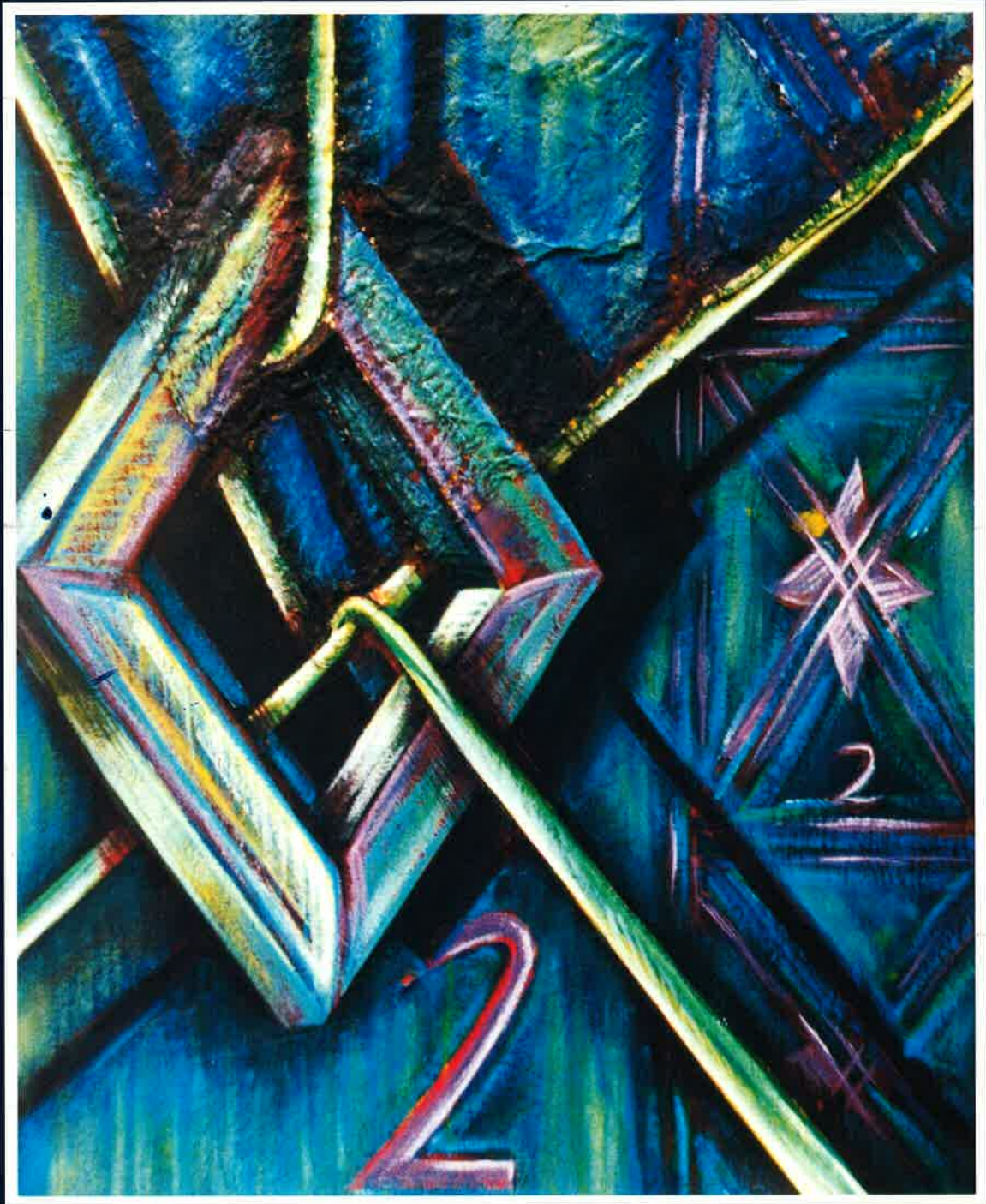


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R Pedder and H Fifita

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# In Memoriam

## Geoffrey Doherty Horne

The way we met was when he introduced us freshmen to the school when we first came. His tall stature, head and shoulders above everybody else, as well as his demanding voice, got our attention and respect.

