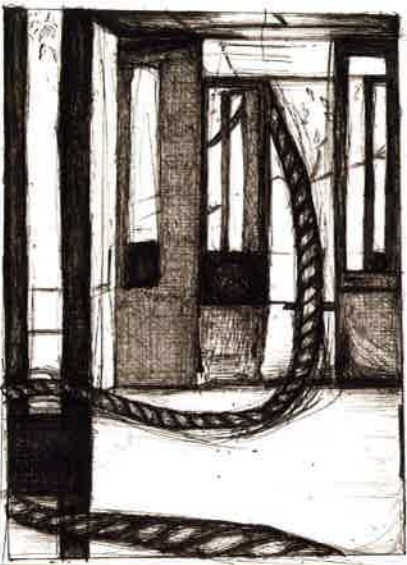


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## Quality Education for the Students of Mangere

The 2005 yearbook started off with a hiss and a roar with a committed team of six senior students. This editorial team conducted interviews and wrote the articles. The biggest challenge to the chain of production was meeting deadlines. Another factor was ensuring that the editorial team balanced their study and extra curriculum commitments along with completing the stories. To this end, I want to say thank you to the editorial team for their unwavering faith to this project. Also, Thank you to the teaching and ancillary staff involved in this year book.

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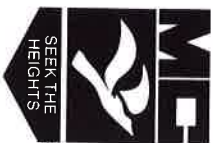
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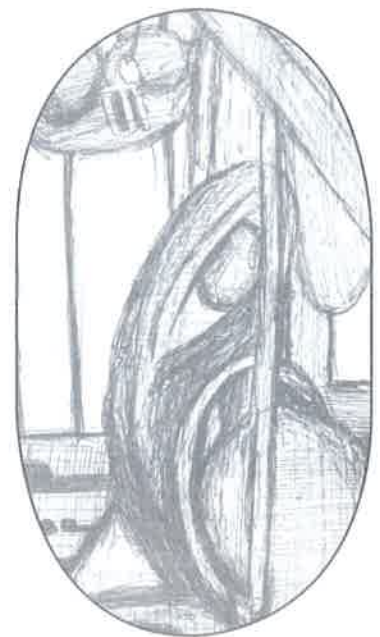
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I wish to take as my theme the vision statement from the Mangere College Charter which says: *Excellence in education for the students of Mangere.*

I do this because 2005 has been an exceptional year for the variety of activities in which our students have excelled.

The year got off to a superb start when we learnt that Ruth Pouli, our Head Girl in 2004, had been named as the top scholar in New Zealand in Samoan language in the 2004 Level 3, NCEA exams. It was with a great deal of pride that Mrs Ah Sam and I accompanied Ruth and her family to Government House in Wellington to support her as she received her honour from the Governor-General.

However just as in previous years it was the overall achievement of the senior students in the 2004 NCEA that continued to please us.

In 2004 we had set ourselves the target of reducing the number of senior students who achieved fewer than 42 credits in a year. In 2003 37% of our senior students had achieved fewer than 42 credits and we were delighted to find out at the beginning of this year, when the results came through, that we had met our target when only 30% of the 2004 senior students achieved fewer than 42 credits.

Further to this we had set ourselves another target of increasing the number of our senior students who achieved a National Certificate. We had set ourselves the target of 41% in 2004 and we were delighted to find out that the students actually achieved a 48% success rate. When we broke this down even further we were very pleased to find out that 80% of our year 13 students in 2004 achieved a National Certificate.

We have been saying for many years that the longer a student stays at Mangere College then the greater the opportunity becomes for success and we now have the data that proves this.

To all you seniors today I put out the invitation that if you are not happy with your results when they come through next January you need to remember that you are welcome to return to MC to gain the qualifications that you need, and do remember that courses at MC are basically free and so cost much less than bridging courses at either University or a Technical Institute.

Before I leave the academic achievements of our 2004 students I do wish to report that once again when the national data is looked at on an ethnic basis we are gratified to see that our Maori and Pasifika students continue to out-perform their ethnic cohorts in the rest of the country. This means that when our students wish to gain Merit or Excellence in their NCEA we know that in most of the curriculum areas they stand more chance of gaining this at Mangere College than at other schools in the country.

