

# Māngere College

## TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2022



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

It has been great to see student and staff numbers returning to normal, bringing back the usual energy and vibrancy after the Covid peak this term. In this newsletter you will find many exciting things that our students have been up to this term. We were grateful to be able to celebrate ASB Polyfest this year, even with the strict safety precautions and we are proud of all of our groups who performed. Our winter sports are about to kick off, so keep an eye out for our teams and we have many exciting academic events happening this term also. Enjoy reading.

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# A word from the Principal

Term 1 has been a challenging term for so many of our families and staff with high numbers of COVID cases in the community. The good news is that we seem to be over the worst of it with attendance almost back to normal levels and staff absences vastly reduced.

It has been great to see so many students being able to continue with their learning in school despite the disruptions we have had this year. This has been a feature of the last two years at Māngere College; we have been able to support our students through disruptions and still be able to focus on learning.

This focus on learning last year has meant that Māngere College continues to do very well in NCEA. In 2021 our pass rates at Level 1, 2 and 3 were 79%, 73% and 74%. We are very happy about these results as we know that it was such a challenging end to the year and our Level 3 result was the best the school has achieved at NCEA Level 3.

We know that we can continue to improve as a school and that is our aim for 2022.

Our participation in ASB Polyfest was a bit different this year without the usual crowds at the Manukau Sport Bowl and the performances being viewed online. Our Samoan group came third overall, our Tongan group placed third in the Lakalaka and first in the Faha'iula, and our Cook Islands group came first overall.

I would like to congratulate all students who gave speeches or performed in a group and we were proud to see how well our groups placed. I would also like to thank all of the staff and volunteers that were involved and helped to prepare the groups in difficult circumstances. I hope that in 2023 we can be back at the Sport Bowl with all of the crowds and vibrancy that we normally see at Polyfest.

Tom Webb  
Principal of Māngere College

## A fresh welcome to Māngere College

### **BLESSING**

At the beginning of the year, we had an early morning blessing for our refurbished Administration Block. Ngā mihi nui to Matua Maehe for performing the ceremony.

### **OPENING OF THE RECEPTION**

Our reception area has moved back to the Admin Block from its temporary space in the Auditorium and is now open to essential visitors. Please note under the current red traffic

light settings, wearing of masks continues to be mandatory when visiting our school.

We encourage parents to phone the school in the first instance as we can attend and respond quickly over the phone.



# Haere Rā



Whaea Arihana Hakiwai (centre)

This term we farewell two Head of Departments, Margaret Karanga and Whaea Arihana Hakiwai. Arihana Hakiwai, our Head of Languages and Te Reo Māori teacher is returning to the Hawkes Bay with her whanau and baby Kahukura. Our Head of Careers, Margaret Karanga is heading to St Dominics to take on the role of HoD Arts. We wish them both all the best and ngā mihi nui for your service to Māngere College.



Margaret Karanga (centre)

## New Staff



**SIMI FUKAVA**  
Marketing & Communications Assistant



**VAIPA GASOLOGA**  
Social Sciences teacher



**KARLO JACKSON**  
Social Worker



**ELIZABETH LAVEA**  
Receptionist



**CHRISTINE LEE**  
Performing Arts Teacher



**SIOBHAN LYNE**  
Nurse



**KEVIN MASKELL**  
Technology Technician



**LEAH METTAM**  
PE and Health teacher



**MOANA ORMSBY**  
Te Reo Māori teacher



**DANIEL PATEA**  
Check and Connect Mentor



**NANCY ROBERTSON**  
Counsellor



**LIZZIE SULLIVAN**  
Nurse



**SIOSI'ANA TAUKOLO**  
Assistant HOD Mathematics



**PETER TUSA**  
Teacher Aide - Learning Support

## Parental Leave



We wish Kylie Franklin (left), Laura Williams (right) and Siosaia Folau (far right) all the best as they are currently all on parental leave. A huge congratulations to Laura for the recent birth of Jude Caleb Williams. We look forward to seeing them all on their return to school.



# Head Girl and Head Boy 2021



Our Head Girl this year is Rain Te'i and Head Boy, Makarini Puri.

