Māngere College TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2019



Kia ora, talofa lava, mālō e lelei, kia orana, fakalofa lahi atu, namaste, assalaam-alaikum and greetings.

As the autumn leaves begin to drop we contemplate on what has been a great start to the year. We began this term with students practising for Polyfest with much dedication and passion. The events in Christchurch deeply impacted on these students' performances but we were able to stand strong and show our resilience, demonstrating compassion to those affected and continuing to celebrate diversity and inclusiveness. We wish all of our students who are beginning their winter sports trainings all the best. Enjoy reading our latest school news, stay safe these holidays and hopefully you can capture some of the last of the warm days.

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A word from the Principal



Like the rest of New Zealand, we were horrified by the events in Christchurch on March 15th when 50 people lost their lives in the terror attack. Our thoughts are still with those who were most affected by the tragedy particularly our Muslim community.

At school, our focus has been on supporting our students to come to terms with what happened and answer their questions as best we can. We have been aware of the sharing of the video footage from the attacks and want to remind families to always be vigilant about what your children are viewing online. The images of the Christchurch attack are not only harmful but also illegal.

During the week, before the events in Christchurch, I was very proud to see our performances at Polyfest where we celebrated the diversity we have at this school - all of our groups performed with skill, passion and pride and represented the school very well. Unfortunately our Cook Island group did not get to perform and all of the groups did not get the normal recognitions as the final day of Polyfest was cancelled. This was the right call at the time but a disappointment for those that missed out.

Celebrating diversity and being inclusive of all students are important values for us at Mangere College. Following the attacks in Christchurch, the Prime Minister spoke of these same values when she said, "those values, I can assure you, will not and cannot be shaken by this attack". These values are at the heart of our MC Family and the MC Way and are important to us in our everyday working at school. We stand strong with all those who were affected in the attacks.

Tom Webb Principal of Mangere College

Christchurch attack

Our deepest condolences and thoughts are with those families affected in Christchurch and those who have connections to those involved, particularly our Muslim community - Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un.

Many people will be feeling the effects of this violent act, from those families directly affected, the local community in Christchurch, the Muslim community in New Zealand, and the wider New Zealand population. If you notice any changes in your child's emotional, spiritual, mental or physical well-being, it may mean your child is in need of extra support.

If you have any concerns about

how this event is affecting your child, please do not hesitate to contact our school counsellor by email p.campbell@mangere. school.nz or on 09 275 4029 ext 127. In addition we have listed below some other community support services that are available. Nothing is too big or small to contact us or other support agencies.

Support numbers:

1737 TEXT or CALL
24hr mental health helpline
Healthline: 0800 611 116
Youthline: 0800 37 66 33
Free Text 234 email: talk@
youthline.co.nz
Whirinaki: 265 4000 (24/7)
Mental health concerns
LeVa: www.leva.co.nz
Supporting Pasifika wellbeing

NCEA Fees



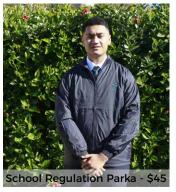
NZQA charges all students doing NCEA standards \$76.70.

Students must pay this for their results to be recorded on their Record of Achievement, and to receive certificates. You can either pay this online directly to NZQA or at the school reception either with the full amount or in part-payments.

If you have a Benefit or Community Services Card number, or qualify for one, you will be eligible for Financial Assistance and the fee will be reduced to \$20 (\$30 per family). We send these forms home in Term Two. If you don't receive one you can request it from reception.

See Jules Lafo'ou in the Data Manager's office if you would like to apply and she will provide the right support or email at j.lafoou@ mangere.school.nz.

School Jackets





Reminder: Please ensure that your child is ready for the colder weather with a school jacket available from our uniform shop at school. These are the only jackets acceptable in our uniform regulations.

