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The Principal's Report



For four years now I have been taking as my Prizegiving theme the vision statement from the Mangere College Charter which says: *Excellence in education for the students of Mangere.* But what makes 2006 special is that this year we have been confirmed in our work by the Educational Review Office whose officers met with us in the first week of Term 2. We found this visit to be of great use to us as it confirmed the work that the college does day in and day out. I would like to now read some extracts from this report:

Mangere College is a co-educational secondary school that provides well for its students. It places strong emphasis on ensuring that students receive a high standard of pastoral and health care so that they are better able to progress their learning and achievement. The college has an attractive, welcoming environment... (and) ... a friendly, settled tone. Students are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the school and have opportunities to take on a variety of leadership roles. Many are actively involved in one or more of the college's many cultural, sporting or performing arts groups. Interactions between teachers and students are mutually respectful and classroom behaviour across the school is of a high standard.

Achievement information shows that overall the college is performing ... above expectations for schools of a similar type. ... achievement rates are above decile and/or national norms in subject areas such as visual art, languages, health and physical education. Pacific students generally achieve well compared to their counterparts in other schools... Teachers show commitment to the school's strategic priority of literacy learning and have responded well to professional development aimed at increasing their knowledge of successful literacy teaching strategies. ...

The board continues to serve the school well. Trustees give high priority to supporting students and teachers. Since the 2002 ERO review they have continued to develop self review so that board decision-making is closely aligned to identified student needs. Considerable energy has also been invested in further improving the school environment for students and teachers. These improvements include the establishment of a student services centre, ongoing upgrades of classroom areas and computer resources, refurbishment of the library, improvements to some teaching resource areas and the construction of new student toilet facilities. The board continues to

meet its obligations to the Ministry of Education in relation to annual target setting and reporting on student achievement against these targets.

Now if this is not Excellence in Education for the Students of Mangere then I do not know what is.

At the beginning of this year we were pleased to discover that 73% of year 13 in 2005 managed to complete a National Certificate. However we still do not think that this is good enough and we have continued to work hard on student achievement this year. Alongside this work we have also been carefully tracking student attendance and we continue to be frustrated by the high levels of absenteeism shown by some of our students. We know that we have effective teaching programmes in place but if a student is not at school then no matter how effective a teaching and learning programme is it will fail. We need the support of the whole Mangere College community to get the message out to every family that full attendance and success at school are inextricably linked.

From the recently released Benchmark Indicators the Ministry of Education reports that school leavers with little or no formal attainment from Mangere College compare favourably to school leavers from other co-educational schools in New Zealand. Only 16% of our school leavers in 2005 left with little or no formal attainment in comparison with 14% nationally. Now we would all hope that every one of our school leavers would leave with some qualification but we take some hope for the fact that we are so close to the national figure in this area.

The college also received a formal Managing National Assessment report on our systems for awarding national qualifications. The Commendations make for very re-assuring reading:

Mangere College teachers are commended for the manner in which they are responding to the challenge of raising their students' achievement.

Students are treated equitably and fairly... teachers are now planning assessment programmes and using assessment methods to avoid predictable failure and help students gain the best results they can...Administration processes are thorough and are ably led by the Nominee.

Again the whole Mangere College community should take pride in the fact that the college has had its assessment processes officially ...



scrutinised and has come through with flying colours.

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

Our Year 9 Netball team was 1st in the Manukau zone and 3rd in the Counties-Manukau Championships, the Year 10 Netball team was 2nd in Manukau zone play and 2nd in the Counties-Manukau Championships, and our Premier Netball team was 2nd in the Manukau zone and 4th in the Counties-Manukau Championships.

The 1st XV were co-winners of the 1B subsidiary championship. Four players from this team were also selected for the Auckland Under 18 division 1B team: Va'asili Maiava, Bob Matai'a, Richard Moalaeua, and Vili Tuungafasi. And from the Under 15 team Makoni Pole was named an Under 15 Representative Development Player.

Our U15 Girls Basketball team were Counties Manukau Division 1 Champions

Once again I need to remind us all that results such as these are quite exceptional for a school of our size and the 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 the Manukau Secondary Schools' Performing Arts Awards our solo contemporary singer Vae Alova came 1st, our Contemporary Group The Awesome Foursome comprising: Siosaia Folau, Belgium Tuatagaloa, Mikato Fa'avae and Nerony Malama came 2nd, and our Dance group the Funky Munkeys comprising Simone Nimo, Leroy Lepou, Tom Palu, Leamon Ikitule and Jack Petero were placed first.

Once again our Hip Hop group performed with passion and skill and were both Manukau and National Champions in the *Bring it On* competition.

At the beginning of this year we again were pleased by 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.

Early in November we were delighted with the presentation of our second First Foundation scholarship to Teraireia Wohler of Year 12. Like Meko Laa last year Teraireia now receives

mentoring and holiday employment for the next four years as well as all the costs of her undergraduate degree.

Our Student Health Council has continued to play a central role in the work of health promotion within the college. This came to a climax in late Term 3 when representatives from the Health Council joined other students from the Living 4 Life Project to present to representatives from the World Health Organisation who met in Auckland. The other highlight in health for the year was the awarding of a Bronze Heart Beat award to the college for our work.

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

Our refurbishment of the facilities at Mangere College has continued apace and all the plans are in place for work to commence on the refurbishment of T Block and sheltered seating for students by the tuck shop. We have also confirmed the future work on the refurbishment of the Music Suite and of the Administration Block. I also need to acknowledge the financial assistance provided by two local trusts: The Papatoetoe West/Mangere East Educational Trust and the Mangere Bridge Sports and Cultural Society which allowed the college to fully refurbish the school swimming pool.