Rain is of Samoan and Māori descent, she performs the Siva Afi, is the Taupou for the Samoan Group this year for Polyfest, and was the kaitataki wahine in the Kapahaka group last year. Rain also does community theatre in her spare time.

What excites you about being Head Girl?  
"Having the privilege to represent my school!"

Makarini is Cook Islands Māori, who plays basketball, touch and tag football. He also enjoys playing the piano.

What excites you about being Head Boy?  
"Helping to encourage all students to strive to be the best they can be".

# Year 9 - Māngere Mountain hikoi

To mark their first week of school, year 9 students embarked on an exciting hikoi to Māngere Mountain/Te Pane o Mataoho.

The students walked to Māngere Mountain from school and had an

educational tour from the Māngere Mountain Education Centre. It was a chance for the students to exercise, get to know each other, and hear the important history of our sacred local maunga that is Te Pane o Mataoho.



# Senior Excellence Assembly



Congratulations to all of our Senior Excellence Assembly Winners.

We were also glad to see three of our 2021 Year 13 leavers return to claim their certificates, Alexis



Fenton, Rheima Misa T. Iuta, and Luisa To'omata. Photos will be made available.

# School Garden

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY MARYANNE PAONGO - ESOL STUDENT

In the afternoon I went to the Māngere College garden with my small class.

It was Maryanne, Kapeli, Say Na, Ms. Sally and Rosalie. When we first entered the garden we saw a lot of vegetables and fruit. We saw cabbage plants, silverbeet, capsicum, chillies, lettuce, and lemon. Also we saw blackberry, kiwi fruits, strawberries, guava, and an orange. We planted the beetroot and then we watered them. We covered them so the bird couldn't eat the plants. Today we took pictures of watered plants.

- Maryanne Paongo 9SI



# Achievement Centre Fundraiser



This term our Achievement Centre had its first fundraiser of the year.

Our ACH courtyard and garden space is in desperate need of sprucing up. We need for it to function better to put into practice Te Whare Tapa Wha and the Fonofale model that we use in mentoring and assisting our ACH students in accessing education.

A lot of students stood in line to support our pop-up fundraiser. ALL items that we sold were kindly sponsored by our friends in local

businesses. We have expressed our gratitude to each of them for supporting our students.

During the fundraiser, ACH student Maria Pompey demonstrated great entrepreneurial and store ownership skills.

Our Achievement Centre focus for 2022 is to TRUST YOUR POWER. Great things can and will happen when one is given the opportunity to 'turn their power on'!

- Hermann Arp



Our Māori senior science students are enrolled with the Puhoro Stem Academy and receive academic mentoring every Tuesday with Kaiako Po David Hemopo.

Because of COVID regulations, our students meet with their mentors online.



## Drama Club

Pictured are four of our Drama Club students who performed at the Sheilah Winn festival.

# Māngere Nui 2022: COOK ISLANDS GROUP



Our Cook Islands group had a fantastic performance at Polyfest this year and were placed first overall. We have been the reigning champions of ASB Polyfest since 2017 for the Cook Islands stage.

## TUTORS:

Teacher in charge: Tai Uamaki  
 Head Tutor: Alexander Upoko-ku-Henry  
 Tutor: Rose Tonaau Rave and Nga Tere



# Karen Group



ASB



SCAN ME

Hold your phone camera over the above QR code to see the Polyfest photos.



**Kolisi o Magele: SAMOAN GROUP**



Congratulations to Head Girl Rain Te'i for placing first for the Taupou category.



**RESULTS:**  
 OVERALL - 3RD  
 TAUPOU - **RAIN TE'I** - 1ST  
 TAUALUGA - 2ND  
 ENTRANCE & EXIT - 3RD  
 UNIFORM - 3RD

MA'ULU'ULU - 3RD  
 SĀSĀ - 3RD  
 PESE O LE ASO - 3RD  
 FUATAIMI - **VAIPUNA**  
 TALO - 3RD



## Tongan Group

**RESULTS:**  
 OVERALL PLACING - 3RD  
 LAKALAKA - 3RD  
 FAHA'IULA - 1ST



# Students engage with 30 year plan for Māngere



This term, 1 GEO engaged in an online consultation with the Auckland Council, alongside Māngere-Otāhuhu Local Board Chair Lemaunga Sosene and Deputy Chairperson Tauanu'u Bakulich. The Zoom meeting was held so the students could give their input to the 30 Year Plan for Māngere. The students enjoyed the meeting and felt that their voices were considered for the future of Māngere.

