

# Mangere College

## Term 2 Newsletter 2017



### A word from the Principal

Working with our local schools is one of the highlights of my job and so I was very honoured to be appointed as the lead principal of our community of learning known as the Mangere Kahui Ako.

The other schools in the Mangere Kahui Ako are:

- Al-Madinah School
- Auckland Seventh Day Adventist High School
- Jean Batten Primary School
- Mangere Central School
- Nga Iwi School
- Sir Douglas Bader Intermediate School
- Viscount School
- Zayed College for Girls

These schools are working closely together to ensure that we have strong pathways for our students through primary, intermediate and secondary schools.

Tom Webb  
Principal of Mangere College



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# Welcome to:      Farewell to:



Bernadette Arsecularatne

Bernadette has joined our mathematics department having previously taught at Southern Cross Campus. She has enjoyed the warm and welcoming nature of our students and staff.



Rochelle Wong

Having worked at Mangere College since 2012 Rochelle has now joined the RTL team in our area. Rochelle will continue to support students with their learning in the local schools.



Rochelle Pikaahu

Rochelle has left Mangere College after 17 Years of work in administration to take up a position at Kedgley Intermediate. She will be well missed by the students and staff.

## Health Notices

### Rheumatic Fever Prevention Programme:

Help protect our young people from Rheumatic Heart Disease. We have a large number of students who have antibiotic treatment for sore throats this term. The nurses have been doing throat swabs on all students who come to the Health Clinic with sore throats, and have provided medication for those who require antibiotics to treat their sore throats.

Over the school holidays, we would encourage families to take their children to the family doctor if they complain of having a sore throat.

### KidsCan:

This year Mangere College has become a partner with KidsCan. We would like to acknowledge the support KidsCan has given the school. The school and the students have benefited from donations of tissues, hand sanitizer, Band-Aids, clothing items and food.



Charlie Keung

Charlie has worked in our Physical Education department since 1993 and is leaving to take up a position at Auckland Airport. He will be missed by his department and the school.



Ranjili Mudaliar

After 19 years at Mangere College Ranjili is moving to St Kents College. Ranjili has enjoyed her journey at Mangere College and has appreciated the love and support from staff and students.



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# Level 1 Geography Field Trip

On Thursday 15th June, the 27 students in NCEA Level 1 Geography class went on a field trip to Ihumatao, one of the oldest remaining and original Maori papakainga village). We received a warm welcomed by Ihumatao SAVING OUR UNIQUE LAND ( SOUL) founder Pania Newton and Roger one of the residents of Ihumatao and a supporter of SOUL. Pania would be our personal tour guide of Ihumatao or Ishy to the students, a beautiful area of land on Ohrurangi Rd. Ihumatao has been added as one of the 3 SPECIAL HOUSING AREAS (SHA) in Mangere- Otahuhu community. Foreign Fletcher Residential Ltd are proposing a development of 500 homes on this piece of farmland. This location is adjacent to the Otutaua Stonefields Historical Reserve, a public green space where the students were given a Geological tour by both Pania and Roger.



The SOUL campaign against the special housing area is our selected contemporary issue for the students to explore. This was a unique internal assessment, that was developed for the students in collaboration with another Geography teacher Mrs G. Hanna, HoD of Avondale College. The assessment would encourage students to demonstrate and provide a recommended course of action with supported evidence. Many of the students intend to share their findings with their peers and with the SOUL group. Many of the students had never heard of Ihumatao however, everyone came away with a vigour to share about the issues affecting Ihumatao with their peers and families.

The students and I are thankful to the MC staff who supported our field trip Mrs Rosalie Kwan, Piri Tamahana & University of Auckland student teacher Gabriel Woelk.

Nga mihi Miss A.Tatafu (1GEO teacher)





# Mangere College Welcomes Local Schools.

During Week 9 Mangere College opened its doors to local schools to give Year 8 students a taste of what high school is like. Students from Sir Douglas Bader Intermediate, Koru School, Mangere Central School and Viscount School all visited during the week. Students took part in activities in Science, PE, Performing Arts and Technology.



Thank you to all the students involved in making this week such a success for our local year 8 students.





## Performing Arts Night

The Mangere College Gospel Band performed for the first time at the annual Mangere College Performing Arts night to a wonderful crowd in the college's auditorium.



The band has been rehearsing gospel songs including Chasing Me Down and In Jesus' Name by Israel Houghton, the latter of which they performed on the night. Band director Mr. Pearson and the Performing Arts Department look forward to their ongoing development and success for future events.



# Students experience fashion industry

On Friday 5th of May, Level 2 & 3 Fashion students went on a trip to the SEWTEC Fashion Academy which is located at 7 Springs Rd, East Tamaki. The tutors, Jeanette & Ginny, demonstrated the use of an Industrial sewing machine and assisted us to operate the machine safely and correctly. Being at the Academy was a great and memorable experience and everyone gained knowledge. Level 2 & 3 Fashion classes went into the Academy not knowing much about Industrial sewing machine and we were shown how to thread and operate them accurately and safely.

