leave.

- For occasional leave students must have a signed note from home giving special reason, or an appointment card from their doctor, dentist etc. These are left at the Attendance Office at the beginning of the day. They should be collected at INTERVAL when they will have been signed by the Attendance Officer.
- If a student wants permission during the day to go home eg to get books/lunch, he or she must first obtain written authority from one of the senior Administration staff.
- A student who is sick, must see the school nurse. The nurse will make what arrangements are deemed suitable.
- On leaving the school during the day the student must sign out at the Attendance Office.
- On returning later in the day the student must sign in and report to the Attendance Officer.

Note—These rules are designed to combat truancy and theft, both of which increase when the rules are relaxed.

TOUGHLOVE

Are you at the end of your tether or at your wits end? With the return of the school year parents are often ready to address troubling behaviour from their pre teens and teens. We can help you to help your family.

Toughlove runs weekly Parent Support Groups and can offer support, strategies and solutions to troubling teenage behaviour.

Toughlove is about parents helping other parents, sharing their collective knowledge and experience and developing weekly action plans to help you to manage that behaviour. Want to know more?

Contact www.toughlove.org.nz or 6244363

Rangers—Girl Guiding New Zealand

Girls aged 14—18

Do you enjoy adventure, friendship, fun, food, outdoor challenges and learning new skills?

Contact Christine 2677203 or Lyn 2620298

No Sweat Parenting Event

@ Manurewa Marae Thursday 19 February

Powhiri @ 10am concluding with a light lunch @ 1pm

The theme is **"BUILDING AWESOME FAMILIES"**

Well known entertainer Pio Terei and his mate John Cowan will facilitate the event

and provide some choice ideas for raising our kids and building strong families.

It promises to be a morning of laughs with something for everyone to take home and use.

This event is for the Manurewa/Clendon communities.



Manurewa High School Community Education—Term 1 and Year Courses 2009

Prospectus & Enrolment Form - <http://www.manurewa.school.nz/ced>; Manurewa HS, 67 Browns Road, Manurewa; local libraries or phone 2683892

Monday Starts Feb 16 (7 - 9pm)

All classes 7 weeks unless stated otherwise

English for Speakers of Other Languages

1-100 Beginners—for students who speak no English

1-101 Elementary—for students who speak little English

1-102 Pre Intermediate - will further develop English

All Classes 2 nights a week - Monday and Wednesday

Stage 1 Terms 1&2 (18 weeks) \$85

Stage 2 Terms 3&4 (18 weeks) \$85 or Year \$150

1-103 Computing for Real Beginners. \$65

1-107 Spreadsheets using MS Excel* \$65

1-108 Digital Video Editing* using "MS Movie

Maker 2" and Adobe Premier Elements. \$65

Look for *Digital Video Ed Intermediate* in Term 2

1-111 Introduction to Digital Photography \$65

Look for *Digital Photography Skills* in Term 2

1-114 Smart Business Management Accounting \$80

1-115 Asian Cooking \$45

1-116 Tai Chi Chuan (8 weeks) \$35, 2T \$50

1-117 NZ Day Skipper (7 weeks) \$75

1-118 NZ Boatmaster (14 weeks) \$105

1-119 Basic Car Maintenance 6:30-8:30pm \$35

1-121 Muka (Flax Fibre) Weaving 6-9pm \$55

Tuesday Starts Feb 17 (7 - 9pm)

1-200 Yoga 8 weeks \$35, 2 terms \$50

1-201 Badminton term \$40, 2 terms \$55, year \$75

1-204 Essential MS Office Computer Skills

Learn the basics of Windows software, Word, Excel, Internet

and email before moving on to advanced features \$65

1-207 Computer Art using Photoshop Elements

..... \$65

1-208 Samoan Language \$35

1-209 Creating a Family Tree - Using the Internet

and Genealogy Software* \$65

1-212 Landscape Design - Intro \$35

Look for *Cake Decorating Beginners* in Term 2

1-213 Defensive Driving - StreetTalk Theory

..... (4 nights) pay MHS \$70

Practical Driving Test & Certificate—booked with

a Pass-right certified driving instructor \$50

1-216 Successful Property Investment \$25

1-218 Employer Taxes - IRD (2 nights) \$15

..... Look for *Power Point Presentation & Web Publishing* in Term 2

Wednesday Starts Feb 18 (7-9pm)

1-300 Maori Language for beginners ...2 terms \$35

1-301 Badminton term \$40, 2 terms \$55, year \$75

1-302 Sewing, Patchwork, Quilting & Crafts

..... term \$40, 2 terms \$55, year \$75

1-305 Small Business Computerised

Accounting using MYOB* \$95

1-308 Advanced Photography - 6.30-9.00pm

..... (18 weeks plus Field Trip) \$85

1-309 Woodworking for Women ... T \$45 2T \$60

1-310 Woodworking T \$45 2T \$60

1-312 Drawing Portraits \$55

Look for *Sustainable Living* in Term 2

1-314 VHF Marine Radio Licence (3 weeks) \$60

1-315 Understanding GPS

Starts March 12 (3 weeks) \$75

*Must be familiar with Windows or completed Introduction to Computing