



Mangere College

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The Staff List

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

PRINCIPAL: J Heyes, BA (Hons), DipT, CertSMM
 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: M Patel, BSc, DipT
 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: J Lane, BSc, PGTC (UK)
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ART	M Christo, MFA, DipT
CAREERS	R Luketina, BSc, DipT
COMMERCE	J Stuart, LTCL, PCT, MIPS, DipT, DipSS
ENGLISH	S Harris, BA, DipT
ESOL	R Parkinson, MA (Hons), DipTESL, DipEd, DipT
FRENCH	E Potter, BEd (Hons)
GUIDANCE	K Barclay, BSc, Dip T, MEd (Hons), MNZAC
LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE	D Pulver, BEd, DipT (Terms 1&2)
LIBRARY	A Blackwood, BA, DipT
MAORI	T Harris, DipT
MATHEMATICS	A Poleki, BSc, BE(Mech), DipT
MUSIC	C Liu, BMus, DipT
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH	N Johnson, BEd (Hons)
SCIENCE	V Bloomfield, BSc, DipT
SOCIAL SCIENCE	D Johnson, MA (Hons), DipT (Term 1), P Engelbrecht, BA, PGDipT(Terms 2 – 4)
SPECIALIST CLASSROOM TEACHER	M Campbell, BA, ATCL, DipT
SPORTS	C Keung, DipT
TECHNOLOGY	V Maskell, TTC

DEANS

YEAR 9	M Campbell, BA, ATCL, DipT	E Tupua, MA (Hons), DipTESL, DipT
YEAR 10	F McIntosh, MSc (Hons), DipT	S Hormes, BSc, DipT
YEAR 11	N Haeata-Ruwuhi, BEd, DipT	J Stuart, LTCL, PCT, MIPS, DipT, DipSS
YEAR 12	A Blackwood, BA, DipT	
YEAR 13	E Potter, BEd (Hons)	

TEACHERS

C Arnold, (LTR)	R King, DipGD, DipT (on leave)	G Smirk, BSc, DipT
T Atatoa, BEd, PGDEd, DipTESSOL, DipT	L Lim, BCapSc, DipGrad(Anth), DipT	R Stevens, (LTR) BA, TTC, DipT
H Burnham, AdvTC, TTC, DipT, DipSS	P McGrath, TTC, DipT, Dip Sp Ed	R Strickland, BVA, DipT
D Cresswell, TTC	J McLean, BA, PGD, DipT	A Tatafu, BA, Dip A, PGDT
D Crooks, MA, LRSM, LTCL	C Mose, BA, GradDipT	L Tavita, BA, DipT, BTh
D Dias, MCom, PGDFM, DipT	R Mudaliar, BA, STTC	A Te Ua, (LTR) Dip VCD, DipEd
H Fifita, BA, DipT	S Naidu, BA, DipEd	M Tokoma, BAgSc, DipTropAgSc, DipT
J Halafihi, BA, BCom, DipT	S O'Toole, BS Rec, Dip FT, PGDT	E Wilkins, BA, PGDipA, DipPR, DipT
E Hood, BA, DipT	N Padavatan, HEDip, FDipEd	D Wong, BSc, DipT
R Imraan, (LTR)	D Pene, Grad D CD, Sp TD, Dip T	M Zaim, BA, DipAS, DipT
D Johnson, (LTR) MA (Hons) Dip T	S Sharma, BEd, DipT	
	N Singh, (LTR) BEd	

SUPPORT STAFF

Executive Officer	J Sickler	Youth worker	C Alataua
Principal's Secretary	J Maitland	Community Liaison Officer	W Browne
Office Administrators	T Lemi (Terms 1&2)	Teacher Aides	N Palelei
	G Pickering		M Rackham
	R Pikaahu		H Arp
Computer Network Manager	K Beazley (Term 3 -)	Sports' Coordinator	C Masoe
Librarian	T Searle	Caretaker/Groundskeeper	T Uamaki
	C Stringer (Terms 1-3)	Grounds' Staff	R Barker
Resource Room	P Kumar (Term 4 -)		R McKenzie
Student Services' Administrator	A Salim		R Burke
Nurses	J Leifi	Staffroom	M D B McMaster
	J Bell	Tuckshop Contractor	V Ratana
Social Worker	H Laxon (part-time)	Science Technician	L Jacobs
	J Tevaga		K Singh