Operations Update:

- Farewell to Adrienne and her support in Administration
- Acknowledgement to the Office and support staff for managing a busy beginning of year enrolments process
- School pride in property and maintenance kept at a high standard with diligence from caretaking team
- School sports fields are under careful lawn and turf maintenance
- Financial assistance for NZQA refer to link on eligibility
- https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/entry-intoncea/fees-for-ncea/financial-assistance/



Board of Trustees Election

In May nominations will be called to become members of our Board of Trustees. Key dates are as follows.

By Friday 10th May

Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.

Friday 24th May NOMINATIONS CLOSE

> - 24th May at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school, the number of vacancies is three.

Wednesday 29th

May

Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school

caregiver roll.

Friday 7th June Thursday 13th June

Voting closes at 12 noon. Votes are counted, and

our school advised of the

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results.

New Board takes office Friday 14th June

We look forward to all our parents/caregivers being involved in the process.

Farewell to Staff

ADRIENNE LEONARD

Adrienne joined the school in 2016 as the Receptionist.

She was generally the first warm and

friendly face that greeted students, staff and visitors. Her role was very busy with front reception counter queries which experienced high foot traffic, banter of happy and sad sounds for a very busy space. Adrienne also provided general administration and office duties and supported processing of Accounts. Adrienne loved working in the school environment and had a helpful and supportive nature in everything she applied herself to.

Adrienne moved to the South Island for a lifestyle change with her family.



Alison Blackwood pictured on the left with Debra Pene

ALISON BLACKWOOD

Ms Blackwood is leaving Mangere College at the end of Term 1 to move to Nelson with her family.

She began here for 9 weeks relieving in 1983 and never left. She became Teacher with Library responsibility in 1988 and very competently managed that resource. Ms Blackwood began Deaning in 1997 and students have benefited from her clear and caring mentoring. She says how much she enjoyed teaching at MC and has so many good memories of the school; staying here so long because of the many wonderful students she taught.

Staff and students will miss her and wish her well for the future.

Welcome to New Staff

JOHN BOWER

We welcome John to MC this term as the new Social Science HoD, filling in while Ms Smith is away on study leave. John previously taught at

McAulev High School for 9 years as the HoD of Social Sciences.

Outside of school John has a passion for theatre and has performed in a number of dramatic and musical productions.

He is enjoying meeting new staff, teaching new students and working alongside Ms Tatafu and Mr Davis. John is originally from Fiji and is the eldest of 6 children.

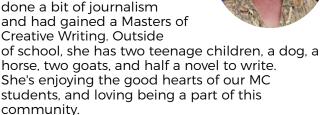
NICHOLAS CHAN

Nicholas is a Teachfirst graduate who previously studied Computer Science at the University of Auckland. He enjoys Horror and Arthouse films and listening to extreme metal. In contrast, Nicholas likes writing classical music on the odd occasion. He is finding the staff at MC incredibly

supportive and feels greatly privileged to teach the students.

CAROLYN COSSEY

Carolyn has returned to teaching after a long absence, during which she has been a flight attendant. done a bit of journalism and had gained a Masters of Creative Writing. Outside



KEN FALF

With previous experience in youth work at Te Wananga o Aotearoa, Mangere and at Kelston Boys High school, Ken is a valuable new member to join us as part of the MC whanau. Ken is the new Samoan Language teacher and is also a Teach First Graduate. He loves; hanging with his family, music, sports, gym, sports coaching, church life and working with people within his community. He is really enjoying working with Pasefika and Māori students here at MC and appreciates the positive teaching enviroment.

JOHN KINGI

We welcome John to MC as our Te Reo Māori teacher and is involved in all things Māori. John was previously a full-time student at AUT studying a Bachelor in Māori Media whilst working parttime in retail. With a strong passion for Māori youth and the success of Polynesian tauira, John is an asset to our school. John is enjoying the immense amount of support from staff here at MC and the environment of awhi that has been created here for students and staff alike.

ERIN SAINSBURY

Erin has joined us this term temporarily to replace Adrienne as the school receptionist. She is a keen artist who recently has graduated fom Elam with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Erin has a passion for 3D

Modelling and Virtual Reality plus reading and gaming. She is enjoying the friendly and genuiune staff here at Mangere College and loves seeing how everyone is dedicated to helping every student do their best. Erin gets her accent from her Irish Mum, also her Dad is Greek.

