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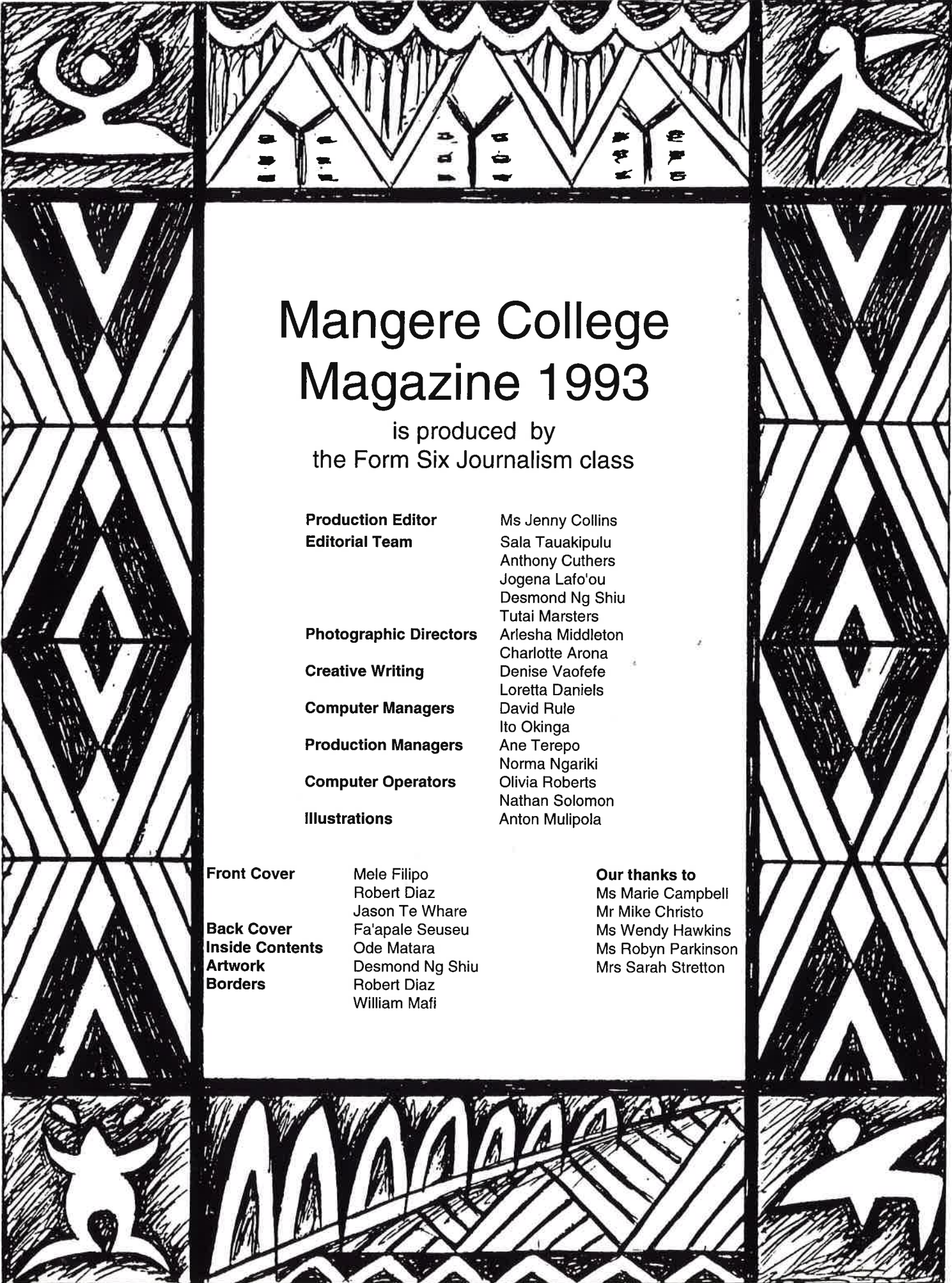
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Principal's Report



Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e Lelei, Greetings to All.