In the varied areas of extra-curricular activity we have again had a wonderful year:

### *In Sport:*

- The Senior Boys Kilikiti team were finalists in their grade.
- In Waka Ama – all our teams were finalists – and the boys and mixed team ended up as champions in Auckland, and the boys' team went on to be finalists at Nationals and the mixed team also became National Champions.
- Our Senior Premier Girls' Volleyball team came 4th in Auckland and went on to become Division 2 champions at Nationals.
- At this point in time our Junior Premier Girls' Volleyball team has won all their games and are now playing in the Auckland championships.
- Our Girls' rugby team ended up as plate champions, our U15 Rugby team were championship semi-finalists, and our 2nd XV became 2B champions.
- Our U19 Girls Basketball came 2nd= in the Manukau competition.
- The Premier Netball team came 3rd in the Manukau competition, and the Year 9 Netball team were Manukau Champions.

It is quite exceptional for a school of our size to be able to boast of achievements such as these. These results bear testimony to the sporting talents of our students, our staff, and the wider Mangere Community who all work together to ensure this level of success.

In music our solo contemporary singers Sarah Palenapa, Peter Alova and Melaia Ofaahengaue came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Manukau Secondary School Performing Arts Awards, and our contemporary band of Siosaia Folau, Jessie Te Weehi, Christian Tuimauga, Mike Frost and Joshua Rako came 1st.

In visual arts Vaomalo Uimaitua won the Konica Minolta Secondary Schools Art Exhibition, and it was his and other arts' students' work from 2004 that was used by NZQA as the national exemplars of achievement, merit and excellence at level 2 Practical Art. Any art student in the country attempting level 2 Art has Mangere College student art work as their models of excellence. Further to this Vaomalo was later approached by NZQA for one of his art works to be used as the image for the NZQA 2005 Christmas Card.

In dance our Hip Hop group were Manukau Champions and finished 3rd in the National Bring it On competition.

At the beginning of this year we again were delighted with the number of our students who celebrated their cultural heritage in the Festival. Our Niuean, Tongan, Samoan, Cook Island and Kapa Haka groups were wonderful ambassadors for the college.

For the first time our senior catering students entered the National Secondary Schools' Culinary Challenge and Natasha Vailua and Maria Vaimasenu'u were awarded Bronze Medals for their efforts.

And in the last school holidays a number of our senior students took part in the Plantation Business Challenge, sponsored by both MIT and AUT, and the team of Laila Turner, Munesh Naidu, Beverly Papeau, and Maria Vaimasenu'u each won \$2,000 scholarships for their efforts.

On Monday of this week we were delighted with the presentation of a First Foundation scholarship to Lameko Laa of year 12. While we have had students shortlisted in the past for this award Meko is our first recipient. He now receives mentoring and holiday employment for the next four years as well as all the costs of his undergraduate degree.

And all of these achievements were the result of the students and the staff of Mangere College working together to achieve excellence.

Health continues to play a central part in our role as a secondary school in South Auckland. In particular it has been a pleasure to see the increasing role that our Student Health Council has played. The Health Week in Term 3 was a great success with the only negative being the fact of the poor weather. It has also been gratifying to see the way that Auckland University has worked with the Student Health Council to commence the work on Living 4 Life, an obesity prevention project; in particular I wish to acknowledge the work that Jody Warbrick from the Auckland University has done with our students. Paralleling this has been the work that the Diabetes Projects Trust has initiated with our year 9 students, and here I wish to acknowledge the work that Lama Saga and his team have carried out.

We have also been pleased to continue the refurbishment of the teaching and learning conditions at Mangere College. As a consequence of Student Council recommendations we finally completed a concrete path from the back gate across the field at the beginning of this year. Then in Term 2 we began the modernisation work on many of the H Block classrooms. This work went very smoothly and it is a pleasure to now have 6 brand new classrooms to complement the new classrooms in S block. We are now hoping to be able to continue this work over the next few years as we make our way around the other blocks in the school.

