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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

There is not sufficient space in this report to give due recognition to the initiatives and achievements of our students or to acknowledge the commitment of Mangere College teachers and support staff. I have attempted to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of students and the contributions of staff in the monthly Mangere College Newsletters.

I have been encouraged by the response of students and their families to the newsletters. I believe that they are helping to make MC students realise that it is cool to achieve and that all students can achieve.

1997 has been a good year for Mangere College. The college has strengthened its links with other schools. A key initiative has been the introduction of technology classes for Year 7 and 8 students. Each week 300 students from four local primary schools have come to Mangere College to participate in our technology programme. These students have been able to experience four different aspects of technology education, have made use of the school's specialist facilities and have benefited from the expertise of our teachers. Mangere College values the opportunity to work with these young people, many of whom will choose our school for their secondary education. The programme will continue in 1998.

The school has developed co-operative links with the seven other secondary schools that are part of the AIMHI project set up by the Ministry of Education to enhance the achievement of Maori and Pacific Island students. At an international level, Mangere College has maintained its close association with College de Canala in New Caledonia.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the

efforts that Gordon Stuckey has made to find a replacement for the Bader Medal. An article by Gordon in the 1996 Mangere College Magazine explained how this medal had been presented to the College by Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader and how it was stolen from the school foyer in 1988. Regretfully, Gordon Stuckey has not been able to locate the lost medal but he has been able to obtain two replacement medallions from the Sir Douglas Bader Foundation in England. The medallions were formally presented to the school at this year's Senior Prize Giving.

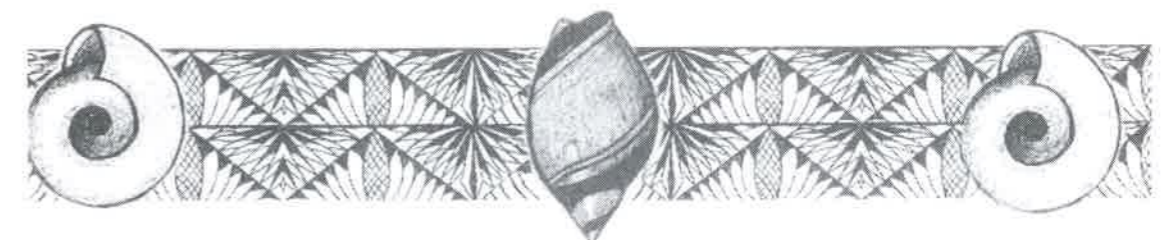
I endorse the statement in this magazine from Board Chairman, David Gock. Mangere College is an outstanding school and should be recognised as a top Auckland school. The attitude and commitment of staff and students will establish the effectiveness of a school.



Mangere College is fortunate to have a team of very effective teachers who have a high level of dedication and students with commitment, charisma and a real pride in their school. Our staff and our students make Mangere College a very special place.

I wish all students and their families a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas and hope that students who are leaving the college experience all the success that they deserve.

Ron Pedder



BOARD REPORTS

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT

On 27 September it was my privilege to attend the Senior Ball. I have never seen a better behaved group of young people. They were well dressed, confident and self assured, they had a youthful exuberance and enjoyed themselves immensely. In short, they were a perfectly balanced group well able to face the adult world. I was very proud in the knowledge that no other college in New Zealand could turn out a better group of senior students than Mangere College.

Earlier in the month, I judged the Senior Speech Competitions. Once again, the standard was very high. I was most impressed with the maturity of thought amongst the speakers and with their ability to deal with controversial topics in public. Whilst I had to pick a formal winner, I considered that all the finalists were winners.

I would like to thank the Principal and staff for their hard work and dedication in turning out so many winners at Mangere College. To see such outcomes must give them much job satisfaction.

Mangere College has a wide variety of cultures amongst students and staff. I believe that this mix of cultures enhances the lives of everyone and properly harnessed, makes all of us richer. As a result I hope that our students are less bigoted and biased towards people of different backgrounds.

On May 23, Ron Pedder and I attended the release of the Strengthening Education in Otago and Mangere Initiatives by the Hon. Wyatt Creech. There have been some delays in the implementation of these initiatives, but Government is clearly determined to help schools improve student achievement. The Board has already done a lot of work regarding these initiatives and will continue to work to maximise the results.

I was co-opted onto the Board of Trustees in March along with Mr Uasi and Mr Mostert. Erica Wilson joined

the Board in June. In May, I was appointed Chairperson, taking over from Betty King who had done an excellent job as Acting Chairperson. Because of other commitments, Betty has since resigned. The Board is now up to strength in numbers, in various skills and in terms of community acceptance. We have had some trustee training and will be receiving more specialist training tailored to our needs. This should result in improved governance of the school.

I would like to thank staff and students for their goodwill and co-operation. I wish everyone the best for the Festive Season and to all the students who are leaving, I wish them every success and happiness and remind them to 'Seek the Heights'.

David Gock
Chairperson Board of Trustees

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Students Representative

Talofa lava Ia manuia outou uma Aua le alofa o le Atua silisili ese

Another year has gone by and it wasn't that long ago I was a young third form Samoan boy at this College.

This is my second year as Student Representative. I should know what it's all about and how things flow... well, yes and no, because times are changing and people are changing too. A lot of what student leaders and school councillors wanted to do weren't really accomplished due to lack of support from the students. That's the truth. Sometimes we weren't perfect but hey, if you want something you have got to support it 100%.

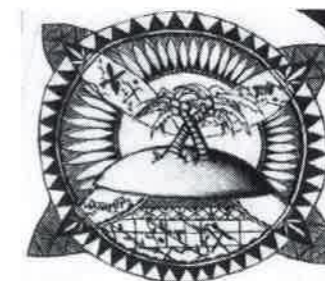
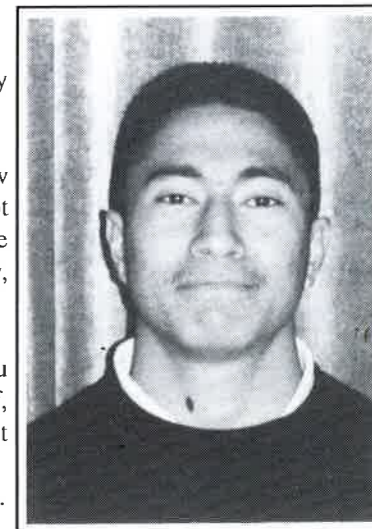
My experience as Student Representative was memorable, it's been a big learning curve. If you want to be someone, if you love meeting people and you also get on well with some of the staff, then I suggest this position is the one for you. Just remember to mix with the students, get involved with school events and get the support of students and staff. You won't really feel you deserve the position unless you make the most of the opportunity.

Thanks to all those who have supported me.

Remember, don't be scared to express yourself. Try new things and keep rising. BE STRONG, NO FEFE!

Tofa Soifua God Bless

Faamoana Falepau



Student Leaders

The Student Leaders of 1997 were a dedicated committee of fifteen year 13 students and two teachers, all striving to lead by example and to make our college a better place.

The role of a student leader is vast: daily duties, weekly discussions, working to bring about positive changes and upgrading school facilities. We were even 'class buddies' to the year 9s - guiding them in the right direction and helping new students and family settle in comfortably.

The leaders also organised the highly successful Talent Quest which raised over \$1000 for the School Ball and for

improvements to the Senior Tukimata.

Common Room. Some new gains were a pool table, an arcade machine and a mural that will be enjoyed by all the students and staff.

Big thanks must go to Ms Potter, Mr Patel and all other staff who contributed to our projects and to the leaders who gave their time and commitment to these events.

Nick Fergusson
Student Leader