2008 has been another superb year in the life of the college as we have continued to build on the achievements of the past years. We have been pleased to see that the efforts of the staff and students in working together are bringing about some significant shifts in students' achievement. We are proud of the fact that Mangere College's performance in Literacy and Numeracy at Level 1 of the NCEA continues to out-perform the national results. We have also been delighted to see that the MOE data on students leaving MC without any achievement is at only 5% and this equals the norms for the rest of the country. This tells us that we are getting all the basics right and our students are very well prepared to go on to higher achievements.

In the 2007 Annual Plan we set ourselves some specific targets for student achievement and once we learned of the NCEA results at the beginning of this year we found out that we had exceeded these targets. One of our targets had been to increase the number of senior students achieving NCEA Certificates. When we looked at these results we discovered that 93% of Year 13 in 2007 achieved a national certificate and this was a very pleasing growth on the creditable 86% of 2006. We, however, believe that more senior students should consider returning to school for at least the first semester of a year 14 as while many of our year 13 students achieve a Level 2 certificate they are falling just short of the Level 3 requirements and we know that with renewed effort in the new year many of these students would achieve the Level 3 qualification. With all tertiary providers having mid-year intakes we believe that a further half year at Mangere College is a much cheaper option for seniors than considering costly bridging or staircase courses at tertiary level.

I find myself having to remind the school community that once again when we compared 2007 achievement data and 2007 attendance data we found that the two are inextricably linked. I cannot be plainer than to say if you regularly attend school then you will achieve.

In the varied areas of extra-curricular activity that Mangere College offers we have again had a wonderful year. In sport:

- Our Year 9 Netball team was 1st in the Manukau zone and 4th in the Counties-Manukau Championships; the Year 10 Netball team was 2nd in Manukau zone play and 3rd in the Counties-Manukau Championships; and our Premier Netball team was 3rd in the Manukau zone.
- The girl's soccer team came 1st in their zone.
- Our Girls Basketball team came 1st in the

- Counties-Manukau zone.
- The 1st XV came 2nd in pool play and went on to be semi-finalists in the 1B plate competition.
- The Girls 1st XV won their section and were also semi-finalists in their competition.
- The Senior Girls' B volleyball came 2nd in pool play and 1st in playoffs; the Senior Girls A came 3rd in their pool; the Senior Boys' B came 2nd in pool play and 3rd in playoffs; and the Premier Girls' came 3rd in pool play and a most creditable 6th at the Auckland Championships.
- The Junior Girls' Volleyball team won their pool play and went on to be runners up at the Auckland Championships.
- The Junior Touch Rugby team were Counties Manukau Touch Rugby B Grade Winners.

As usual I have just highlighted these top placings – we need to remember that Mangere College fields teams in all the major codes: Rugby League, basketball, athletics, waka ama as well as the codes mentioned above and I have had much pleasure in watching the successes and the performances of all our students.

Once again it is important that we remember 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.

But this level of achievement is not just in sport - in the Manukau Secondary Schools' Performing Arts Awards our Contemporary Dance Group: Existance, were placed second.

And of course this year's Bring it On Group who displayed incredible artistry and talent to come 1st in the Grand Final. As each year passes we realise that the Bring It On competition is a superb opportunity for our students to display real leadership in all the aspects that go to make up a successful performance.

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.

This year saw the 2nd year of the National Samoan Speech Competition being held in Wellington. Nerisa Collins came 2nd at year 11, and Roy Samuelu came 2nd = at year 12.

Our Student Health Council has continued to play a central role in the work of health promotion within



the college and I thank them for their work with Jody Warbrick of Auckland University and Sean O'Toole, our teacher in charge of health, in conjunction with Louise Jacobs, our tuckshop operator, in receiving the Diabetes Projects Trust award for a canteen that provides food that meets the Health and Nutrition Guidelines.

This year has seen us, along with all other schools in New Zealand, begin our work on implementing the NZ Curriculum document. We commenced this work a year ago and over this time the Student Council, the Staff and the Board have been working on the college's vision and values for the future. To give you an example of one of these values I quote:

Students will be good role models who are connected with others, and who show respect, confidence and pride in supporting others, and the environment.