**MC SCHOLARS  
HOMEWORK CLUB**

Meet Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Library 3.30 – 5.00pm for extra support with your school work, starting term 2.

## NEW Sustainability Course

**Our new Sustainability course has gotten off to a great start this term.**

We have been investigating how our values and behaviours have an impact on the future. One of the things we have been looking into is the chocolate trade. We all like chocolate right!? Did you know that most of the cocoa beans we eat come to Aotearoa from West Africa? There are some amazing groups such as Kuapa Kokoo who treat their workers well and pay a fair trade premium, then there are others who are not as

ethical. We have been learning about these groups and how our actions in Aotearoa have an impact on people in Ghana.

Our next big project is looking at how we can make our college and community, Māngere more sustainable. How can we enhance our environment, culture and/or economic outcomes? These are the big inquiry questions we will look at in term 2. We have been conducting audits looking at waste at MC and how we can

encourage recycling, proper disposal of masks and how can we live by Respect and Responsibility, so watch this space!

- Mr Rasmussen



## Te Ara ki te Whare Wānanga: MENTORING PROGRAMME



This year we have a new mentoring programme starting at Māngere College. It is funded by the University of Auckland and is called Te Ara ki te Whare Wānanga, which means the road to further study. 56 students from years 10 to 13 have been selected for the programme and

our main objective is that students leave Māngere College at the end of Year 13 with a university entrance qualification. Our first meeting was a success and we look forward to working alongside our students in the programme throughout the year.

- Ms Ma



A few of our Year 13 students are taking a Business of Tourism course with International Travel College, every Monday they head off to learn at the campus located in Botany.

One Monday, they were out and about doing a scavenger hunt around Auckland Domain with other students from James Cook High School and Howick College.



## IT Workshop for our Cook Islands students



A group of our students had the opportunity to attend and participate in an IT workshop run by Remojo Tech, Recycle-A-Device and Tei Mua Tatou ARU for Cook Islands students in March.

They spent the day learning how to take apart, rebuild and restart preloved laptops. The laptops they worked on were then delivered to them and the students went home happy with a laptop each.

Please congratulate them for their hard work and effort:

Genesis Poko  
Makarini Puirī  
Tai Puirī  
James Dean  
Tereapii Mani  
Merita-Jade Tuakore

If you know of any Cook Islands students who may be interested in the next workshop

Please send them to D10 or email Ms. Rapuani Wade.

## Shared Kai

A new menu for shared kai will be coming out in term 2, provided by local company FED, so keep an eye out for these changes.

Each term a survey is sent to form teachers for their classes to provide

feedback on the meals they receive each day.

If you would also like to provide feedback, please email reception at [reception@mangere.school.nz](mailto:reception@mangere.school.nz) with the subject line: 'Shared Kai Feedback' and let us know how your child is finding it.



MC Media kicked off towards the end of term.

Our first event to capture was the Po Karioi at the



Mangere Arts Centre. MC Media is open to all students who are interested in photography, film, journalism, social media etc. Meet every Thursday Break 1 in the H Block Hall.

- Ms Latif, MC Media Tutor



The MC Media Crew (Caylis and Miracle) for the Cook Islands group Po Karioi at the Māngere Arts Centre.



## PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE 2022

This year we look forward to hosting our annual Performing Arts Showcase at our very own MC Auditorium.

We have a specialist staging company coming in to transform our Auditorium into a stunning theatre space for our students who will be performing at this exciting event. This year's showcase will feature music, dance, and drama, and will be a reflection of the creativity and vibrance of our talented young performing artists. The Showcase will be in Term 2, Week 7, with shows on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th June. Tickets will be \$10 each and will be available from the school office next term.



**Performing Arts Department** L-R: Emily Heeney, Ben Euden (HOD), Christine Lee, Alexander Upokokeu-Henry (front)

## Library



**New Librarians (L-R):** Silone Leatioo, Sumaiya Mohammed, Shaziyana Shafeez, Ehsan Ahamadi, Caylis Masinamua.



**Due to COVID restrictions, the library was not able to open at lunchtime until Week 9.**

It is fantastic to be open again at lunchtime for our students. We have four new Librarians (top left) and there are others who are still training.