We followed the instructions and stitched a variety of samples, which we brought back to school to use as evidence for our assessment. This trip helped the students positively to plan their career pathway, to be future Fashion Designers. Hands on experience made it interesting and easier for students to learn. This trip had a huge impact on the students' learning. Level 2 & 3 Fashion students look forward to going back to the SEWTEC Fashion Academy to enhance their knowledge and learning skills.

All the students who attended the trip enjoyed learning the new skills from the tutors, Jeanette and Ginny.

Written By Faustina Havili 12KN



# Mrs Sebastian travels to China

Twelve New Zealand teachers of Chinese language travelled to China for a 3 weeks intensive language and culture programme at the Beijing Language and Culture University. Activities were arranged by the NZ and Chinese Governments. I was one of the fortunate 12 that received a placing of this once in a lifetime opportunity to be immersed in the Chinese language and culture and improve my Mandarin teaching pedagogy. My goal is to compare and contrast Chinese Culture and Education Systems to NZ





# Level 2 Sports Science Camp

The Level 2 Sports Science classes both went to Kokako lodge near Hunua Falls in late May for 3 days as part of their assessment looking at risk management in an outdoor setting.

They took part in a range of activities including Archery, High Ropes, Abseiling, Burma trail and other adventure based activities across the 3 days. The main focus however, was to plan a day long tramp and look at some of the possible risks associated with it. The students then had to prepare a Safety Action Plan (SAP) outlining the risks, what could be the major cause of these risks and how they were going to minimise these risks. Students got a good insight into how risk can be managed and some of the potential dangers in outdoor activities.

It was an awesome few days with all students trying something new and pushing themselves. Some highlights from the students were "playing games in the dark", "walking in the bush and not seeing another person for hours" and "when Ms Potini slipped over!"

Well done to all students and a special thank you to Piri, Dee, Herman and Ms Potini for all your hard work and commitment

Mr Darragh



# Mandarin at MC

This year MC has a new born called 'Mandarin' and this 'baby on board' has a close knit family of MC and the Confucius Institute at University of Auckland. In order to support Mandarin Language as a sustainable subject, Confucius Institute has provided our school with a MLA (Mandarin Language Assistant). In addition we have been fortunate to have a guest Calligraphy expert, Chen Shuang, from the Institute to come into our school to share her skills and knowledge with the Year 9 Mandarin Language students.

By Mandarin Lead Teacher: Mrs Sebastian



# Term 3 Calendar

TERM 3			Daily events	Weekly events
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon	24-Jul		
	Tue	25-Jul		
<b>2</b>	Wed	26-Jul	BOT Meeting	
	Thur	27-Jul	Australian Mathematics Competition	
	Fri	28-Jul	Year 13 Assembly	
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon	31-Jul	Cook Island Language Week	Smilecare
	Tue	1-Aug		
	1 Wed	2-Aug	Dare to Dream Fono 5.00pm to 6.30pm	
	Thur	3-Aug		
	Fri	4-Aug		
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon	7-Aug		
	Tue	8-Aug		
	2 Wed	9-Aug		
	Thur	10-Aug	Careers Expo 8.30 am to 2 pm	
	Fri	11-Aug		
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon	14-Aug		
	Tue	15-Aug		
	1 Wed	16-Aug		
	Thur	17-Aug		
	Fri	18-Aug		
<b>Week 5</b>	Mon	21-Aug		
	Tue	22-Aug		
	2 Wed	23-Aug		
	Thur	24-Aug	Parent/Student/Teacher meeting	
	Fri	25-Aug	Parent/Student/Teacher meeting	
<b>Week 6</b>	Mon	28-Aug	Year 9 - Semester 3 begins.	
	Tue	29-Aug		
	1 Wed	30-Aug	BOT Meeting	
	Thur	31-Aug		
	Fri	1-Sep		
<b>Week 7</b>	Mon	4-Sep	Tongan Language Week	Prelim Exam Week
	Tue	5-Sep		
	2 Wed	6-Sep		
	Thur	7-Sep	Chinese Language Week 7 to 13 September	
	Fri	8-Sep		
<b>Week 8</b>	Mon	11-Sep	Maori Language Week	
	Tue	12-Sep	NCEA fees due	
	1 Wed	13-Sep		
	Thur	14-Sep		
	Fri	15-Sep		
<b>Week 9</b>	Mon	18-Sep		
	Tue	19-Sep		
	2 Wed	20-Sep	SPORTS AWARDS EVENING	
	Thur	21-Sep		
	Fri	22-Sep		
		24-Sep	Daylight saving starts	
<b>Week 10</b>	Mon	25-Sep		
	Tue	26-Sep		
	1 Wed	27-Sep	BOT Meeting	
	Thur	28-Sep		
	Fri	29-Sep		