

Mangere College

Term 3 Newsletter 2017



A word from the Principal



It was great to see so many whanau at the recent PST's. We always have very high numbers of families at these events and it is very positive to see all of the conversations happening. Many of our students are well on track to achieve our goal this year of 14+ credits for every student in every course and we are putting in place ways to help those students who are not on track.

One of the biggest factors that help students to achieve is the support they receive from home. We really appreciate the effort that you make to support your child and we know it can make a big difference. Here are some things that you can do at home:

- Ask your child how they are doing at school
- Keep up to date with the number of credits they have and what is coming up
- Talk to them after each exam or assessment about how it went
- Support them when they have important exams and assessments

The KAMAR app is very useful to stay up-to-date with how your child is going at school. If you did not receive a letter about the app at your PST then please contact the school.

Tom Webb
Principal of Mangere College

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Welcome to new Staff



Rowena O'Neil

Rowena is the new Operations Manager at Mangere College. Before coming here, she worked at New Zealand Post as the Northern Regional Delivery Business Manager. Rowena's weekends are consumed with family first, closely followed by anything to do with All Blacks and Canterbury rugby. She is also part of the Ulysses Motorcycle Club along with her husband. Rowena is really impressed with the proactive, positive, recognition and celebration of the cultural diversity within Mangere College and the support that has been provided.



Parwati Reddy

Parwati joins Mangere College as the new Accounting and Commerce teacher.

She has previously worked at Auckland Girls Grammar, One Tree Hill College, and Papatoetoe High School.

Parwati enjoys movies, music, gardening, and cooking. She also has an interest in her local community plus religious activities.

Parwati is enjoying her time so far at Mangere College with the rich cultural environment of students, teachers and senior leadership which promote an open door policy.



Melissa Tualaulelei

Melissa has recently joined the PE department and teaches Health and Physical Education.

She is a first-year teacher and has been studying teaching at Auckland University.

Melissa spends a lot of time with family when she isn't teaching at Mangere College and is a Sunday School Teacher in the weekend.

She has thoroughly enjoyed her tutor class and the bond they have created since the beginning of the Term.

Important Health Notice

Need mumps protection?

There's an outbreak of mumps amongst Auckland students not fully vaccinated.

The measles-mumps-rubella vaccine will help protect young people against three serious diseases that are easily spread.

And it is free. Talk to your doctor or nurse today.

For more info call 0800 immune (0800 466 863) or visit ARPHS.govt.nz



NCEA Update

Our senior students are once again rising to the challenge of NCEA external exams.

The level One Maths Common Assessment Task has been completed as have Tongan and Cook Islands exams. However there are a number of exams still to come. We will start with Te Reo Rangatira on Thursday November 9th and finish with Samoan on Friday 1st December.

Next term students will be have their second NCEA assembly, giving them the opportunity to meet the Exam Centre Manager, Ms Johnson, and find out about the necessary rules around these

assessments.

Parents and whānau can support students as they prepare for these exams. Discuss with them about how prepared they feel and support more time on homework and study in the first four weeks of term. NZQA have a Guide available to download from either the iTunes or Google Play stores which explains NCEA and also provides information about how you can support family members studying.

In addition we have plenty of booklets regarding NCEA which can be picked up from Reception or feel



free to contact me with any questions.

Deborah Ward
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NCEA Fees

The school is required to collect these fees and send them through to NZQA. Although the deadline for this has passed we will keep collecting and sending those fees. After December 1st however NZQA imposes a \$50 late fee so we want to ensure our whānau avoid this penalty. If you have any questions concerning fees get in touch with us or email d.ward@mangere.school.nz.

Library



On the 23rd of August, senior students volunteered to sell daffodils to staff and students of Mangere College. A total of \$152 was collected and donated to the Cancer Society.

The school received a warm letter of response from the Cancer Society: "The \$152.00 you have raised is more than a gift of money - it is a gift of comfort, care, and hope that will give crucial help to people whose lives have been affected by cancer. Thank you so very much."



We had our displays and various books to commemorate this week.

Rock Climbing teaches responsibility



On Wednesday the 23rd of August our two sports science classes went to Extreme Edge Rock Climbing in Panmure.

The purpose of the trip was to demonstrate our responsible behaviours

so that we could get good grades for our assessment. I liked the trip because it helped me and others from both classes have an idea of how to rock climb and belay our partners. There is a level of risk in each activity that's

why it was important for us to make sure we demonstrated our responsible behaviours well. It also gave us a chance to represent Mangere College in a positive way.

By Lathanial Tuiatara

New Fitness Room ready for action

The PE Department is very excited about the new-look Fitness room that has been created over the winter holidays.

With the help of the First XV, Miss Potini, Miss McCosh and Piri we were able to decorate and fix up the room.

We also got some new equipment including 10 spin bikes and 3 rowing machines from funding from The Lion Foundation.

Students will get to use the room during PE lessons and can sign up to use it during Interval and Lunchtimes.