We all knew that he was a man filled with pride, dignity and most of all a friend to everyone in the school. As three weeks went by he knew everyone's name off by heart.

He behaved like he was back at school acting like a young teenager. We didn't mind that because we really enjoyed having him around. He reminded me of Sean Connery with his white hair, but when we were in class and when we misbehaved, you could see the fury in his eyes, like a tiger ready to jump on his prey, ready to tear it apart. He did not hesitate to tell us off.

He was a good man. The way he looked to me when I first saw him, I said to myself, he's too old to handle kids. Well, I thought wrong. I had said it because I was fooled by his short white hair. He wore small spectacles over his blue or green eyes, I just can't remember which. He had a smile that no-one could resist but most of all, a big heart which loved everything he did, which included teaching at Mangere College.

Well, it's hard to say goodbye to an old friend. When I saw him just before he jumped in his car, I said out loud to him, "LATER SIR", before he went off to the Powhiri.

So now he is gone. He is living a brand new life in a brand new world.

Aiga Malo

## Vao Diana Niumata

In 1997, during her fourth year at Mangere College, Vao Niumata found out that she had cancer. Last year Vao became very ill but this did not stop her from continuing her seventh form studies. Early this year, Vao was told that she wouldn't have very long to live and at 1.00am on 11 March 1999, Vao passed away at Middlemore Hospital.

Vao was a fun person to be with even when she was sick. She acted as if there was nothing wrong with her. Her career goal was to become a primary school teacher, but she realised this would not happen and focused on a life goal to reach her 18th birthday in May.

She was proud that she came from Mangere College. She made heaps of friends with both seniors and juniors at the school. Vao always said that Mangere College was "O for Awesome" and she would do anything to let students from outside Mangere College know about her school. She coached and was captain of the Senior Girls' Kilikiti team in 1998 and at the Senior Prizegiving was a most worthy recipient of the Trish Smith Prize for Courage and Achievement.

Vao was honest, outgoing, confident and very vocal in class. She will always be remembered by her friends and by all those who knew her at Mangere College.

We will always remember you, Vao! Rest in Peace.

Sala loapo



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# Principal's Report

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e lelei,  
Kia Orana, Ni Sa Bula, Namaste, Chao,  
Greetings to you all.

1999 has been an awesome year for Mangere College. Staff and students have been challenged in many ways.

The highs and lows that we experienced in 1999 will ensure that Mangere College heads into the new millennium with confidence and with optimism.

Term one presented real challenges for staff and students. The school agreed, at late notice, to host the ASB BANK Auckland Secondary Schools Maori and Pacific Islands Cultural Festival. The commitment that staff and students made to ensure the success of this event helped the school cope with traumatic term one incidents.

The sudden death of our Deputy Principal, Geoff Horne, on Monday 15 February, stunned the whole school. Geoff epitomised Mangere College in many ways. The school was his life, and he was in his element when he left us: on the marae, surrounded by students, with te reo on his lips.

The memorial service held for Geoff in the school Auditorium was incredibly moving. It provided a fitting tribute to a man who was loved and admired by students and who had a passion for teaching. Staff have missed Geoff's humour, wisdom and his involvement in the life of Mangere College.

The ASB BANK Auckland Secondary Schools Maori and Pacific Islands Cultural Festival provided our students with opportunities to demonstrate their passion, commitment, responsibility and reliability.

Mangere College had hosted the festival in 1977 and it was time for the school to again contribute to this major celebration of Maori and Pacific Island culture.

Thanks to staff and students, the festival was a great success and Mangere College can look forward to hosting the millennium event in March 2000.

A number of local businesses became true friends of Mangere College in 1999. They provided financial assistance to 30 students who were awarded MC scholarships to support their secondary or tertiary education.