This year has been an exciting and challenging one for staff and students alike. There have been many difficult changes and pressures in the community over the last few years and these have been visited upon the education system. However, one thing that has not changed is the importance of education. While the daunting monster of unemployment is such a big issue the only solution to be offered to personally escape its clutches is to 'gain a high level of skill'.

To this end it is pleasing to see so many students at Mangere College continuing to strive for academic excellence. The large number of students who move on from the school and successfully take their places in institutions of tertiary education is a very encouraging sign for all. This year, as in the past, the quality of candidates for the Johnson Wax and the ten school scholarships is very high and choosing the recipients has been a difficult task.

The students of the College have excelled themselves in other enterprises as well as in the classroom. Vocal Five featured in a television docu-

mentary about acappella groups which brought their talents to the attention of the nation and to the many overseas countries to which the programme was sold. The Journalism class won the highest award with their Front Page entry in a Newspapers in Education competition. Henry Tuipea received critical acclaim in the national press for his role in the major professional drama production 'Think of a Garden.' Not to allow the students all the glory, Mrs Ah Sam was feted for her performances in Pacific Theatre's 'The Contest' which ran to full houses in Auckland and Wellington. This year's production 'Project Nyne T-3' was very enthusiastically received and continued the fine tradition of Mangere College shows.

In sport the college saw a large growth in the number of students' participation in organised competition, the ninety strong athletics team that went to the Manukau Championship being but one example. There was regional success in a range of sports as different as table tennis and wrestling and including rugby league, netball and basketball.

In all their efforts, both in the classroom or outside of it, the students have been extremely well served by a dedicated teaching staff. Tribute must also go to the work of the ancillary staff and to the Board of Trustees and their most supportive Chairman, Mr Winterstein.

For all the students who are leaving school this year we hope that what you have learnt at the College will stand you in great stead for the future. We all have the capacity to do better but the real challenge for all of us is to sustain high levels of excellence in all that we do. In this way we will be best placed to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. Good luck to all for the future and may you all enjoy success and happiness.

A.P. Vaughan (Principal)

Board of Trustees

Greetings, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e lelei, Ni Sa Bula, Na Maste, Talofa Lava In presenting this report I formally acknowledge the contributions made by teachers, ancillary staff, members of the Board of Trustees, parents and pupils. Their determined and invaluable efforts contributed most significantly to the successes of the school.

This year has been a very busy one for all staff and trustees. There have been numerous policies put in place and changes made throughout the school, to continue its efficient and effective operation. The Education Review Office visit in May proved a very useful exercise for the school with the feedback ensuring the Trustees and school are following the correct procedures.

The response to a community survey which was sent out proved worthwhile and assisted the school to keep going in the right direction for students and community. Community meetings have already taken place, and valuable suggestions have been made to ensure that the school provides the best education for the children.

An attendance officer, Ms Caroline Fanamanu, has been employed to assist the Deans in their fight against truancy and so far the results have proved positive.

A strong feature of the school programme is the opportunity for all children to participate in specialist areas of the curriculum such as computing, choir, drama, music, cooking, clothing, woodwork, art, craft and physical education. The school also has a very proud sporting record. As well, the establishment of different cultural groups promotes cultural identity among the students and involves parents in the school.

Mangere College is fortunate in having dedicated teaching staff who provide a very sound education to the pupils of this college. On behalf of the Board



of Trustees I would like to extend our gratitude for their wonderful efforts. Considerable efforts are also put into pupils' social, emotional and physical development. I would like to make special acknowledgement here of the support staff whose hard work often goes unnoticed. My thanks to Jocelyn Maitland, Pat Nicholson, Sarah Stretton and to the ground staff. Thanks also to Ms Janet Sickler, our Executive Officer, who works tirelessly for the school.

The physical environment of the school has been enhanced through the efforts of the staff, children, caretaker and cleaners, and the probation service which has been very worthwhile, and saved the college money.

The Board operates in close liaison with the Principal. I wish to thank the Principal for his dedicated service and the hard working Trustees for their continued co-operation and commitment to the school.

