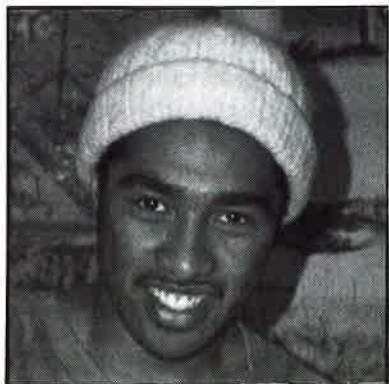




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Principal's Report

Kia orana, Talofa lava, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Ni sa bula, Namaste, Greetings to all. It is always a very sobering experience at this time of the year to ask oneself, 'where did the year go?' and 'what have we achieved?' For senior students facing external exams and for staff preparing students for them, the final weeks are frantic and little time is available to reflect on the whole year. Given time however, it is very heartening to go back and see that we have achieved a lot.

This year began on a high note with the Art Department celebrating the success of Toni Gillbanks' Top Scholarship Award for Bursary painting and the equally impressive showing of the School Certificate Art candidates. Mr White, through his enthusiasm and leadership, has helped many a young artist over the past twelve years and while his new appointment at the Auckland Institute of Technology will be a great loss to us, we wish him every success in his new role. Staff movements this year saw the return of Mr Hodge from his overseas experience in England, the arrival of Mr Samu in Physical Education and the retirement of Mrs Caroline Walker from our resource room after eleven years of service to the College.

Mr Blake will be joining his family in Tauranga for 1993 and I take this opportunity to thank him for all his efforts as Sports Co-ordinator at Mangere College over the past three years. He will be sadly missed. Mr Allsopp is moving to Hutt Valley to continue teaching and follow business interests while Ms Nicholls returns to Australia to family and old friends. Both these people have contributed a lot to the life of this College, we are grateful and wish them every success in their new positions. Ms Herries will be on leave travelling overseas in 1993, Ms Blackwood will be on maternity leave for the year, while Ms Maskell returns after a term at home with her new baby son.

The school year was not without its sadness with the passing away of Mr Laurie Barson who served the Technical Department for years and the tragedy of Danny Sekona's death in May. These are never times we enjoy yet we can derive comfort in reflecting how the

members of this College supported the families in their loss and remember all the happier moments when they were with us.

1992 saw the election of the second Board of Trustees for Mangere College under Tomorrow's Schools. I thank the old Board members for their interest and support of the College, especially Chairperson Mrs Arapera Royal Tangaere for her time and help.

A warm welcome to Mr Danny Winterstein as new Board of Trustees Chairperson and thanks go to the new Board for their interest



and support of the school this year. Collectively we have achieved a lot this year but the challenge for now and for future years is to help everyone achieve to the limit of their ability while maintaining the spirit of friendship and co-operation which is the special feature of this College.

In conclusion I thank all the staff and support staff for their efforts this year, wish all exam candidates success in School Certificate and Bursary and ask that those of you who are leaving school to enter the workforce, or continue your studies, do not forget our motto, Do your best and 'Seek the Heights'.

May you all enjoy a happy festive season.

A.P. Vaughan (Principal)

Taniela Sekona - 1976 - 22nd May 1992.



Ko e matāpulé'ni, koha taha fotu malimali mo fofonga fiefia he taimi kotoa pe. 'Oku'ne manako ki he faka kaunga tamaiki pea na'e 'ofa'i i he taha kotoa pe 'i he 'api ako 'ni. Oku 'oatu foki heni' e mau pōpōaki fie kaungā mamahi mo e fāmili kae'uma 'a e maheni moe kainga na'a nau va ofi mo e tokotaha 'ni.

'I he taimi lahi na'a mau fe'ao mo Danny na'a mau fu'u feongoongi 'aupito. 'Ofa pe Ke i ai ha 'aho te tau toe fakataha ai mo koe Danny.

Ko Sesu na'a 'ne foaki,

Ko Sesu kuo 'ne to'o.

'Oku tau kei fakamālō lahi ai pe 'i he huafa 'a Sesu.

" Toka'I He Fiemalie. "

Danny Sekona, also known as Nela (which is short for his Tongan name Taniela), was a friendly and outgoing person who mixed with all different ethnic groups. Students at school say he smiled all the time which is their strongest memory of him. He persevered in the Tongan group because he loved his culture.

Danny's priority was to save money to pay for his flight to the USA so that he could see his father. He didn't want his mother to have all the burden of paying for everything. He was a generous person who gave his sister \$20 every week, from the money he earned by working part-time in a bakery.

The very day he died he had bought a jug for his mother and family. The jug represented his love and was his last communication with his family. Unfortunately, its first use was for the mourners after his death.

He enjoyed going out with his friends, but his main aim was to get home early for work the next day. One of his close friends said, 'he was a caring person because he took care of his friends who had no place to sleep.'

All those who knew Danny will miss him very much, and will always have fond memories of him.

God brought him into this world and he took him back again, but still we are thankful for the time we had with him.

Monica Foliaki Henry

Board of Trustees

1992 has been a significant year for the first Board of Trustees elected under Tomorrow's Schools. It saw the completion of three years of change in the management of schools and brought into focus the need to look closely at what we are doing to improve the education of our students. The outgoing Board can take satisfaction in the knowledge that the facilities in the college are better now than they were three years ago, and in the area of financial planning/management we have come a long way in developing systems which allow us to get maximum benefit from the funds entrusted to us.

I thank the first Board of Trustees for their effort in supporting the interests of the school and pay tribute to past Chairperson Mrs A.Royal Tangaere, David Aretere Student Representative, Mrs Ah Sam Staff Representative, and Trustees Mrs D.Robson and Mr G.Andrews for their service to Mangere College. The new Board of Trustees is thankful to retain the services of Mrs D.Parsons and Mrs S.Galo while gaining the experience of Mr G.Rapana from our community. We welcome Mr Vautier as Staff Representative and thank Andrea Bakulich for her contribution this year in representing the students.

Professional development in 1992, one of our key objectives for the year, saw many staff sent on courses including conferences in Australia to better equip them to provide for the needs of our students. Of particular note was the initiative to train eight staff in the area of reading development across the curriculum. This will be an ongoing project and will result in the further development of curriculum materials appropriate to the needs of our students.



The Board is fortunate to gain the services of the new chairperson Danny Winterstein.

Special tribute goes to Mr Max White for his tremendous successes in School Certificate and Bursary Art with Toni Gillbank's Bursary Scholarship. His contributions to Mangere College over the past twelve years have benefitted many students and we wish him every success and fulfilment in his new position at Auckland Institute of Technology.

Mr White is highly respected as an Art teacher, being one of the country's best. He will long be remembered by staff and students as a true professional and a trusted friend.

The Board wishes to thank all staff for their efforts and enthusiasm in supporting the many endeavours of our students this year. The success of our students in sports, cultural and academic areas is something we all share and derive strength from.

Much has been achieved in the past three years but we look forward to further improvements in the future.

D.Winterstein
Chairman