By Mr Darragh



The Wholehearted inspires English students



On Saturday the 9th of September eleven students attended the opening night of the 2017 Auckland season of **The Whole Hearted by Massive Theatre Company at Herald Theatre, Aotea Centre.** Students enjoyed the heart-warming, humorous

storytelling that explored journeys to being wholehearted. The show wove together different stories, devised by the actors. There were stories of a daughter remembering a loved one that has died, a child passionate about Dr. Who, a woman in search of love on Tinder, a boy suffering from rejection, and a character who finds his courage in Captain America. The mix of physical theatre, song, and dance made it an engaging thought-provoking performance.

Thanks to the awesome students, Ms Helen Nicholls for organising the trip and Mr Fifita for driving the mini-van.
By Kyla Matatahi

Wood Technology creations



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Spirit of Adventure



5-day trophy challenge

I took 10 Year 10 students on a trophy challenge in June this year. For all of the students, it was their first time on a ship (or even a boat) and for some, it was their first time staying away from home.

The students had no idea what to expect, or what was going to be expected of them. They were also placed in an environment with students who came from vastly different backgrounds and cultures. Although they were nervous at first and stayed close together, by the end of the voyage they had learned to venture out of their comfort zone and had made connections with students from other schools. Our students were challenged physically and emotionally and at times, they believed that they didn't belong on the ship with the other schools. However, by the end of the trip, they were able to overcome this mindset. At the start of the trip, they

believed they were incapable of completing some activities and chose not to participate. As the voyage continued, they started to realise that they were just as capable as the other schools and their confidence grew. This was particularly evident when they were praised for their ability to do the housework (tidy up the ropes) after they had put a sail up, as one of the crew members said they were the best at it. This allowed the

students to realise that they belonged on the ship, just like everyone else. The trip gave me the opportunity to see the students in a different environment and learn important things about them. It also gave the students the opportunity to learn about themselves and what they are capable of. The students are now looking ahead at the possibility of completing a 10-day voyage when they are 16 years old.



We have had 4 students complete a 10-day voyage. All of the students have come back and said that the voyage was life-changing for them.

They undertook leadership roles and made connections with other students which continued after the trip had finished. One of the students said that she was meeting up regularly with the friends she had made on the ship. The students enjoyed the new experiences and the challenges they faced every day.

It was good for them to be pushed out of their comfort zone and to learn how to adapt to unfamiliar situations. It has opened their minds to the possibilities out there that they didn't know existed before they began their voyage. The students have been inspired and in



return, they have passed this inspiration on to fellow students upon their return to school.

We are very appreciative of the support we received from the SOA Trust and the funding we received through their connections.

We also want to extend a special thank you to Don Malcolm who was instrumental in helping us source funding for our 5-day

trophy challenge. Don was more than happy to assist through his own company covering a quarter of the cost of the voyage and then guiding me towards the Auckland Maritime Foundation who paid the remainder of the cost of the voyage, for which we are very grateful. Don also provided us with sleeping bags and headlights for the students.

By Taryn Slee

Refugee Dinner

My experience at the Refugee Dinner:

We had a great experience on the 31st August at Mangere College in the staffroom.

There were many families, friends, teachers and former graduates from Mangere College. We had inspiring speeches from A.U.T, M.I.T, and Auckland University to help us prepare for our next pathway. It was a great way to meet people. It felt like a whole family who hadn't seen each other in many years that decided to have a dinner. It was amazing.

I loved the food that the families provided. I met many new people, talked to many



families and made new friends. I tried different types of food with different flavours and different colours. I felt so safe being around everyone there because I felt like I was back home in Africa again. Even

though I didn't know some of the people I met, it still felt like they were all my family. You will understand one day when you experience the happiness that I experienced.

By Younis Ahmed Abdallah

Shadow Tech Day helps girls pursue their IT dreams

Eleven girls along with IT Teacher Mr Wilkings participated in a day organised by Manukau Institute of Technology. The focus of the day was to get girls interested in Information Technology careers.

Ane Filimoehala 10Wk
Why did you choose to attend ShadowTech?

It's because I believe this program may help me to pursue my career or my studies to become a teacher and as a teacher, I can make students believe that they can achieve if they don't give up.

What did you like about it?

What I liked about this program is that people from different companies came up to us telling us their amazing stories and also inspired us to never be afraid to try new things.

What site did you visit and what was interesting about it?

I visited the Microsoft company. The best part was that I got to experience using a HoloLens computer and I also heard beautiful speeches from 4 different people in the company.

Note: Microsoft HoloLens is the first self-contained, holographic computer, enabling you to engage with your digital content and interact with holograms in the world around you.



Olathe Taumihau 10IM

I chose to attend ShadowTech because I thought it would be a great experience and a chance to explore a variety of jobs you could have when wanting to pursue a career in Information Technology (IT). What I enjoyed about the ShadowTech experience was meeting new people and getting a wider image and a greater understanding of what IT is about. I visited BNZ and learned about all the different careers they offered in IT.

