

# Mangere College

## Term 1 Newsletter 2017



### A word from the Principal

The start of 2017 has been an exciting time for Mangere College as we welcome new staff and celebrate achievement successes of 2016.

Following the retirement of Mr Lane and Mr Patel last year our new Deputy Principals have made an excellent start to the year. The Senior Leadership Team now comprises of:

- Tom Webb - Principal
- Deb Ward - Deputy Principal
- Keir Whipp - Deputy Principal
- Mele Ah Sam - Deputy Principal
- Rochelle Pikaahu - Operations Manager

I am very proud to lead our new team as we continue our improvement of academic achievement at Mangere College. All of our senior leaders share my focus on ensuring that every student leaves the school with the best qualifications possible.

Tom Webb  
*Principal of Mangere College*

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# Welcome to new staff:



**Kyla Matatahi**

Kyla joins our English department from Mcleans College where she taught for a number of years. She is enjoying being back at Mangere College after being a student teacher here 14 years ago.



**Emma McCosh**

Emma is teaching in the Mathematics and PE departments. Her last job was at Hume Central College in Melbourne. She loves following any sports and has introduced AFL into Mangere College. She is loving her time so far.



**Taryn Slee**

Taryn is teaching in the PE and Languages departments. Her previous position was at Glenfield College. She enjoys the friendly and respectful environment at Mangere College, as well as being involved in co-curricular activities.



**Deb Ward**

Deb is one of new DPs. She has spent the last 10 Years at Epsom Girls Grammar School. Deb grew up in American Samoa and Hong Kong. She has enjoyed the great attitude, and respect demonstrated by students.



**Kerehi Warwick**

Kerehi is teaching Te Reo Maori and is in her first year of teaching. She is passionate about her culture and is working towards revitalising Te Reo Maori within the school.



**Keir Whipp**

Keir is our other new DP. He comes to us from Aorere College where he was Head of the English Department. He is enjoying establishing strong relationships with students and staff.

## Farewell to:



**Malia Puloka**

Malia has worked at Mangere College for 7 years as a maths teacher and recently as co-HOD for the Maths department. She will miss the friendly staff and especially the lovely students of MC. Malia will be working at the University of Auckland.



## Mangere College Facebook page



<https://web.facebook.com/MangereCollege/>

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# First impressions of Mangere College

**Our two new Deputy Principals give their impressions of our school after their first term.**

**Keir Whipp** "I am relishing my new role as DP. After working at Aorere College for 6 years and Papakura HS before that, the opportunity to work at Mangere was very appealing. I look after the Year 9 cohort and am really enjoying getting to know the students who are as new to the school as I am. I also look forward to meeting more of our wider whanau and establishing strong relationships and connections with our community.

My first impressions of Mangere College are very positive. The school has staff that are deeply committed to the students and their families. Students have pride in their school, and this was epitomised by the large number of participants at Polyfest, the dedication to rehearsals and the huge number of trophies won in the contest.

It is the students that make MC a great place to work. They are warm, friendly and honest. We do have challenges meeting learning achievement targets, and we do face behavioural issues from time to time, but by and large our students strive to do the right thing every day. They enjoy learning and they want to be good citizens who will participate in and contribute to society well after they have left our school. They want to achieve highly, they want to form strong relationships with their teachers, and they want to know that they can succeed in every class they attend.

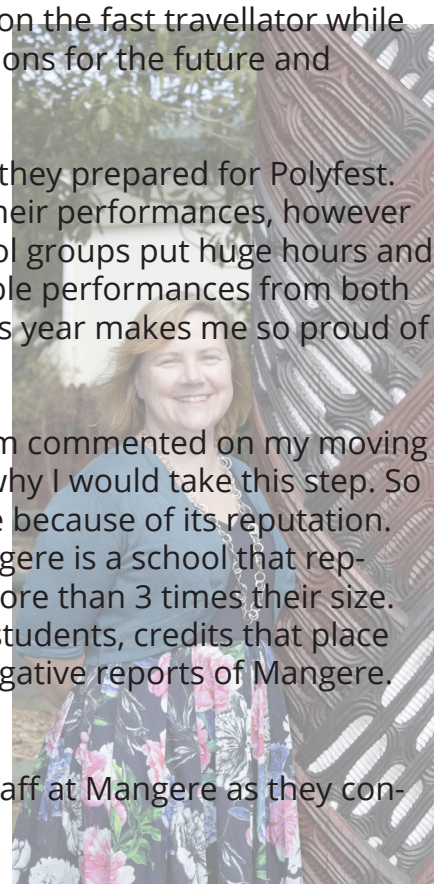
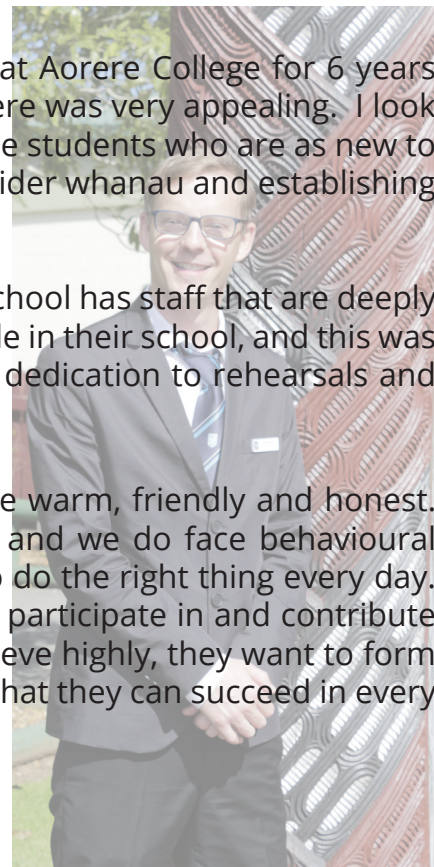
I look forward to meeting you in the near future."

