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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Tony Vaughan ended his Principal's Report in the 1995 magazine by noting that Mangere College had served its local community for 25 years. The College celebrated its Jubilee just before I took up my position as the school's new Principal.

I have taken over as Principal in a school with a proud past, an exciting present and an optimistic future. I came to Mangere College from the Education Review Office, and before that worked as an Inspector of Secondary Schools. I had spent eleven years visiting schools. I had been into many very effective schools and some poor schools. Based on my past experiences it is very obvious that Mangere College is an effective school and would hold its own against any school in New Zealand.

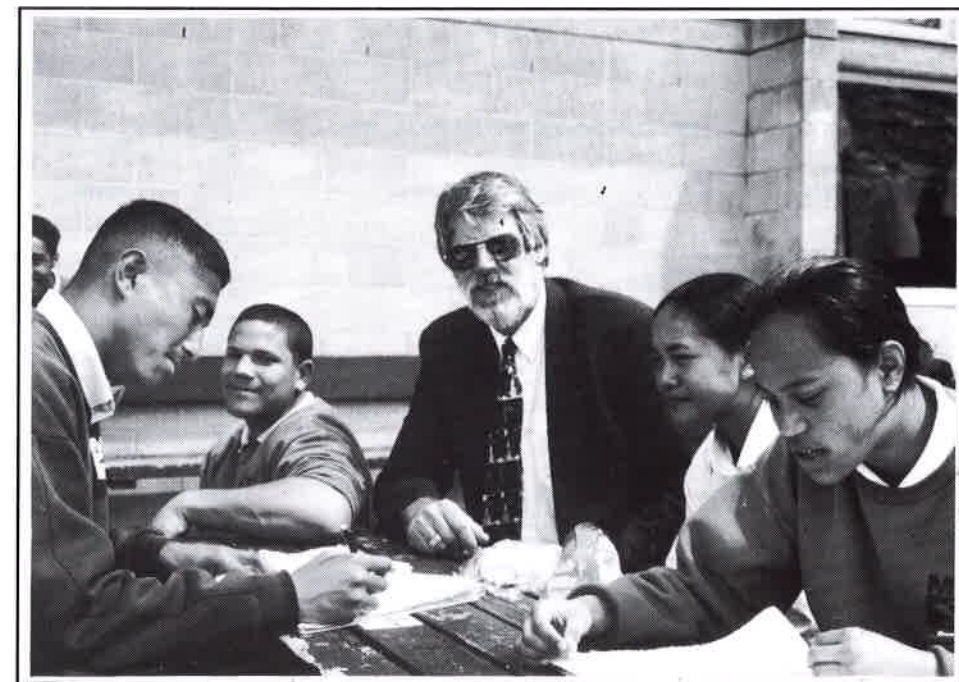
Mangere College has two great strengths - its students and its staff. Visitors to the school often comment about the open, friendly and sincere interaction that occurs between students and staff. This is what makes Mangere College so special to me. It is also why staff have a real loyalty to the College and why our students inevitably turn out to be thoroughly nice citizens who look back on their school days with affection.

This year has seen Mangere College singled out for special recognition. We were one of seven schools who became part of the AIMHI Project.

This is a Ministry of Education initiative designed to give Maori and Pacific Island students a better educational deal. The College was also invited to be one of five pilot Project K schools. This project will provide selected students with exciting opportunities and help them achieve their full potential. The talents of staff have also been recognised. Mr Mohan Patel is one of a select handful of New Zealand

land teachers who were awarded a Sir Woolf Fisher Trust Scholarship in 1996. This is a very prestigious award. It will allow Mr Patel and his wife to travel to Australia next year to visit schools and other educational institutes.

Mangere College heads into 1997 confident that it is providing for students of all abilities in many different ways. Next year there will be opportunities for students to study for a wider range of Unit Standards on the National Qualifications Framework. Our Outdoor Education and Physical Education programmes will be enhanced by an indoor rockwall that has been built in the school hall. 1997 will see over 300 Year 7 and 8 students from four local primary schools visiting Mangere College each week



for their Technology education. I would like to wish all students who are leaving the very best for their future careers. I hope all students and their families have an enjoyable Christmas and that 1997 will be a good year for you all.

Ron Pedder

BOARD REPORTS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1996

One of the most significant events of 1996 for Mangere College was the appointment of our new Principal, Ron Pedder.

For this Board, which had never experienced the process of selecting a new Principal, it was a very involved learning experience. The Board felt the decision it made was very important for our school, and wished to be very thorough in carrying out all the correct steps to ensure the best applicant was selected.

The Board was pleased that teachers finally received some recognition in the form of a wage increase this year. Although there were some disruptions to parents and students the end results were positive. Hopefully future developments will encourage teachers to stay in the profession.

The Board of Trustees is encouraged by the implementation of a 'Strategic Plan' and new financial procedures for budget holders. These procedures are imperative for our school to progress into the 21st century.

Finally, the Board of Trustees would like to convey its appreciation to both support and teaching staff who make up an excellent working team for the betterment of our students.

Hopefully the Board and staff will work together in 1997 to make Mangere College the best school in the country.

Janet Sickler
Board of Trustees Secretary

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Talofa Lava! E muamua lava ona ou fa'afetaia le Atua ona o lona alofa tunoa ma lona agaga lelei, ua ou aulia mai ai lenei tausaga - 1996.