ROSHNI SINGH

As an experienced RTLB Practice Leader with over 10 years under her belt in Manawaui and West Auckland, Roshni is a great asset to our MC community. Outside of school, Roshni enjoys gardening, yoga, music, classical and Bollywood dance, art, cooking and reading. Roshni is really enjoying the multiculturalism of the school and the friendly and respectful students that we have here.

ALEX UPOKOKEU-HENRY

We are excited to have Alex join us this term as the new Dance and Drama teacher. Previously to this role, Alex worked in a primary school as a teacher's assistant looking after children with special needs as well as teaching them When Alex is not teaching, he will be performing, eating, creating and sleeping! He is really enjoying the positive culture of the school and the ability to influence our community through the medium of Dance/Drama.



Auckland Philharmonia **Orchestra's ACE Brass** Ensemble.

The afternoon was an interactive and informative show where students were taken through an in depth look at brass instruments; exploring how they work, how they are played and how they have changed through time. Emma Eden,

students to listen to and analyse the music carefully. They implored the group to pursue their musical aspirations with passion, perseverance and

dedication important ingredients for a rewarding career path in music.



We warmly welcome Mr Henry into our Performing Arts Department as our new dance and drama teacher.

He is a New Zealand-born, Cook Islander, born and bred in Mangere East and an ex-Aorere College student. He is passionate about our Māori and Pacific Peoples, culture and language and how we can be 'Our Best'. His goals are to:

- Establish Drama as a subject in the school through the Year 9 rotation.
- Build a solid foundation for Dance in the school so that students excel to a high calibre.
- Create opportunities for students to express hemselves through wider dance outlets (SDNZ, SUSO, YouDance, GenX).

Our Dance & Drama vision? 'To be the best, that WE can be'



VIA TRIO @

After a whirlwind 2018, our VIA Trio has kicked off 2019 with an invitation to perform at the Soul Lounge 2' event.

Vera Wilson (Yr 13), Adyhana Urika Filifilia (Yr 11) and Caylis Masinamua (Yr 9), along with Reupena Kilipati (Yr 12) on percussion, performed on

Saturday, 30th March to a packed out crowd at the Mangere Arts Centre. It was an honour for our students to represent Mängere College at this collaborative event and be shoulder-toshoulder with many of the best soul and RnB vocalists and musicians in New Zealand.

FAREWELL TO LINDA:

We farewell Linda Filimoehala, our long-standing Brass Tutor who tutored many of our music students over the years. She nurtured the musical aspirations of many beginners and has made a lasting impression on all our brass students. A big thank you to Linda for your commitment to Mångere College, you will be missed!

ITINERANT **TUTORS 2019:**

The Performing Arts Department would like to formally introduce the MC community to the instrument tutors who contribute to our thriving Music Department.

The team offers free lessons to our music students each week. They are a vital part of ensuring our students receive the best support and guidance as they work through their NCEA Music Course and take on performance opportunities out in the community:



Mr Tim Doyle (Drums, Drumline Ensemble)



Ms Emily Allen (Violin and Piano, Strings Ensemble)



Mrs Emily Heeney (Vocals and Woodwind, Choirs)



Mr Nathan Loo (Guitar, Bass, Guitar Club)

INTRODUCING **OUR MUSIC GROUPS FOR 2019:**

Acapella Group, Tutor: Mr Wong

String Group, Tutor: Ms

Allen

'The MC Collective' Senior Choir. Tutor: Mrs Heenev Keyboard Club, Tutor: Mr

Euden

'Noteworthy' Junior Choir, Tutor: Mrs Heeney Drumline Ensemble,

Tutor: Mr Doyle

Junior Guitar Club, Tutor:

Mr Loo

Student Council



On Tuesday 19th March 2019, Marietta and I had the opportunity to attend the Auckland **World Vision Youth** Conference.

