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Top: Isopo Molesi Left: Arthur Penaia Right: Kizzy Wade



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Acknowledgements

This year we all tried to be more efficient in the production of this magazine. Despite our best intentions, deadlines were still missed, photos were not taken or they were lost and stories did not get written immediately after an event.

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The Principal's Report

2001 has been another significant year for Mangere College. Outstanding achievements by students have again provided ample opportunities for celebration and many of these are featured in this magazine. These achievements support my claim that Mangere College is a fantastic school, a school where students are taught well and benefit from the total commitment of skilled and outstanding staff.

I was made very aware of the uniqueness of Mangere College, the fine qualities of our students and the power of our staff when I visited a number of schools in England and Scotland earlier in the year. I visited schools that were catering for families who had high expectations for their children but lacked the financial resources of richer communities. All the schools that I visited were working to provide a quality education for their students, but often they were not fully staffed and their students did not always have the maturity or motivation that characterises most MC students.

I returned to New Zealand and Mangere College confident in the knowledge that we are indeed providing a world class education and that the majority of our students are outstanding, totally dedicated and aware of the important role that they will play in the future.

The celebrations of 2001 were offset by some sadder moments. For Mangere College the most devastating of these were the fires that damaged the school on two evenings in September. Arriving at school to the sight of fire-ravaged classrooms shocked us all. The three teachers whose rooms were destroyed and the students who lost work in the fires were devastated. All students and staff were outraged by the mindless destruction. Thankfully police were able to identify the culprit and the staff and students of Mangere College have been able to again focus on education.

The success of a school is judged by the success of its students, but the achievements of staff are also important.

Last year Mike Christo gained the ultimate accolade for teachers, a Woolf Fisher Fellowship, and is off to Australia to visit schools and art museums early in the new year.

Students know that Stevie Somner is a special teacher. Stevie's talents have also been spotted by



educationalists and for the second year she has been a member of a team assessing School Certificate Design Technology in schools throughout Auckland. This year Gordon Stuart has also been asked to join a Design Technology Assessment team as an observer.

Mangere College teachers are very aware of the need to keep up to date with effective teaching strategies. Uma Singh has spent 2001 on study leave improving her knowledge on how to effectively provide an education for students who do not have English as their first language. Jerry Lane and Erica Wilson have been awarded study grants in 2002.

The commitment of the community is another measure of an effective and successful school.

Mangere College is fortunate to have the loyal backing of the parents, families and businesses of Mangere. Our scholarship scheme is well established and has provided financial support to over 100 students. The links with local businesses are also providing some unexpected spin-offs for our students. Last year Regency Duty Free presented a scholarship which paid full tuition fees for Daniel Tafao at The International Travel College of New Zealand. We continue our association with the Airport Company and this year, for the third year in a row, the school was invited to

exhibit student art at the Auckland International Airport. This provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the artistic talents of our students. Dick Hubbard continues to support students but he has also financed two scholarships for Outward Bound courses each worth \$3000 and has insisted that they both go to Mangere College students. Jim Alexander, who established a great relationship with the school as Police Youth Worker, is now with Yellow Ribbon and has also arranged Outward Bound scholarships for our students.

It is nice to have friends like these.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for their commitment to the school and our students. Thanks also to parents for supporting your sons and daughters during these very important years in their life and finally, thank you to all students.

To those who are leaving school, good luck and best wishes for the future. Set challenging goals for yourselves and always Seek the Heights.

Ron Pedder



Board Chairman's Report

Mangere College is a school that turns out achievers. When I joined the Board of Trustees five years ago I had no idea that this was the case. Over the years I have seen our students achieve in very diverse fields indeed. The achievements of the students of Mangere College will become apparent as you leaf through the pages of this magazine.

It is my opinion that the standards of achievement of our students have reached a new high in the current year. The calibre of the students cannot be adequately described in mere words. One needs to experience first-hand the maturity and confidence of the senior speech competitors or attend the School Ball to appreciate the standards that the students themselves have set.

I am proud to be associated with Mangere College.

Obviously we need students with talent to achieve such high standards. However, raw talent needs to be nurtured. At Mangere College we are very fortunate to have dedicated teachers who are very good at bringing out the best qualities of the citizens of the future. I would like to acknowledge and thank every one of them.

You will be aware that Secondary School teachers took industrial action recently in support of their claim for improved conditions. The Board of Trustees supports their claim. We believe that in order to continue to recruit and retain high levels of quality teachers in New Zealand secondary schools and to recognise workload issues of secondary teachers, a favourable solution to their employment claim needs to be found.

In closing, I wish you all the very best for the festive season.

David Gock
Board Chairperson



Student Rep's Report

My name is Lina Tuiga and this year I had the opportunity to take on the role of Board of Trustees' Student Representative. It has been a steep learning curve for me because I was only appointed to this position in the middle of the year. It is a responsibility that I have taken seriously.

My main duties as the Student Representative were to be a spokesperson for the students of Mangere College and to raise their concerns and issues with the Board of Trustees. I worked alongside the Student Council in order to find ways that we could further improve the conditions for students.

Although I have served in this role for only a few months, the job has been rewarding and has given me experiences that have helped the school and will undoubtedly benefit me in the future. Furthermore, I feel I have developed my personal skills by assisting students and have also contributed to an important community group.