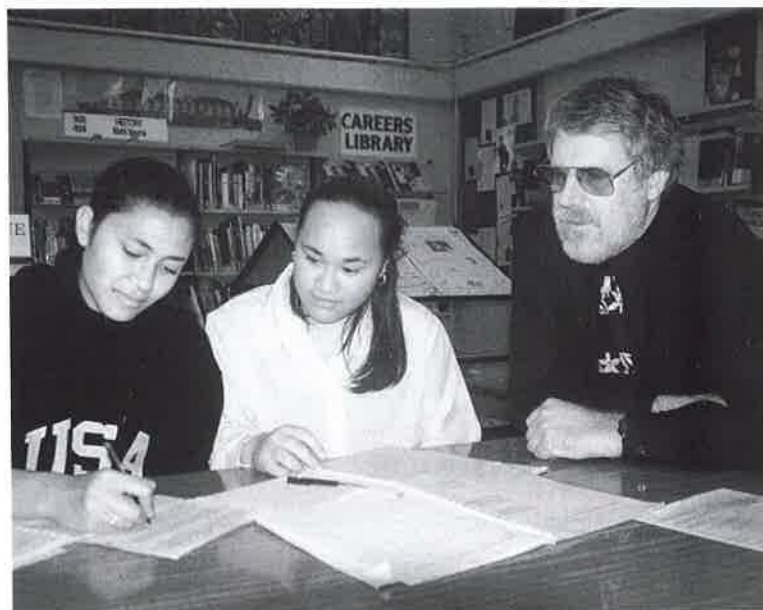
There have been some significant staff changes this year. The Board of Trustees recognised and acknowledged the talents and skills of Mangere College teachers when it appointed Mohan Patel as our new Deputy Principal and made Mele Ah Sam a second Assistant Principal. Mr Patel and Mrs Ah Sam have joined Ms Erickson to provide effective Senior Management support to me as Principal, to MC students and to the school. The Senior Management team looks

forward with confidence to the future.

This year we have seen some impressive achievements by individuals and groups of Mangere College students. This magazine attempts to acknowledge and celebrate these achievements and also capture the spirit and culture of this outstanding secondary school.

Mangere College is unique in many ways. It is a school with pride and passion. Students know that it is cool to be part of MC and staff want to teach here.

Some of the things that make Mangere College so special and so effective impressed a team from the



Education Review Office that visited the school in November. The reviewers noted very high levels of student achievement, excellent teaching, and strong guidance and support provisions for students. They were also impressed by the attitude and commitment of our students and by their pride in their school.

Parents and caregivers should value the reputation that Mangere College has earned. It is a reputation that will help to ensure that their children experience a quality secondary school education.

It is an honour to be the Principal of Mangere College. I value the commitment that staff have for our students. I admire the qualities and attitudes that our students bring to their schooling. Their sincerity and honesty will ensure that they become fine citizens.

I wish all students who are leaving school the very best for their futures and hope that they will look back on their time at MC with affection.

May staff, students, and their families have good health and fortune in the new millennium.

Ron Pedder

# Board of Trustees' Report

The year started on a very sad note with the death of Deputy Principal Geoff Horne. Geoff is sadly missed by all those who knew him.

1999 has been an incredibly busy year. We undertook to host the ASB BANK Auckland Secondary Schools Maori and Pacific Islands Cultural Festival. Principal Ron Pedder and Festival Secretary Adrienne Pedder worked very long hours to organise this event. They were ably helped by many of the staff at Mangere College. The event was a huge success, and the Board is grateful to all staff who were involved. The Board is also proud of the manner in which the students conducted themselves during the festival.

We continued to celebrate successes during the year. Our sports teams performed well as usual. One highlight of the year was the achievement of the Sumo team. It demonstrated that with perseverance and dedication, students from Mangere College can seek and attain great heights.

Early in the year the Art Department held an exhibition at the Mangere Town Centre, with several pieces sold to the public. Later in the year an exhibition was held at the Auckland International Airport, where international travellers were very impressed with the quality of the works on display.

