



# Manurewa High School Newsletter

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## Newsletter No1—Term 2 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians

Congratulations to all on an excellent Term 1. The school has enjoyed a very settled and successful start to the year and all students, staff, parents and guardians are to be congratulated for making the effort to ensure that the high standards that we expect at Manurewa High School have been met – thank you.

In all areas of behaviour, attendance, uniform, respect and attitude it has been a pleasure to work with our young people as they strive for excellence. I often mention to the students that this is “their time” to learn. It is their opportunity to become the “very best that they can be” and we must all work hard to ensure that nothing stops them from achieving their dream and that no one takes their learning time from them.

The newspapers are full of negative stories about youth – our school story is currently full of positive stories about young people engaged in learning and wanting to do their best.

On school matters, we understand that things are tough financially in our community at the moment so we won't push too hard on the school donation – if you are able to pay that would be great.

With the increased costs and the growth in school activities over the last few years we will need to introduce an “Activity Fee” this year of \$10 per child involved in a sports team. This payment will go towards the cost of transport for the activity on a user pay basis. The fee doesn't apply to camps or trips as those costs are already included in the trip fee.

On the topic of sport, Tara Smith entered the Auckland International Women's' Judo Tournament over the weekend and won 4 Gold and 1 Silver – well done Tara.

The school Concert Band is currently fundraising for their Australian Tour and have been invited to perform at the NZ Bloodstock Centre, Karaka on Saturday 23 May at 7:30pm and Sunday 24 May at 1:30pm. The Rotary Club will give us a donation for the tickets that we sell so if you intend on going could you kindly purchase tickets through the school Music Department 2683888 ext 269. The Concert Band has reached a very professional standard and will be well worth hearing.

The Yr12 Adventure Camp to the Tongariro National Park was again very successful with white-water rafting one of the highlights. This is now a well established annual activity and we are determined to make sure that our students get every opportunity to “discover the outdoors”.

Thank you again for your support – we can all feel very proud of our young people.

Best Regards

R J Thornton, Principal

### MARAE CONSULTATION HUI

A Consultation Hui is to be held  
@ **6pm Wednesday 13 May** in the School Whare.  
It concerns the building of a Whare Wananga.  
We are in the initial stages in the planning of the building.

### Important Dates

**Tuesday 12 May**

Junior Rave

- see details below

**Wednesday 13 May**

Marae Consultation Hui

- see details below

**Monday 18 May**

Mid Year Assessments

**Tuesday 19 May**

Mid Year Assessments

**Wednesday 20 May**

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**Thursday 21 May**

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**Friday 22 May**

Mid Year Assessments

**Monday 25 May**

Mid Year Assessments

**Tuesday 26 May**

Mid Year Assessments

**Wednesday 27 May**

Mid Year Assessments

**Thursday 28 May**

Mid Year Assessments

**Monday 1 June**

Queens Birthday Holiday

Yr9/10 Rave

### ISLAND FEVER '09

**7-10pm**

**Tuesday 12 May**  
**School Hall**

Tickets \$5.00

## Manurewa High School Japanese Exchange 2009



Manurewa High School students Tayla Bublitz, Johnny Chhy, Alex Hung, Minzhen Li, Hieu Nguyen, Nicole Sawers, Kenny Tang, Hazel Tavener, Lene Uili and Kellin Siakisini accompanied by Mr Wilson, Ms Cavanagh and Mr Tavener on Short Term Exchange to Japan. Thank you students for representing our school so well on the exchange trip. Our thanks to the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education for their generous support. [www.sasakawa.co.nz](http://www.sasakawa.co.nz)

## Biofutures Youth Conference

A senior student, Anne Sim 13SR has been invited to attend the Biofutures Youth Conference in Brisbane in July. She will attend the event as one of only 12 students from New Zealand, the rest of the 150 youth delegates will be Australian. Anne will attend seminars and workshops, network with top scientists, go on field trips and participate in social activities. This is the third consecutive year that our school has had a student invited to this event, an achievement of which we can be proud.

## Maths Olympiad

This year Manurewa High School is taking part in the Maths Olympiad as well as the Australian Maths Competition. The Australian Maths Competition is the breeding ground for our students who will ultimately take part in the Maths Olympiad.

Students who take part in these things tend to strengthen their understanding of things mathematical. These students also tend to maintain a lifelong bond with mathematics—this tool that we use to interpret our environment.

The competitions themselves are good fun and for many it is a chance to see how they rate with the rest of the world.

## Clendon Recreation Centre Library Upcoming Events

### Youth Week 25—30 May

Events ranging from Music Trivia, basketball and table tennis competitions through to a “Bluelight Disco” run by the NZ Police and a music celebration are to run from 6.30-9.00pm at Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre. For more information contact Jo Collins (Youth Services) 2690500 extn 720.