Throughout the day we were encouraged more and more to understand that we can rewrite the rules of society, that labels can not define our final destination, and that humanity is what we make it out to be.

The keynote speakers planted a seed in our minds that has set us up for tackling the challenge of the 40 Hour Famine and also, giving back to the community and those in need throughout the wider world. We were so privileged to take part in this conference, and know for sure that the takeaway is beyond powerful.

- Olathe Taumihau



When I was offered the opportunity to spend ten days on the **Spirit Of Adventure** Trip, my answer was a simple YAS.

One of my highlights was when the third mate burst through the doors to tell us there was a group of dolphins on the port side. The ocean was so beautiful; it was mesmerising to watch dolphins. Ignoring my deadly fear of dying at the fins of a shark, I dove into the water

and found myself swimming amongst the dolphins. I never thought I would ever tick that item off my bucket list.

We also got to see whales, had bonfires on various beaches, went sailing past remote islands and I was able to befriend people from all over New Zealand. This voyage transformed me in ways I cannot begin to explain.

- Marietta-Ann Mailo Slade



For this year's International Women's Day, I had the privilege of having Morning Tea at the Governor

General's House, alongside young women from all over Auckland.

Olathe Taumihau









Though the last day of Polyfest was cancelled due to the horrific event in Christchurch, our students showed a lot of heart and mana in all of their performances and also off-stage.

It was unfortunate for our Cook Islands group who were unable to perform and the students were sad but understood and showed much resilience. Our Cook Islands group will be having a performance Friday 12th April, 7pm at Mangere College. Also, our school entered a Karen Bamboo Dance for the first time on the Diversity Stage and they performed extremely well.

Well done to all of our cultural groups for this year.





















Wider Living Week - Nature & Nuture

During Wider Living Week twenty students explored gold mines, learnt about the effects of mining on the environment, hiked through some spectacular scenery and visited some beautiful beaches in the Coromandel Peninsula.

Students had a budget of \$30 each to work in groups to buy

and cook their own food. We would like to acknowledge the Māngere-Otahuhu Local Board for their grant, enabling the trip to be more affordable.

Feedback on the trip included:

What did you like most about the trip?

"Learnt how important this land



is to our Māori people", "we go and buy our own food", "cooking our own food", "beaches", "history behind Whangamata", "learning about Kauri dieback", "beautiful landscapes".

Should we be mining in New Zealand? Give a reason for your answer.

"Personally No. Mining should be banned because God created the world to be natural and what human kind is doing is mining up the natural land", "destroying the beautiful scenery".

What did you find most challenging?

"Only eating healthy food".

How has this experience changed you?

"It made me realise what difficulties others are facing; it made me care more about our natural land", "the experience changed me by not eating unhealthy food", "helping me lose weight", "budgeting".

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New Media Club - 'MC Media'



This year we have started our first media club here at MC.

The aim of the group has been to create quality media on a variety of platforms to give our students the opportunity to share their stories from their own lens. MC Media have been on a number of trips, had visiting speakers, also the students have got stuck in with taking photos, video and we have also started a Facebook and Instagram page. We would like to say thank you to our mentor Ernestina Bonsu



Maru for your support and also a huge thank you to the Māngere Markets Trust for the grant we have received for new media equipment!

Facebook: @mcmediaclub Instagram: @mangerecollege.media

- Ms Latif



Visiting movie producer Andrew Marshall



MC Media visiting Noel Leeming to test out camera equipment



Some MC Media students at Polyfest







MC Art at **New Birthing** Centre

Nga Hau Mangere Birthing Centre has opened in Mangere in March. The building features artwork in the fover by some of our Mangere College students. The art was created in Wider Living Week last year by Year 9 and 10 students.