Accompanying this work has been the teaching staff looking carefully at their curriculum to make sure that each curriculum area is in harmony with this work. In the area of property we were pleased to complete the re-furbishment of M Block which was achieved in Term 1 of this year. The planning and tendering for the re-furbishment of Admin Block has proved to be a time-consuming affair but we can now look forward to this work being started soon and worked on over the early part of next year.

And of course our Pou Whakairo, Te Korowai o te Matauranga, as already mentioned. I wish to take this opportunity to once again recognise the work of old student Jay Mason in leading the carving of the pou and the part that Mr Des Johnson, former HOD Social Sciences, played in facilitating this entire project.

I also wish to thank the Board for supporting me in my Sabbatical leave of Term 2 and the Senior Management Team that so ably lead the school during my absence. My time at the Institute of Education in London was productive and challenging and I appreciated the opportunity to take stock of how schools will manage over the next years with a contracting teacher work force and increased demands on teachers in managing education in the next decade through to 2020. Like many schools in the country we are struggling to find

a suitably qualified teacher in technology and I fear that the general staffing situation in New Zealand will get worse before it improves. As a school we have been insulated from a number of the shortages that have affected other schools in the recent past, but it is obvious that 2009 will prove to be a challenging year for us and many schools, as we try to ensure that we have suitably qualified teachers to put in front of our students.

In Term 3 we were saddened to learn of the death of Gordon Stuckey foundation Deputy Principal and science teacher of Mangere College, 1971 – 1989. Gordon is remembered as a man whose concern for students and firmness yet fairness made him a respected member of the Mangere College Community. We also give thanks for a man whose dedication to the Mangere community set in place so much of the tone and spirit of the school that we enjoy to this day.

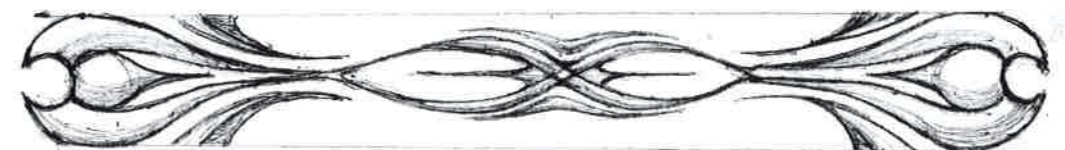
I now acknowledge those colleagues that have left us over the course of this year:

- Our CLO Siniva Seumanutafa,
- Our librarian Carolyn Stringer,
- Our nurses Flo Wanoa, and Jo Bell,
- Theresa Lemi from our front office,
- The head of our LSC, Delphine Pulver,
- Howard Burnham, and Levi Tavita

and those that will leave us at the end of this year: Peter Engelbrecht, Ahu Te Ua, Tangi Atatoa, Raselin Imraan, and David Crooks.

I thank all these members of staff for their work with our students and trust that they have enjoyed their time with us, and I wish them every success in their future careers.

I thank the entire community of Mangere College: the staff, the students, and the families of the students for their daily work in allowing us to live our school's mission statement of Excellence in Education for the students of Mangere. As we show year in and year out these are not just fancy words but rather they are the reality of our day-to-day life at Mangere College and I look forward to 2009 as we all continue to Seek the Heights.





I am always amazed and thrilled to see the calibre of our students at the annual senior prize-giving. To see the proud faces of the parents as the students receive their awards gives me great satisfaction as Chair of the Board of Trustees at Mangere College. It is also very heartening to see the interaction between students and their teachers. Obviously there is mutual respect between them, particularly with those who are leaving acknowledging that they have been well prepared for their next leg of their life's journey.

The awarding of Scholarships to a number of students to help them in their tertiary education is always special and dear to me. It eases the financial burden to the students and their families so that they can be more focused on their studies. It also gives them the confidence from the knowledge that they have earned this privilege.

Speaking to special guests after the awards, they were universal in their praise of the students and the way the prize-giving was organized. This is what makes my job so satisfying.

The achievements of the students should always be the core aim of the College, and to this end our Strategic Plan has called for improvements to our academic achievements. It

is pleasing to note that in the past few years we have exceeded our goals and we are confident that we will meet our enhanced goals for the coming years.