### MANIX 3

Manukau City Libraries is running a “Teen Reading Competition” starting on 6 June for 6 weeks. The focus is to encourage young people to read books. Various books are allocated points and over the competition participants can qualify to win some great prizes. Competition open to students 12-18 years. Library card required, see Library staff for details.

### Reading Krew

On the last Thursday of every month from 4.15-5.50pm “Reading Krew” happens at Te Matariki Clendon Library. If you like competitions, literacy and numeracy challenges, lively debate—this is the group for you! Open to all young people aged 13 years or older who are at High School. Afternoon tea provided. For further information, please contact Sonia on 2690500 ext 707.

## ASB Polyfest 2009—Niuean Group

Results are now hand for our Niuean Group who recently participated in the ASB Polyfest—congratulations!

Lologo Tapu Fooou	1st	
Lologo/Koli Vaha Tuai	1st	
Kamataaga	3rd=	MHS and Aorere College
Meke	3rd	
Fakaotiaga	3rd	

## Sporting Achievements

### Waka Ama

We had 6 teams who came away for the Auckland Champs with 2 GOLD, 2 SILVER and 1 BRONZE who then went on to compete at the 2009 NZSS Waka Ama Nationals in Rotorua, 2 boys U19, 1 boys U16, 1 girls U19 and 2 mixed U19. We came away with 2 silver medals, 1 U19 Boys 250m and 1 U19 Mixed 250m.

Congratulations to the following students:

**Boys Team** — T Haronga, L Haronga, W Savage, L Liveti, T Paraha, D Malaesilia.

**Mixed Team** — T Haronga, L Haronga, W Savage, L Liveti, D Malaesilia, T Paraha, N Ngatai-Waenga, P Jack-Kino, S Blackburn, C MacDonald, P Putairi, S Young.

### Touch Mixed

Congratulations to the Senior Mixed Touch team who won the Counties Manukau Zone Touch competition unbeaten and who then went on to win the Greater Auckland Championships, also unbeaten.

The team: C Ngawharau (captain), S Matene, T Tipleu, Z Matene, M Davis, C Davis, D Lealiifano, S Lealiifano, H Teahuru-Kakahi, A Enosa-Taifau, A Biddle, T Hapuku, J Williams, I Mahuika.

### Premier Girls Volleyball Team

Congratulations to our Premier Girls, who won the Counties Manukau Zone Competition unbeaten, came 3rd at the Greater Auckland Championships and who then came 7th in D1 at the NZSS Volleyball Nationals.

Special mention to R Johnston who was selected for the Auckland IPC team and M Tualualelei, C Fepuleai, T Sione, J Pritchard and H Peteli who were all selected for the Counties Manukau IPC team.

### Premier Boys Golf

Congratulations to our boys team who came 2nd in the Auckland Premier 9 Hole Golf Competition. The team: C Stewart, N Voke, A Tavui, C Ngawharau.

### Auckland Athletic Champs

Congratulations to the following athletes who competed in the Athletes with A Disability Division: A Love—3 GOLD, K Bergenson—2 GOLD, M Kumar—2 SILVER, R Brown—1 GOLD and T Tran 1—GOLD.

### Counties Manukau Athletics Champs

The following students all gained 1st, 2nd or 3rd places: M Hout *Triple Jump*, E Brown *Javelin*, S Lafaele *Discus*, K Stewart *Long Jump*, our 4 x 100m *Intermediate Relay Team* who placed 2nd, B Ikinpe 200m, Roneet Rao 100m, S Elliott 800m.

### Premier Boys Softball Team

Congratulations to the boys who placed 3rd in the Counties Manukau / Eastern Zone competition and 3rd at Auckland Championships:

N Simmons, L Liveti, T Paraha, P Raiwhara, D Malaesilia, R Tokorongo, T Muavae, L Kaiwai and E Brown.

### Triathlon Team Tag

Congratulations to our novice boys team who came 3rd at the Auckland Champs: D Richardson, F Richardson and S Granger.

### Aquathon

Congratulations to our novice boys team who came 2nd at the Auckland Champs: F Richardson and S Granger.

## CAREERS UPDATE

### NZ Army—Army Careers Experience (ACE)

Two of our students recently participated in the ACE during the April school holidays—Piripi Raiwhara 13PJ and Tolufale Faifaiese 13MO. Each year the NZ Army hosts students in Y11/12/13 during the school holidays. Students live in a military camp for a week, get to see and talk with soldiers from different trades and get some exposure to other aspects of army life.



Piripi had this to say about ACE *"I had fun at the camp and it encouraged me to want to be in the Army even more. I learn't a lot and I can't wait to join."* Pictured: Piripi Raiwhara

### Waikato University Trip for Y13 Students

On Friday 8 May 32 students are travelling to Waikato University's Open Day courtesy of Manurewa High School Careers Department. They will have the opportunity to participate in campus tours, check out on-campus accommodation and attend mini lectures in all faculties. This is a great chance for intending tertiary students to see first hand what Waikato has to offer.