Leaving Mangere College will be one of the hardest things I will face in my lifetime so far. Without a doubt I will take with me memories of great lessons, happy occasions and celebrations. Mangere College has given me the determination to work to my full potential in order to accomplish my goals.

I was privileged to have great supporters. I am thankful to my peers, the Student Council, Ms Potter, Mr Pedder and especially Ms Harris who, as staff representative, made sure that I was on track. I thank my parents for their constant support. I owe them everything.

I wish all the students of next year good luck in their studies and also wish the next Board of Trustees' Student Representative every success.

God Bless
Tofa Soifua
Lina Tuiga



Head Boys' Report

At the start of the year I didn't really think about becoming Head Boy. I guess I was still buzzing over being a student leader. I was honoured to be selected as a Head Boy and enjoyed working with the other Heads: Georgina, Siuila and Don. They were fine people to work with.

2001 has been another successful year for Mangere College. For the third year in a row the school had an art exhibition at the the Auckland International Airport. This was great for the school. The School Council week was very successful as we raised money for the Kidz First burns unit at Middlemore Hospital. My thanks go to the Student Council for that. The school talent quest and school ball also turned out to be huge successes and without the hard work and efforts of this year's Student Leaders none of this would have been possible.

To the future Mangere College students, I wish you all the best in the years to come in whatever you choose to do. To the staff of Mangere College, please keep providing students with quality teaching.

To my fellow year 13 students, may you succeed in whatever you choose to do in the future.

During my five years of schooling at Mangere College I can truly say that I've had the time of my life and I know that there will always be a part of Mangere College in me.

Kia Orana e Kia Manuia
Seek the Heights
Ben Murare.



My life as Mangere College's Head Boy. Hmm...what can I say? I can tell you one thing. It was hard work and it started from day one.

The first term was the most demanding. It was hard because I had to welcome new enrolments to our wonderful school. This experience helped me understand what teachers go through each day for five days a week. Thank you to my Year 9 buddy class 9My who were awesome and didn't give me and Alapina too much trouble.

I will remember the 2001 School Ball for years to come. A night of fun and laughs. Guys dressed in suits and girls dressed in pretty, long dresses, candlelit tables and an 'all you can eat' dinner. How could anyone ever forget a night like that? It was hard work organising such an event, but the Student Leader team did an excellent job.

Sadly, a great year is coming to an end. I know I would not be who I am if it were not for other people. Firstly, thank you to Ms Potter, Mr Patel and Mr Pedder who were there for us Student Leaders if we needed their expertise. Thanks to my colleagues and may God be with you in whichever path you choose to go down in the future. It was a honour to work with you all. To the Year 13 students, thank you for the mocks and laughs we have had for the last five years and good luck for the upcoming exams. Thank you to my family for giving me the courage and confidence to go for what I believe in.

To the rest of the school - it is sad that I have to go but that's life and I know you will miss me but you all just have to let me go!

Peace and love
Don Aue



Head Girls' Report



Talofa Lava!

The year has been a long, hard and exciting journey with many responsibilities, requirements and expectations that had to be met. It was hard balancing schoolwork with sports and extra commitments. I learnt the value of prioritising, which enabled me to complete the year with fun and laughter.

I would like to thank my co-Head Siuila for making the job a lot easier. Thanks to the Head Boys, Don and Ben, for always helping me, the 'little one'. Thanks to the Student Leaders and Student Council for the effort they put into making the Talent Quest, Kidz First Appeal week and the 2001 School Ball successful and memorable events.

I would like to acknowledge the following people I have respected over the years and who have been a part of my life: my whole family; Fred and Fa'asega, my parents, for their unconditional love and support, Selaima Tulai, Louise Jacobs, Elizabeth Potter, Mele Ah-Sam, Ron Pedder, Mohan Patel, Charlie Keung, Isabel Leefe and Sharee Sauni for their encouragement, support and advice.

A special thank you to soul sisters Lina Tuiga, Salome Afu, and Malaina Vaotua. I could never have done without your words of wisdom and the fact that you guys were always there for me. Remember friends are forever, but sisters are for life.

I have been inspired by the MC teachers. They have made this school a success.

I hope the students of Mangere College will continue to work to fulfil their hopes and dreams. Remember, life is a challenge, so compete with the Mangere Spirit and your pride will soar like the seagull.

God Bless.
Tofa Soifua.
Georgina Manuele

The year 2001 has been immensely rewarding to me as a Head Girl. My leader responsibilities have been demanding but I believe one of my primary functions has been to study hard and work towards my goals.

On reflection, the achievements of this year's Student Leaders and Student Council have been awesome. We have worked to introduce a greater range of tuck shop food, suggested how the school might better cater for students during wet lunch times and made all students aware of the risk of burns during our Student Council week. We hosted yet another entertaining talent quest and organised a memorable senior school ball.

I would like to acknowledge my parents and family for their never-ending support and assistance. I thank members of the 2001 Student Council for their hard work and commitment. I praise the teachers highly and deeply appreciate the support supplied by Ms Potter, Mr Patel and Mr Pedder. Many thanks to my co-Heads Georgina Lesa, Don Aue and Ben Murare and good luck to all seventh formers. May you prosper always.

To the students of tomorrow; you hold the key to your own success. I challenge you to seek that lofty mountain of success now, as the view from the top is the best. May the force be with you!

Siuila Mafi