As ShadowTech was a course for females, we listened to many women talk to us about their positions in the business and how IT fits into their day-to-day routine. I learned how BNZ operates and the different jobs that work together to provide their services. Having a career in IT is great for someone who has an open mind to challenges and new experiences, and someone who is open to learning new things every day.

'Effectively' band enter Stand Up, Stand Out competition.

The Mangere College Music Department is pleased to announce the involvement of the band 'Effectively' in this year's Stand Up, Stand Out 2017 competition.

The band performed in front of a wonderful audience at the Otago Music and Arts Centre today where they performed a cover of Six60's - Forever.



Band members, (left to right) – Mele Palenapa, Criss Papau, Taua Tavioni, Joeta Fuimaono, Nicholas Ingram and Isaak Samoa.

Year 10 Percussion Workshop

On Tuesday 12th September, 55 of our Year 10 Music students were treated to a special Percussion Workshop from the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra percussionists Rebecca Celebuski, Steven Logan, and Erik Renick.



The APO musicians performed a range of interesting percussion pieces, including one piece of music played with coins and cups, composed by a New Zealand musician. There was interactive discussion on the building blocks of music – sound, rhythm, melody, and harmony, expanding the students' knowledge of conventional 'time' and 'four beats in a bar' in music, and the students had a glimpse of what a day in the life looks like for these professional working musicians.

Calligraphy Arts

The Year 9 Mandarin Class had the privilege to be taught 'Chinese Gold Fish' and 'Jade Rabbit' through the calligraphy art form by our guest



Calligraphy expert (Chen Shuang) from the Confucius Institute. By Ms

Sebastian & MLA - Li Lu

Calligraphy Competition



Soft pen (calligraphy brush) & Hard pen (Fine tip black colour pen)

The guest Calligraphy expert (Chen Shuang) has spent time nurturing MC Year 9 Mandarin students to enter this year's Calligraphy Competition organised by Canterbury University. Students' final piece of writing has all been sent to Confucius Institute of Canterbury University to be judged. By Ms Sebastian & MLA - Li Lu

Year 10 Pasta Assessment



In Year 10 Food Technology – Pasta Unit, students are being assessed on their pasta making skills and part of the assessment requires students to work in their chosen group to design their own pasta dish and to come up with their desired pasta shape, colour and flavour.

By Ms Sebastian

Year 11 Baking Assessment



In this particular Unit Standard, Year 11 students are required to bake a cake, a sponge, and scones. This is the first year MC offered this Standard in the hope of raising the basic baking skills of the younger generation. *By Ms Sebastian*

Pasta Extravaganza treats teachers



This is Mangere College's yearly 'pop-up' theme restaurant where some teachers are being treated to a restaurant quality meal (entrée & main or main & dessert) from the Senior Catering students and customer service from the Senior Hospitality students. *By Ms Sebastian*

Term 4 Calendar

TERM 4			Daily events
Week 1	Mon	16-Oct	
	Tue	17-Oct	Niuean and Chinese Language Week
2	Wed	18-Oct	Sports Awards
	Thur	19-Oct	Diwali
	Fri	20-Oct	
Week 2	Mon	23-Oct	Labour Day
	Tue	24-Oct	Junior Assembly
1	Wed	25-Oct	
	Thur	26-Oct	Senior Assembly
	Fri	27-Oct	
Week 3	Mon	30-Oct	Tokelauan Language Week
	Tue	31-Oct	
2	Wed	1-Nov	
	Thur	2-Nov	
	Fri	3-Nov	
Week 4	Mon	6-Nov	Year 9 Assembly
	Tue	7-Nov	Year 11 & 12 Prizegiving
1	Wed	8-Nov	Year 13 Prizegiving
	Thur	9-Nov	NCEA starts
	Fri	10-Nov	Year 13 Leavers / Graduation Dinner - Holiday Inn
Week 5	Mon	13-Nov	
	Tue	14-Nov	
2	Wed	15-Nov	
	Thur	16-Nov	
	Fri	17-Nov	
Week 6	Mon	20-Nov	
	Tue	21-Nov	
1	Wed	22-Nov	
	Thur	23-Nov	
	Fri	24-Nov	
Week 7	Mon	27-Nov	
	Tue	28-Nov	
2	Wed	29-Nov	
	Thur	30-Nov	
	Fri	1-Dec	NCEA ends
Week 8	Mon	4-Dec	Tabloid sports
	Tue	5-Dec	Year 9 and 10 Wider Living Week
1	Wed	6-Dec	Year 9 and 10 Wider Living Week
	Thur	7-Dec	Year 9 and 10 Wider Living Week
	Fri	8-Dec	Year 9 and 10 Wider Living Week
Week 9	Mon	11-Dec	
	Tue	12-Dec	Last Day
2	Wed	13-Dec	
	Thur	14-Dec	
	Fri	15-Dec	
Term 1 - 2018			
Week 1	Mon	29-Jan	Auckland Anniversary
	Tue	30-Jan	First Day
1	Wed	31-Jan	
	Thur	1-Feb	
	Fri	2-Feb	