Being Mangere College's Student Representative on the Board of Trustees has been an extraordinary and challenging experience. I have managed the position well this year and I have thoroughly enjoyed voicing the students' opinions. I now have a much wider perspective of how the school system works. The Board of Trustees has helped me a lot by making me feel at ease and supporting what I had to say.

Being a part of the Council team has been a blast. Our focus was on the students of the college and their needs. For instance the Smokefree Week; the purpose was to stress how smoking is bad for the body, and to help those who wanted to

stop. We worked well as a team to make school facilities better for the students of the college.

Working with the student leaders has been an experience I'll never forget; setting up activities for the students, and organising social events.

The school ball was a huge obstacle to overcome, the selling of the tickets, promotions and renting of the property. The ball was a success, everything went to plan and everyone enjoyed the night.

Student Representative is a position with a lot of responsibilities. It is a demanding job. You must be self-motivated and positive about what you do and how you do it. It is not all fun, you have times when you must be serious. I feel being Student Representative has taught me a lot of independence and self confidence. Learning to be yourself and not someone else is the best lesson of all, not having to worry if you're doing too much or too little. It is great being able to speak among a group of adults and know that you are respected.

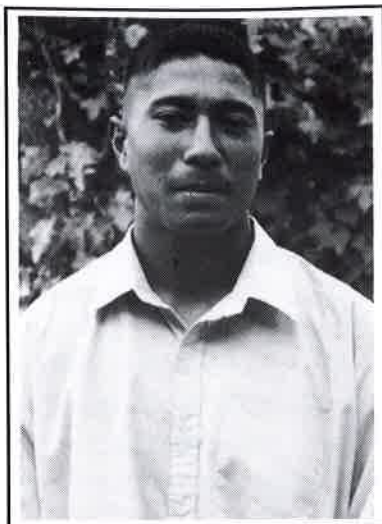
I am more aware of what happens around the school, and it has taught me how to address matters in a mature and responsible way, not being scared to speak out on what I believe. In a lot of ways, it may even have made me wiser... but I'm not too sure. What I do know is, what you put in is what you get out. Give everything 100% and then you'll achieve what you have set out to do.

I would like to send a special 'thanks' to those who trusted and supported me. Two special friends have helped me a lot through times of need, and without their help and support, I wouldn't have done so well. Thanks to Andrea Tamahaga and Zedrick Pulemoana, New Edition - B.B.D. crew.

Remember "stand firm and stand tall, be proud and never let yourself down".

"Seek the Heights" and live life to the fullest.

Fa'amoana Falepau



HEAD GIRL

Talofa Lava

It was a great honour and privilege to become Head Girl of Mangere College. This year has been a challenging and busy year for the 1996 Student Leaders but we have shown that we were a highly motivated, dedicated and extremely capable unit.

In the five years I have been at this college I have been fortunate to learn many valuable skills and gain knowledge and wisdom from the staff and students. Not only has this school enabled me to grow academically, it has taught me to grow as an individual.

The beginning of 1996 went fairly quickly. The Student Leaders and the School Council worked very hard throughout the year, determined to make school socials, the Smokefree Week, Talent Quest and last but not least, the most memorable event, the school ball, a success, which they all were. I would like to say thanks to all the School Council members, and the Student Leaders for their assistance and courage to see their ideas through to the end.

This year was certainly a learning experience for me. Often there were times when I found myself with more on my plate than I could handle. These included representing the school and organising school activities and functions, as well as holding a part-time job, but somehow it all balanced out.

I would like to thank the Principal, Mr Pedder, for his support, and particular thanks are due to Ms Potter and Mr Patel, for their support, their views and opinions and their listening ear, and all the teachers and staff who helped me through this year.

To all my friends, thank you for your warm support, and finally to my fellow students, Faye, Kris, Binita, Rapuani, Mose and Richard, thank you for your honesty and assistance. Without your help I would never have made it.

To all the students of Mangere College, take pride in the school motto "Seek the Heights" and you will succeed in everything. Take the challenge.

Ia outou faamalosia, ma ia faamanuia le Atua ia te outou uma, ia manuia taumafaiga mole lumana'i. "God Bless you all."
Tofa Soifua

Tepatasiane Pomare



HEAD BOY

Being the 1996 Head Boy of Mangere College has certainly been a dream come true. It was an objective that had been at the back of my mind right through my secondary school years. For me it has been an honour and a privilege to take up this very important role in the school.

The year's work has been a very challenging experience for me. Often there were times when the responsibilities seemed overwhelming, but somehow I managed to find solutions for each situation.

The fifteen 1996 Student Leaders and the School Council have been valuable assets to the school because of their effort, motivation and commitment to carry out duties and the organisation of events such as the school ball, socials, talent quest and helping out with the school's 25th Jubilee. It was a very busy year for everyone, but a rewarding one.

I would like to thank Mr Pedder for his support of all the student leaders and the school council members. With this support it was easier to harness their contribution and dedication to events and meetings.

Many special thanks are also due to our co-ordinators, Mr Patel and Ms Potter, for their support and assistance throughout the year.

I would also like to acknowledge the teachers who supported us directly with encouraging comments so that we were all able to develop, no matter what our chosen path in life might be.

Mose Savea