It is important that I acknowledge those colleagues that are leaving us at the end of this year. Ms Flawn is taking a break from teaching and her presence in the PE and Health department will be missed. Ms Aukuso has taken a management position at Robertson Road School and we wish her every happiness as she returns to the primary teaching service. Ms Ikimotu is leaving us to further her academic qualifications and we look forward to following her achievements with interest. Ms Reisima has resigned from her position as HoD PE and Health in order to go travelling for at least the next two years. We thank Ms Reisima for her work with the students of Mangere College and we will miss her presence in both the gym, the classroom, and the staffroom. We also farewell Mr Filo from his role as student mentor and also wish him success in his future endeavours.

As I have said before the only way that we can achieve our vision of Excellence in education for the students of Mangere is to make sure that staff and students have every opportunity both inside and outside the classroom to work together to make this happen.

I thank both the students and the staff of Mangere College in 2005 for taking these significant steps towards achieving our vision, and I look forward to 2006 as we take our next steps towards Seeking the Heights.

It is almost a decade since I became a member of the Board of Trustees of Mangere College. In that time I have seen enormous changes within the school. One of the initiatives that has had a profound effect on teaching and outcomes at Mangere College has been the work of the AIMHI Forum (Achievement in Multicultural High Schools), which is currently celebrating ten years of making a real difference to the High Schools of our area.

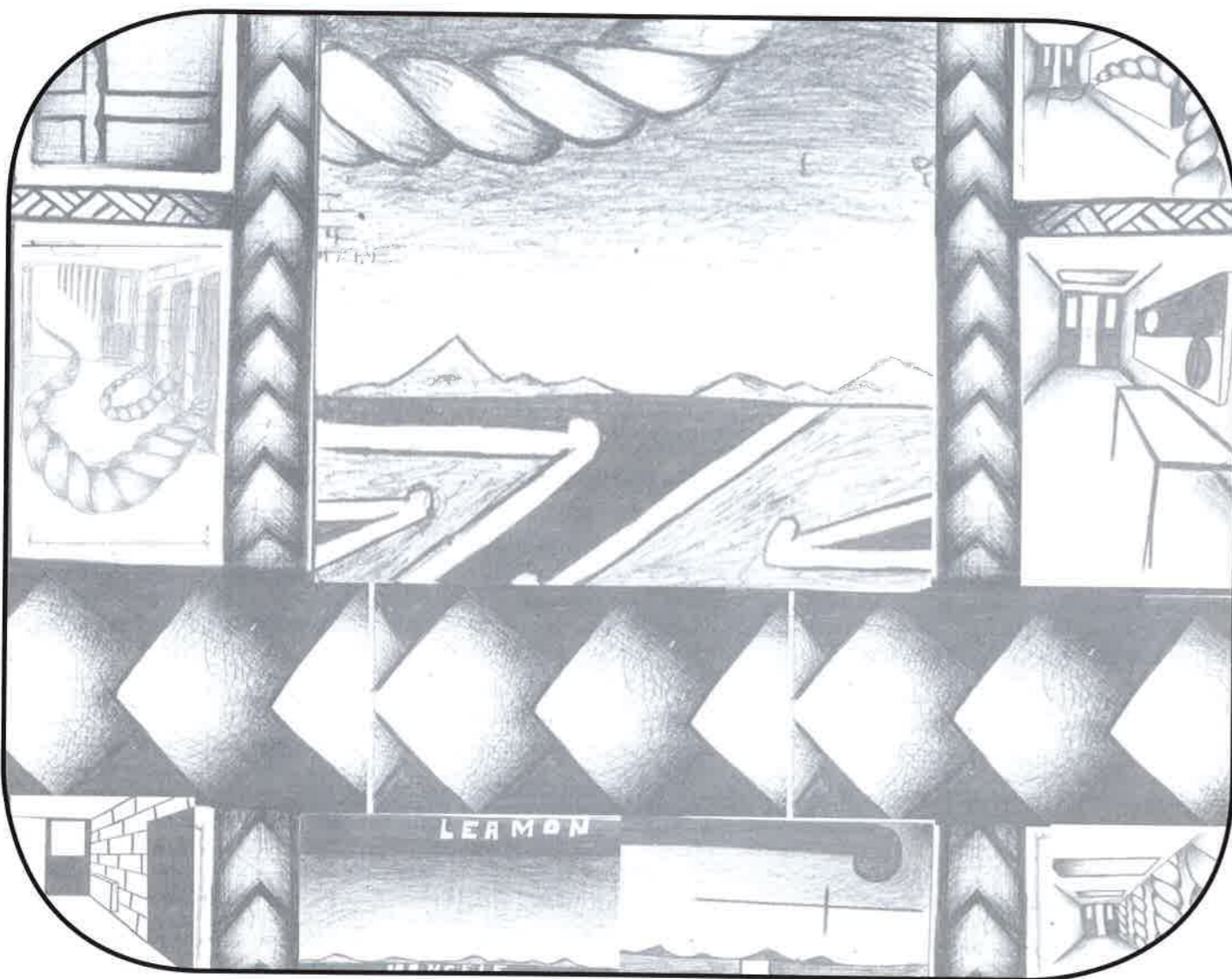
When I became a Board member, there were a number of teachers on the staff who had given many years of service to the students of Mangere College. Many of these are still dedicated teachers at the school. Teachers leaving often do so to further their careers or to travel overseas, while some others reach the end of their working lives and retire. I would like to thank all members of the current staff who continue to work tirelessly and in unison for the betterment of our students.