Soifua - Ia Manuia le Kirisimasi ma le Tausaga - Fou.

**D Winterstein
(Chairperson Board of Trustees)**

Student Representative



Talofa lava. Yet another school year comes to an end. Being a student representative this year has been a challenging experience for me personally, not to mention its exciting and interesting aspects. Attending seminars and the various conferences of student representatives has given me a much wider understanding of how the system works. I was amazed at how much power the Board of Trustees holds.

Meeting the Board members wasn't as hard as I'd expected and I enjoyed the friendly family atmosphere I found. Ideas and opinions were freely expressed. I would like to thank Mr Vaughan and a big "Fa'afetai" to my main supporter and adviser, Mr Winterstein, for making me feel at ease and welcome.

During my time on the Board, I discovered that there is a lot of positive feeling and a feeling of independence. Then you put this feeling into practice by communicating and sharing with the

students their different opinions and ideas. I found myself in return, a feeling of fulfilment and respect from people around. I developed a different character as I formed relationships with the students. It's funny, being a student, you can only do so much. No matter how ridiculous some requests were when received, I still had to voice it to the Board. Being a student representative means being the students' voice no matter what - students named it. I said it!

Another interesting part of being a Student Representative is being on the student council. I'd like to say thanks for supporting our students, which was demanding, councillors. Sometimes things were a bit impossible but they hung in there! Thanks Guys! Tumeke work councillors!

It has been a great experience and an honour to be the Student Rep of Mangere College this year.

Students of 1994, take heed of the position, changes and challenges. Think seriously of the position. I found that the job wasn't glamorous. It was fulfilling and that was enough to last me a lifetime.

From your student representative - all the best for the future, I love this school! I enjoy being a part of this school! So let nothing stand in the way! Stand firm with pride!

Tofa Soifua

Allan Alo

Student Leaders

Tena koutou , tena koutou , tena koutou katoa. Ko Kiri Waetford taku ingoa, e tu nei i mua ia koutou katoa. E tuku atu nei ite reo mihi - ki o tatou Tumuaki - Mahita-ote kura o Mangere College. Mo tenei honore nui - kua homai nei ki ahau . Hei "Kai Arataki" mo koutou katoa ano hoki e awhina mai nei. No reira tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatau katoa. Kaati nei ano naku na.Kiri Waetford.

To be appointed as Student Leader for 1993 was a great honour. As a third former I was always too shy to speak in front of an audience and I never saw myself holding the title of head girl. However, as I progressed through school, I became more confident and now I don't have a problem speaking.

For the past five years I have represented the school in various sports teams, which were successful and enjoyable. Last year I was fortunate enough to be involved in the Mayells High School Business Challenge. Through this challenge, it enabled me to get to know many teachers and students and also gave me a chance to do something for the school which has offered me so much.

I would just like to thank all the teachers and students who have helped me this year and given me their support. To the student council, who had a few hard times, thank you for your commitment. Last but not least, all the best to the seventh formers and good luck in the careers you choose to do.

Ka kite ano

Kiri Waetford

It was a great honour to represent Mangere College as Student Leader and I know that this school has given me the best five years of my schooling career. Taking on this responsibility has been a new experience for me and there have been moments



when I just wanted to hibernate in Siberia for a few hours of peace and quiet, but I believe that I was able to do something for this school, though it might have been trivial or unimportant and this has given me the greatest honour and satisfaction.

The School Council has been inspirational in helping to make decisions. We've had a lot of fun preparing socials and especially the school ball and for that I thank them for their assistance and wise judgements. I firmly believe that without the school council there would be no student leaders.

I would like to thank Mr Vaughan and the staff for all their help in giving me advice about what to do in my role as student leader. Thanks also to Kiri, our other student leader for showing me the way and for her dedication and spirit. To my parents thank you for your encouragement and support in reminding me of my Samoan culture and identity. To the students of Mangere College, you are the best. If nothing else I want to leave you with this: Never limit yourself in what you can accomplish, for nothing is impossible. Have a great year.

Tofa Soifua

Fa'apale Seuseu