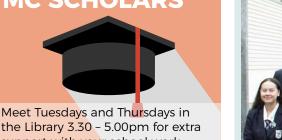


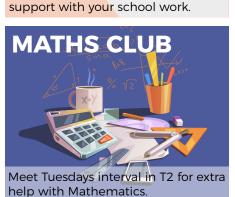


Year 12 and 13 Art students visited the Waiheke Island Sculpture walk on March 21. The purpose of this trip was to view large scale outdoor artworks in context, as well as experience the panoramic ocean distance city views along the Matiatia coastal walkway. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the journey as much

as the destination. Many of the sculptures were interactive, so students had fun touching, walking through and even standing on some of the artworks. The ferry ride was equally enjoyable, with perfect weather and a refreshing sea breeze the gulf harbour never looked so good. What a great trip. - Mr Christo









Mångere College Student Leaders 2019:

Top Row (L-R): Caleb Chan-Ting, Wayne Magalogo, Aniket Chand, Jacob Leleifi, Jason Taufa (left), Abdul Ahmadi. Bottom Row (L-R): Marietta Slade, Zahra Hussaini, Zahra Ibrahim, Julia Kilipati, Julienne Niko (Head Girl), Tunema Soti, Sasa Lelenoa, Soana Afu, Nicholas Ingram (Head Boy).



Standing on chairs: Ali Hussaini, Kwae Reh, Olathe Taumihau, Etina Kaliopasi, Adyhana Urika Filifilia, Lua Omoregie, Krizzia Mae Quinones, Saleha Sameem and Madina Salam Khel

Standing: Mele Tonga, Abigail Panuve, Asena Panuve, Josiah Ah-Lam, Reupena Kilipati, Sara-Lee Sigglekow, Tala Senitofo, Mahdieh Ahmadi, Irene Luafatasaga, Jordan Mauu, Ethan Sigglekow, and Oumaima Ahmat Abdallah.

Sitting on the chairs: Zahra Hussaini, Zahra Ibrahim, Nicholas Ingram, Mrs Kumar, Ms Blackwook, Soana Afu, Abdul Ahmadi and Lealofi Sanelivi Pio

Sitting on the floor: Nargis Hussaini, Fetalaiga Mauu, Hser Chri, Roanna Wah, Fatima Hussaini, Hserku Hser, Katherina Pio, Eh Htaw Kue Wah, and Chu Moo Paw

Absent: George Akaiti, Frederick Kata, Alosina Moeai'a Toleafoa, Makarios Siuoalii Lelemia, Alec Ah Lam, Wisdom Baker, O-Shay Murphy, Me Reh, Abraham Utaatu, Abdirizak Abdulmanan Ahmed, Younis Ahmat Abdallah, Rosemary Felauai, Poe Myar, Blessing Taituave Fuimaono, Aniket Chand, Grace Mataafa, Thu Nguyen and Saviour Shee.

Chinese New Year



Mangere College is a very warm family.

Culture here is really diverse. We all celebrated Chinese New Year together. All the staff wore very distinctive clothes and we shared different kinds of food. It was a very unforgettable day.

- Shi, Yue Mandarin Language Assistant 2019



Red Cross is an amazing group helping people in need.

On Thursdays a group of students at Māngere College meet at the hot spot and make sandwiches. and grated cheese. Then at lunchtime we sell sandwiches, muffins, apples and water to our senior and junior students.

All the vegetables we put in the sandwiches are from our own school garden. This year we managed to fundraise \$478.90. It was fun because we all worked very hard, but also working together as a team and helping people in need.

- Nargis Hussaini 9TE





This term we had special guests - actor Mosese Veaila and film producer Nua Finau visit our Year 11 students to talk about the up-and-coming mini-series 'Jonah' that they are currently filming here in Auckland. Mosese is an ex Head Boy from Mangere College and is the star of the series - set to play the legendary Jonah Lomu. Thank you both for taking the time to come and talk with our students it was very inspiring!







It has been a great start to the school year in Junior PE. With the warm weather continuing, we have been able to make use of our swimming pool.

Year 9s and 10s have been looking at water safety. This is such an important part of our curriculum to ensure all our students are aware of the dangers in and around water. We consider the best ways to enter the water, how to conserve energy, the importance of personal floatation devices (life jackets) and how to put them on in the water.