The performance of schools is monitored by visits from the Education Review Office (ERO). We are expecting a visit from ERO early next year and as Chair of the Board of Trustees, I look forward to this as I am sure that we will continue to receive good reports.

It has been a real joy working with the present board in the past year and I am sure that the next year will be just as rewarding. Whilst we have dedicated people already serving on the board, we are always looking for people with an interest in the welfare of our students who are willing to join the board. Accordingly, I invite anyone who is suitably qualified to contact me through the school.

It is my privilege to wish you all the best for the festive season on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Mangere College.

*David Gock – Chairperson*



A squad of three associates consisting of Maile Molia, Poimasitina Lematua-Motu and Samisoni Tike represented the Kingdom of Tonga at this year's Mini United Nations Association held at Auckland Girls 'DOROTHY WINSTONE CENTRE' on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th June. Maile played the role of the Princess of Tonga, Poima her security guard and Samisoni the Cabinet minister.

Our team had a huge advantage because Maile and Samisoni's mother tongue language is Tongan and they were able to articulate some of our remits in Tongan. The traditional dress was also easily accessed. Delegates were required to wear the traditional clothing of their represented country. Our team wore black on Friday due to the death of one of the nobles "Vaha'i" in Tonga, and we were paying our respects by wearing black and the traditional waist mats. Poimasitina being of Samoan descendant learnt to put on a Tongan waist mat and familiarise herself with the Tongan Language.

The preparation was made before the Conference for remits. Mr. Edwards assisted our topics and content and was also our driver for the two days. We spoke on remits about the "International authority under United Nations" direction being established to regulate the international trade in human body parts and facilitate stem cell research. The United Nations is calling upon all members to refrain from the practice of 'out sourcing' work to less developed countries in effort to reduce world poverty, and 'Global warming being recognised as the most serious environmental issue facing the planet

and measures are identified to reduce the threat'.

Tonga was part of the Asia Oceania block which meant we sat with representatives from countries like New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Papa New Guinea to name a few.

The Mini United Nations Conference enabled the participants to experience speaking to a large number of people and to use the knowledge we had in History to direct our perspectives on specific topics. Debating skills in addition to both listening and communicating skills were used during this two day event.

Delegates were not allowed to stand up during a discussion. We found that note passing was an ideal way to pass on messengers to allied countries.

This event was an entertaining yet an educational practice for the three participants. We like to encourage more Mangere College students to take on their debating skills with communications skills and take part in events such as the Mini United Nations Conference.

We would like to acknowledge our thanks to Mr. Edwards for facilitating and encouraging us to play a part in such a memorable conference

*Maile Molia*