We have recently had an Education Review Office

visit to the school to undertake an Accountability Review. The report on this review is, as expected, very positive. The reviewers found that the tone of the school is positive and harmonious, and that students are loyal to the school. I believe that this finding is very important. It sets the stage for useful learning and for the holistic development of our students.

The Board enjoys a very good working relationship with our Principal Ron Pedder and the staff. This means that staff are happy and able to work effectively, resulting in a good outcome for the students. Certainly, as Chairman, my position has been made very rewarding in the last twelve months and I look forward to serving out the rest of my term of office.

The end of the year always sees a large proportion of our senior students leave the school. It is a time for reflection and it is also time for these young people to move on to the next phase of their lives. I believe that Mangere College has prepared them well for the challenges that lie ahead for them. On behalf of the Board, I wish them every success in their continuing journey through life.

In closing, I wish everyone involved with Mangere College a happy and joyous festive season and look forward to working with you all again next century.

David Gock  
Board Chairperson

# Student Board Rep Report

Kia Orana tatou katoa o i te aroa maata o to tatou Atua.

My name is Toka Rota and I am the 1999 Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. I felt that I had the characteristics to do this job. The obstacles I faced were very challenging but I did not fail to accomplish them. The students' wants and needs were very clear and simple for me to take to the board meetings. The only problem was that the students did not commit themselves to their suggestions. If you feel that you want or need something you must give it 100%.

If you feel that you enjoy going to meetings and love debating with people who argue with you then this job is for you. This is my first year on the Board of Trustees and I feel that I have gained a lot of knowledge. I hope the person who becomes the next Board Representative will experience the joy and fun that I had.

Remember, always seek the heights.

Be strong.

Kia Orana e Kia Manuia.

Tokatema Rota





# Head Girls' Reports

Kia Orana.

Being a Head Girl for MC has been a privilege and honour. I knew the task would require commitment, dedication and hard work. I believed that I had the ability and skills needed for the role.

There have been many challenges this year but the one that I found most demanding was helping to organise the Multicultural Week. I was responsible for arranging the special guests for assemblies. This was not an easy task but it was exciting and an accomplishment to be proud of.

I will always remember being host school to the ASB BANK Auckland Secondary Schools Maori and Pacific Islands Cultural Festival. For three days the staff and students of Mangere College worked extremely hard to make the event successful and memorable. My fellow seventh formers and I were fortunate to be involved in this event since 1999 is our last year at Mangere College.

Christina Nabong has not only been one of my best friends, she has also helped me out this year and stuck by my side. I have enjoyed sharing the role of Head Girl with you, Christina.

Thanks to Head Boys, Inoke and Jerry, who were always there to help me and Chris when we needed it.

To all the staff of Mangere College, especially Ms Potter, Ms Symes, and Mr Tokoma, thanks a lot. I would also like to give a huge thank you to the Student Leaders and 7th formers, especially Laura, Christina, Charlyn, Carolyn, Iva, Sala, Robert and Laura. I love you all and may you all be rich and happy in the future.

I will miss Mangere College. I have enjoyed many things at this terrific school. The future looks bright and I know things will go right in the millennium for Mangere College.

Rest in peace Mr Horne and Vao Niumata, we will always miss you both and you will be in our hearts forever.

Elizabeth Samuel

Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Ni Sa Bula.

Being named as a Head Girl came as a big surprise to me. The role has taught me a great deal and it has been an experience that has undoubtedly prepared me for my future.

The year has been a long and exciting journey with many responsibilities that had to be met. It was good being able to share the load with Elizabeth, Inoke and Jerry.

Mangere College has taught me to achieve my goals by "seeking the heights". It has also moulded me into the person I am today. I have changed from a shy and quiet person to someone who isn't afraid to face challenges.

This year I faced a number of demands in my role as a Head Girl, but the biggest one will be my Bursary Exams at the end of the year. To help meet this challenge I have made sacrifices - less TV and more studying. I know I can achieve my goal of passing Bursary.