We recently purchased the

board game Scrabble. There is a buzz in the library every morning. I join in and later in the morning another student takes my place. The students, and I, have a "brain tuning" every day. If you feel like a challenge, please feel free to pop in and have a game.

*- Pauline Kumar, Librarian*



**GIRLS PREMIER VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Our Girl's Premier Volleyball team have had another successful season this year with many great results. Well done to Coach Nancy Palelei and Manager Ms Tualaulelei and the girls for their hard work.



Congratulations to Hosking Viniki for becoming a finalist for the Māngere-Otahuhu Junior Sports Awards of the Year in Tag and Touch with Counties Manukau Sport.

## AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

## MĀNGERE COLLEGE SPORTS



**GIRLS TEAM 1**



**BOYS TEAM**

### FINAL RESULTS:

**Girls A:** 8th in Div 1

(2 wins, 4 losses)

They qualify for Premier League again next year.

**Girls B:** 2nd in Div 3

(4 wins, 1 loss)

**Boys:** 5th in Div 2

(4 wins, 1 loss)



**GIRLS TEAM 2**



# Physical Education

Junior students have been participating in athletics events such as sprinting, throwing and jumping. (Pictured right)



## NEW PE UNIFORM



Our new PE uniform is looking great and students feedback is very positive. Just a reminder that the PE uniform is compulsory for all year 9 students. It is available from the stationary shop.



Level 1 Physical Education classes went to the driving range on Wednesday 6th April to learn how to play golf. This was part of their work looking at engaging in high levels of participation in a range of different activities and what factors influence us to participate. The students all had a go at using drivers as well as wedges and were able to hit the ball out towards the 100m mark. It was great to see so many students enjoying a new activity.

# TERM 2 CALENDAR

### WEEK 1

- 2 May
- 3 May
- 4 May **Board of Trustees meeting**
- 5 May
- 6 May

### WEEK 2

- 9 May
- 10 May **Worldvision Youth Leadership Conference**
- 11 May
- 12 May **Y11 NCEA Level 1 Hui**
- 13 May

### WEEK 3

- 16 May **Teacher only day**
- 17 May **Market Day Year 12 BIZ**
- 18 May
- 19 May **2SUS trip to Kelly Tarltons**
- 20 May

### WEEK 4

- 23 May
- 24 May
- 25 May **Board of Trustees meeting**
- 26 May

27 May

### WEEK 5 - SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

- 30 May
- 31 May **APOPs Ensemble Visit 1**
- 1 June
- 2 June
- 3 June

### WEEK 6

- 6 June **Queens Birthday**
- 7 June **Market Day 2 - 12 BIZ**
- 8 June
- 9 June **Parent/Student/Teacher interviews 2.30 - 7.00 pm**  
School finishes 1.40 pm
- 10 June **Parent/Student/Teacher interviews 9.00 am - 3.20 pm**

### WEEK 7 - PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

- 13 June **Performing Arts Showcase internal rehearsals and setup**
- 14 June **Performing Arts Showcase internal rehearsals and setup**
- 15 June **Performing Arts Showcase rehearsals, matinee performance and evening show 1**
- 16 June **Performing Arts Showcase rehearsals, matinee performance and evening show 2**

17 June **Junior Career Expo Year 9 and 10**

### WEEK 8

- 20 June
- 21 June **YouDance 2022 at Māngere Arts Centre**
- 22 June **YouDance 2022 at Māngere Arts Centre**
- 23 June **YouDance 2022 at Māngere Arts Centre**
- 24 June **Matariki Holiday**

### WEEK 9 - BRAINWAVE YEAR 9 DENTAL PLANET ONSITE

- 27 June
- 28 June
- 29 June **Board of Trustees meeting**
- 30 June
- 1 July

### WEEK 10 - COMPLETION WEEK BRAINWAVE YEAR 10 DENTAL PLANET ONSITE

- 4 July
- 5 July
- 6 July
- 7 July
- 8 July **Last day of term**