- Mr Darragh







Tongariro Leadership Camp

To kickstart the new year, 17 student leaders headed out to Tongariro to embark on a weeklong trip with Hillary outdoors staff to build their leadership and qualities as leaders.

The week consisted of activities to work on their communication and trust with each other, but also to teach them about what qualities a truly outstanding leader has. During the day they went into the outdoors accompanied by Ms Ward and Mr Darragh, learning to work together as a team and to compromise to complete a challenge efficiently and effectively.

During the evening they were spoken to by members of different groups on being an effective leader and having the mental strength to overcome obstacles that will inevitably come their way. Halfway through the week the students got

a well-deserved trip to the local hot springs spa, where they got to enjoy the soothing hot spring waters after all their hard work. That did not last long, however, as the students decided to have a game of tag, which soon had everybody in the pool playing.

The final two days saw the students go on an overnight trip through the mountains, where they had to navigate their own path, find a suitable spot to pitch tents and cook dinner for themselves. They pitched near a hidden river, which drew its water directly from Mt. Ruapehu, so it was a warm welcome to the students after their long day of hiking.

They have represented themselves and their school very well and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for our leaders.

- Caleb Chan Ting

Term 1 Sports





SPORT TRAINING SESSIO

Basketball Boys Wednesday after school 2.30pm - 4.30pm. Girls Basketball training on Thursdays 3.30 - 5.30pm

Monday's 6.00pm - 7.30pm at Manukau Rovers **Rugby 1st XV** Wednesday's 4.00pm - 6.00pm at school

Rugby 2nd XV Wednesday's 4.30pm - 6.00pm at David Lange Park

Monday's 4.30pm - 6.00pm at David Lange Park Tuesday and Thursday 3.30pm - 5.00pm at school **Rugby Girls**

Game day starts Monday 13 May - Home and Away

Netball Wednesday 3.30pm - 5.00pm (this training date will

change once games start on the Wednesday) Game days:

Friday evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm at Mangere Otahuhu

Netball Centre - started 29 March

Wednesday afternoon 3.00pm - 6.30pm at Papakura

Netball Centre - starts 15 May

Our Mangere College Senior Volley Girls team (above) attended the 'New Zealand Secondary Schools Volleyball Championship' at Palmerston North from Monday 25 March - Friday 29 March. We received the Bronze medal against Bishop Viard College (3-1).

TAG FOOTBALL

Tag football results from Tuesday 2 April:

A Grade Boys team: 7th Place A Grade Girls team: 11th Place B Grade Boys team: 4th Place

TERM 2 CALENDAR

WEEK 1

29 Apr

30 Apr

Friday Lunchtime 3 May **Entertainment**

WEEK 2

6 May

7 May

9 May

Friday Lunchtime Entertainment

WEEK 3

Y12 Market Day

14 May Athenaeum workshop in Library

16 May PST Meeting

17 May PST Meeting

WEEK 4

20 May Mihi whakatau - Jay Mason

21 May

22 May

Y12/13 Careers Expo visit MC 23 May **(12.30pm-3pm)**

24 May Entertainment

WEEK 5 - Samoan Language Week

27 May

28 May

29 May Asthma NZ Bus onsite

30 May

31 May Entertainment

WEEK 6

3 Jun Queen's Birthday

Rangatahi'19 Survey

Y12 Market Day - Lunchtime

5 Jun

6 Jun

7 Jun Friday Lunchtime Entertainment

WEEK 7

10 Jun

11 Jun

12 Jun

13 Jun

Friday Lunchtime 14 Jun **Entertainment**

WEEK 8

17 Jun

18 Jun

19 Jun

20 Jun

21 Jun **Friday Lunchtime Entertainment**

WEEK 9

24 Jun

25 Jun

Performing Arts Showcase at the Mangere Arts Centre

27 Jun Performing Arts Showcase

Performing Arts Showcase

28 Jun Friday Lunchtime **Entertainment**

WEEK 10

1 Jul

2 Jul

3 Jul

4 Jul

Friday Lunchtime 5 Jul **Entertainment**

6 Jul School Ball