Highlights of the year include hosting the Cultural Festival for three awesome days and the harbour cruise, an event that was enjoyed by all, especially the teachers.

I look back with pride on my three seasons in the girls' rugby team. We were placed 2nd last year and won our plate round this year to come 3rd overall.

A person who has always been there for me during my years at school is my mum. She has inspired me to perform to the best of my ability and has supported me at all times.

I don't know what the future holds for me, but I know that furthering



my education is my main priority. For the students returning next year, my advice is to stay in school, study hard and keep off the detention list.

Lastly I would like to thank Ms Potter, Mr Patel and Mr Pedder for giving me the opportunity to be a Head Girl this year. Special thanks to Elizabeth, Jerry and Inoke, all the Student Leaders and members of the Student Council for helping make 1999 a memorable year. We have achieved together. Farewell to the 7th formers, I hope you have achieved your goals. God bless and take care.

Christina Nabong

# Head Boys' Reports

Being appointed to the prestigious position of Head Boy at Mangere College for 1999 was the highlight of my secondary schooling. The announcement of this award left me dumbfounded and I had to keep pinching myself to check that it was really happening.

At this point I would like to thank the Principal, Mr Pedder, the Year 13 Dean, Ms Potter, and Deputy Principal, Mr Patel, for selecting me for this role. I would also like to thank Ms Blackwood and my good friend Francisco Collado. If it were not for their nominations, I would not have become a Student Leader or Head Boy.

The responsibilities that came with the job were very daunting and seemed almost impossible at first. Just one day after my appointment as Head Boy I had to deliver a speech at the funeral service of our beloved former Deputy Principal, Mr Geoff Horne. This was definitely my most difficult task of the year.

Working beside Jerry, Elizabeth and Christina has been a rewarding experience. I could not have picked a more awesome team of leaders. I'd like to thank them all for their ongoing support throughout the year. I wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavours.

As Head Boy I also had the privilege of assisting with the organisation of major events such as the ASB BANK Auckland Secondary Schools Maori and Pacific Islands Cultural Festival, the Multicultural Week, the talent quest and the senior social. These were all successful thanks to the tremendous contribution made by the members of the Student Council and the Student Leaders.

These two groups have worked with maturity and professionalism to address issues and challenges presented by students. I am truly grateful to each and every member of these two groups for making my job a whole lot easier. I thank you.

On a final note, I just hope that I have portrayed the qualities and characteristics of a good role model and a loyal ambassador of the school, and that I have fulfilled all the requirements expected of me as the co-Head Boy of Mangere College for 1999.

Inoke Tauakipulu



It has been an honour to serve Mangere College. As a Head Boy I wanted to fulfil my responsibilities to students and teachers.

This year has been successful and challenging. One challenge for me was to prepare a speech for the Powhiri given to the Education Review Office. The speech took considerable time to make up. This occasion was important and I wanted to do it well. I felt proud that I was representing Mangere College and my Samoan culture. This experience made me a more confident person. The Head Boy position gave me the opportunity to stand up for myself. If I was not a Head Boy I would probably not have achieved this task.

Another challenge which I learnt valuable lessons from was working at the ASB BANK Auckland Secondary Schools Maori and Pacific Islands Cultural Festival. This event was successful because of the team work. Students worked with staff and enjoyed each other's company. I sold festival T-shirts and food, plus entrance tickets. This experience developed my communication skills.

I would like to say thank you to Christina Nabong, Elizabeth Samuels, and Inoke Tauakipulu for their enormous energy in

accomplishing our goals.

A special thank you goes out to Mr Pedder (Principal) and to Ms Potter (Year 13 Dean) for their support and advice. I also extend my gratitude to the teachers for preparing me for future education.

To the students returning to Mangere College, my message to you is; be disciplined and consistent in your learning, work hard to achieve your potential, set good examples and learn from your mistakes.

Tofa Soifua.

Jerry Talisau