A highlight of the year was the installation of the Pou Whakairo. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I was asked at short notice to help with the transport of the Pou to Mangere College. I considered it a privilege to be actively involved in a small way with the installation of the Pou Whakairo.

I acknowledge and thank our Principal John Heyes, the staff and fellow Board of Trustees members for their sterling efforts for the year.

Being a member of the Board can be very rewarding, and I invite people who are interested and who qualify to become a Parent Representative to phone the School, or better still, call in and have an informal chat.

I wish you and yours a very joyous festive season and a prosperous 2009.

David Gock

Chairperson

Mangere College Board of Trustees



The class of '08

LEVI TAVITA

Levi will miss the warm interaction with the students and staff at Mangere College. He says teaching has helped his personal development and broadened his horizons through new and positive experience. Levi has enjoyed his six years at Mangere College and feels privileged to have taught here. Further study is Levi's endeavour for 2009.

HOWARD BURNHAM

Howard has been a Wood and Metal Technology teacher for 25 plus years. There are too many positive events and people to list although most recently the Niuean Culture group has been memorable. Over his happy tenure at Mangere College, Howard singles out the wonderful people such as the students and staff as the greatest reward of teaching. He loves the way Mangere College celebrates events and achievements of staff and students – Diwali and Polyfest. Howard will teach at Niue College in 2009. He is a respected and much loved member of the Mangere College family and the Mangere Community.

CAROLYN STRINGER

Caroline has retired as the Mangere College Librarian. Both the students and the friendly staff have made working at Mangere College enjoyable. One highlight at Mangere College has been working with people and helping them find information. Sometimes Caroline will share life experience knowledge not found in books. She plans to get fitter and healthier and do more voluntary work at the Botanical Gardens in 2009.

CRAIG ARNOLD

Craig is a former staff member who returned to teach at Mangere College for terms 2 and 3. Craig observes that Mangere College looks better with its modern facilities such as the Hotspot, extra picnic tables and refurbished T-Block. Two things he likes about teaching are the friendships and helping students achieve in and out of the classroom. "Mangere College has soul".

CHRISTINA MOSE

Christina enjoys teaching the students and the support of the staff. Christina loves encouraging the kids. Some highlights in her life have been graduating from the University of Auckland and Mr. Heyes offering her a Social Sciences position. She loves being Samoan and being able to make a difference to the students' education.

AHU TE UA

Ahu has been teaching (LTR) for two years. His subjects are Graphics and Visual Arts. Ahu likes live concerts and driving in Auckland but dislikes the amount of congestion. The two personal highlights for him were the Hikoi o te Tuhoe and being a winner of the Qantas Media Awards 1998.

NALINI SINGH

Nalini appreciates the friendly environment of Mangere College and the support and guidance from the staff. She believes that teaching is about the challenges and new experiences in life. Nalini has learnt a lot from teaching on a daily basis. She also likes teaching new students every year. One highlight in her life is working towards achieving full teacher registration.

KATHLEEN BEAZLEY

Kathleen enjoys the support shown by the teachers and students, especially the collegiality among staff. As a front office staff member Kathleen likes meeting the parents and students. She relishes being a part of the multicultural and diverse people at Mangere College. The highlights in Kathleen's life have been learning her reo and gaining qualifications and skills as an adult student, and finally being able to use them to benefit her family.

PETER ENGELBRECHT

Peter has enjoyed the amazing cultural diversity at Mangere College. He welcomes the challenge of ensuring that all students are successful to some degree. As a teacher, he likes being immersed in a young person's world also seeing the future before everyone else. It is wonderful to see and it being acceptable that one's religious beliefs are freely expressed without condemnation. Peter might work for his wife in 2009.

CELIA LIU

Celia has been teaching Music for four years. She likes her subject and playing the piano also reading and travelling.

CHANEL ALATAUA

Chanel is a passionate youth worker. He enjoys working with young people, coaching and mentoring. Some of the personal highlights in his life are completing a Diploma in Youth Work and Community Studies, delivering the Boys II Men Mentoring programme, coaching the Girls 10 a side rugby team to the semi-final play offs and being the backs' coach for the 1st XV rugby.