### Liaison Visits—Overview of Programmes for 2010

AUT	26 March	40 students attended
Otago University	2 April	28 students attended
Victoria University	6 April	10 students attended
Waikato University	9 April	17 students attended
UNITEC	6 May	32 students
Uni of Auckland	7 May	All students Yr13 students
Massey University	3 June	10 students

### Parent Survey Results

On Thursday 2 April at Interim Report evening, 52 parents completed a Career Education Survey, 48% were parents of students in Years 9 and 10. Most parents were happy with the present format of the option choice booklet with the majority preferring information from the school via newsletter. Some parents asked that more information be provided about NCEA and subject choice and would like greater opportunity to meet with subject teachers. Thank you for your feedback on the areas that are of concern to you.

### MIT Mini Expo

On 5 June staff from each of the faculties at MIT will be our guests at a mini expo in our school hall during periods 2 and 3. All Y12/13 students will have 20 minutes to visit the Expo to learn about the courses MIT provides.

### Manurewa High School Careers Expo Evening

You are invited to attend our second Careers Expo which will be held in our school hall on Thursday 30 July, 6-8pm. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

### Year 10 Tertiary Tasters

All Y10 students complete a Careers unit of work in Social Studies where they study 'Money Talk'. Part of this unit requires all students to attend a half day visit to Manukau Institute of Technology to experience the links that tertiary education has with secondary schooling. Students are rostered to attend in their form class groups with their form teacher and two other core subject teachers during Term 2. All costs are met by the school.



## Manurewa High School Community Education—Term 2 Courses 2009

Prospectus & Enrolment form - <http://www.manurewa.school.nz/ced>;  
Manurewa HS, 67 Browns Road, Manurewa; local libraries or Phone 268 3892

### Monday Starts May 11 (7 - 9pm)

All classes 7 weeks unless stated otherwise

#### English for Speakers of Other Languages.

Three classes -

Beginners

Elementary

Pre Intermediate

Semester 2 classes all start 4 August in Term 3 (18 weeks) New students \$85, Current ESOL students \$70

#### 2-104 Essential MS Office Computer Skills.

Learn the basics of Windows software, Word, Excel, Internet and email before moving on to advanced features ..... \$65

#### 2-110 Facebook, Flickr, Twitter & more

Learn how to use these popular networking and reference sites ..... (6 weeks) \$55

Look for *Digital Video Editing* in Term 3

#### 2-111 Digital Photography Skills\*

..... (8 weeks) \$65

Look for *Word Processing* in Term 3

#### 2-114 Smart Business Management and

Accounting ..... \$80

#### 2-115 Winter Soups and Salads. .... \$50

Look for *Indian Cooking* in Term 3

Look for *Interior Design* in Term 3

2-117 NZ Day Skipper. . (7 weeks) \$75

2-118 NZ Boatmaster. (14 weeks) \$105

2-121 Muka (Flax Fibre) Weaving 6-9pm ..... \$55

Look for *Computing for Real Beginners* Term 3

Look for *Spreadsheets using MS Excel* Term 3

### Tuesday Starts May 12 (7 - 9pm)

#### 2-206 Power Point Presentation

..... (4 weeks) \$35

#### 2-209 Creating a Family Tree - Using the Internet and Genealogy Software\* \$65

Look for *Computing Art using Photoshop*

*Elements* in Term 3

#### 2-211 Cake Decorating Beginners.

Term 2 - Construct a variety of sugar flowers, flower moulding and wired sprays.

..... (8 weeks) \$35

Term 3 - Learn to cook, decorate and ice mini-fruit cakes professionally. Floodwork, moulding, side-designs and pipework skills taught.

..... (8 weeks) \$35

Term 4 - Bass-relief and figure moulding—3D picture created in sugar paste and a figure moulding sculpture.

..... (8 weeks) \$35 (All 3 Terms \$55)

2-212 Landscape Design - Intro. .... \$35

2-213 Defensive Driving - Street Talk.

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

Practical driving test & Certificate—

booked with a Pass-right certified driving instructor ..... \$50

2-216 Prosperity Series Are you finding your income too small for your lifestyle?

..... (4 nights) \$25

2-218 Rental Income - IRD (2 nights) \$15

2-219 Ace Payroll ..... (5 weeks) \$75

### Wednesday Starts May 13 (7-9pm)

2-302 Sewing, Patchwork, Quilting & Crafts. Term \$40, 2 Terms \$55, year \$75

2-305 Small Business Computerised Accounting using MYOB\*. .... \$95

2-309 Woodworking for Women.

..... T \$45 2T \$60

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

2-312 Painting Portraits (18 weeks) \$50

2-313 Sustainable Living (8 weeks) \$45

\*Must be familiar with Windows or completed Introduction to Computing