It is important that I acknowledge those colleagues that are leaving us at the end of this year. Mrs Singh has resigned from the college to allow her to pursue a new career path. Ms Strickland is taking leave to allow her to travel overseas and we look forward to welcoming her back to MC in 2008. Ms McLeod is taking maternity leave and we wish her a smooth transition to parenthood and also look forward to welcoming her back to MC in 2008. Dr Peter Bray our Guidance Counsellor leaves us to take up a tertiary academic position. I also wish to take this opportunity to formally farewell Mr Gambolati who left us after the end of the school year in 2005, to take up a teaching position at UNITEC, and Ms Girdhar who left us at the end of Term 3 to take up a HoD position at McAuley High School.

The college community was saddened at the beginning of this year when a long time friend and supporter of the college Mrs Elizabeth Ellett died. In recognition of her long association with the college we will continue to award the Elizabeth Ellett Prize for Meritorious Achievement as a memorial prize. Elizabeth was a woman of boundless enthusiasm and ...



I am completing a decade as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees at Mangere College and this is my final report for this term of office. Elections for office will be held next year and it will be good to see fresh faces on the Board. If you are at all interested in becoming a trustee, please contact the school. We all have useful attributes, talents and experiences that are valuable to the board. Most of all, we need people with a caring attitude and a desire to see "Excellence in Education for the Students of Mangere".

Being a Trustee requires regular attendance at paid meetings. Appropriate training will be provided so that trustees can make meaningful and sometimes tough decisions from an informed position. There is work involved, but the real reward is the joy of seeing students succeed and excel in their endeavours. This is well exemplified at the senior prize giving when those students achieving well are recognized and valuable scholarships are announced.

Earlier this year we were saddened by the passing of Elizabeth Ellett, a good friend of Mangere College for over 30 years. Mrs. Ellett always attended the senior prize giving and it was such a joy to see her every year. Indeed it was an inspiration for me to continue to serve on the board. A very large sum of money has

been bequeathed to the Mangere College Board of Trustees from her estate to provide for scholarships from the income. We are very grateful for this wonderful gesture.

This year also saw a scheduled visit from the Education Review Office. These visits are often viewed with anxiety. This is the third visit that I have been involved with as chairman of the Board of Trustee at Mangere College and I approached it completely at ease because I was confident that the school was performing well. My view was shared by the ERO team, so we can now move forward in the knowledge that we are on track to further improve the lot of our students.

I have had 10 very satisfying years serving on the board. There have been many changes in that time, however, the stability of the staff and the number of staff who have given long service to Mangere College is something of which we are very proud. In my view this stability has been invaluable for the students of Mangere College.

I would like to thank the Principal and all the staff and the members of the Board for their support during the past year and look forward to working with them for the remainder of my term of office.



The Four Principals

We were indeed fortunate that the three past principals of Mangere College were able to attend the senior prizegiving. We have captured this occasion for posterity.

Left to right:

- Mr Ron Pedder (1996 - 2003)
- Mr Tony Vaughan (1989 - 1996)
- Mr John Heyes (2003 -)
- Mr Ivan Armstrong (1971 - 1988)

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energy for whom her family was extremely precious, however her interests extended far beyond just her family and reached out into many other areas of human activity. We trust that all future recipients of the Elizabeth Ellett Memorial prize will continue to display all these positive qualities that made Elizabeth such a special person.

I thank the total community of Mangere College: the staff, the students, and the families of the students for their constant work in allowing us to live our school's mission statement of Excellence in Education for the students of Mangere. These are not hollow words but the reality of our vision, and I look forward to 2007 as we continue to Seek the Heights.

Celebrating over 30 years of dedicated service to Mangere College

Early in 2006 the College, along with the Ellett family and an enormous number of people from the community, mourned the passing of Elizabeth Ellett. It is my pleasure in this magazine to place on record her passing, and to pay tribute to her contribution to the College community.

The Ellett family are very much an 'old' Mangere family having started farming in the district in the 19th century. They could perhaps have been forgiven for viewing the arrival in Mangere in the 1970's, of so many state houses and a flood of so many diverse ethnicities with some suspicion, even distrust. Never for a moment, not Elizabeth.

Although her own children, were or had been at Aorere College, Elizabeth welcomed the new Mangere College with open arms. She served on the Board of Governors. She became actively involved in the daily life of the school, by volunteering to help students with learning difficulties. She attended every prize giving in the history of the College save for one year when she was overseas. She presented the prize she donated for "meritorious service". She became a much loved member of the College family.

Glenys Erickson, herself now retired after 34 years as Assistant Principal at the College.

"Words cannot express the admiration that I had for Elizabeth,she was both a friend and an inspiration. She was always positive in her outlook, had a lovely sense of humour ..." and "...brought the woman's view to a male dominated School Board. She had all the skills, living in the community, a mother of five wonderful children and a sensitivity towards the needs of those less privileged..... She lent wonderful original paintings to the Library when she discovered that the Mangere College students had a gift for art. Elizabeth "was".... a generous benefactor, a gracious, warm and wonderful woman and a true friend."



Elizabeth's generosity to the College was constant and ongoing. She was interested in everyone on the staff and was always supportive. It was with pleasure that we heard the announcement that there will be for the future, a trust endowed from her estate that will support Mangere College students as

they leave school to go on to tertiary study.

Elizabeth we salute you and remember you with love.

I include a tribute written for Elizabeth by Des Johnson