**Deb Ward** "In these first 10 weeks at Mangere College I've been on the fast traveller while working with the Senior students, finding out about their aspirations for the future and watching as they develop their leadership skills.

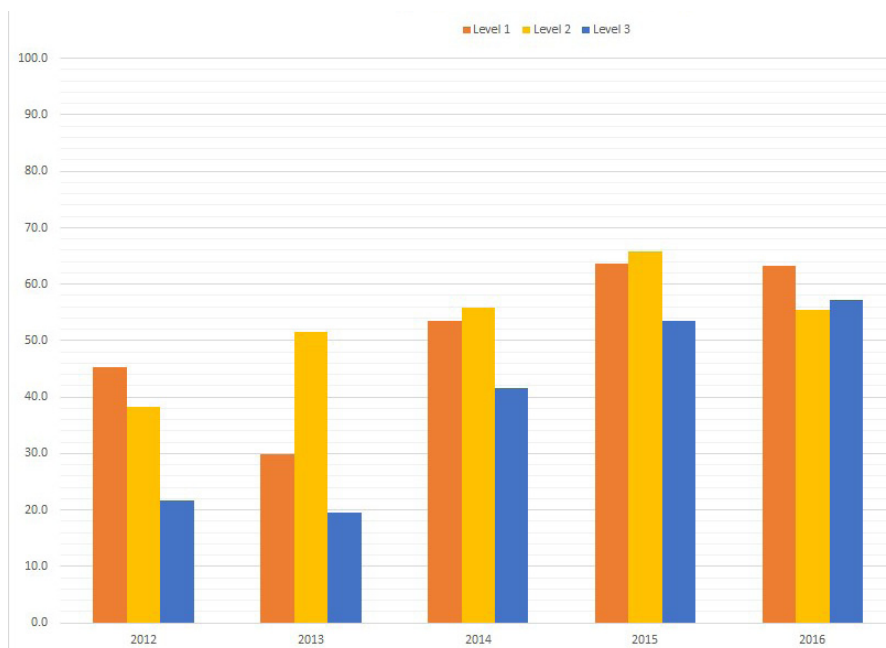
I was lucky to be invited to join the Indian and Niuean groups as they prepared for Polyfest. They faced a huge learning curve creating and choreographing their performances, however in those few short weeks they rose to the challenge. All the school groups put huge hours and commitment into polishing their performances. The commendable performances from both the well-established groups and those who were formed new this year makes me so proud of our students, their whanau and the tutors who supported them.

As I worked with the students in the first few weeks some of them commented on my moving from Epsom Girls Grammar to Mangere College and wondered why I would take this step. So I tell the students the truth. I choose to work at Mangere College because of its reputation. Mangere is a school which has their best ever NCEA results. Mangere is a school that represents proudly at Polyfest, winning first place against schools more than 3 times their size. Mangere is a school that is focussing on quality credits for their students, credits that place students on a pathway of their choice. Yes, some people hear negative reports of Mangere. That isn't what those looking at the facts see.

I look forward to walking this traveller with the students and staff at Mangere as they continue to make connections and contribute to their community."



# Best ever NCEA Level 3 results



We had another successful year of NCEA results in 2016 following on from our best ever results in 2015. Academic achievement in the school has been improving for a number of years.

In 2016 more students achieved NCEA Level 3 than ever before. We were disappointed with our NCEA Level 2 results and put in plans to ensure that these improve in 2017. Our goal for this year is for every student to gain at least 14 credits in each of their subjects.

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## Important Dates

- Financial Assistance Form due – 23rd June (Term 2, Week 8)
- NCEA Fees due – 12th Sept (Term 3, Week 8)
- NCEA Exam Dates – 9 Nov to 1 Dec (Term 4, Week 4 – 7)

## Bringing cars to school

Students who have a valid licence such as a Restricted or Full Licence can park their cars in the school grounds. They need to see Ms Luke-tina in the Careers Centre to obtain a pass to do this. The pass will then be valid for a year.

## Student allowance

Students studying at school who are over eighteen are entitled to apply for a Student Allowance of up to \$140 per week, if they are living at home, or \$175 a week if they are living away from home. To be eligible the student must have been resident in New Zealand for more than three years. The parents' or caregivers' incomes must add up to less than \$84,163 if the student lives at home and less than \$91,448 if the student is living away from home. The Student Allowance is not a loan and does not have to be paid back.

More information can be obtained from  
Studylink Otago  
Work and Income Office  
52-60 Lovegrove Crescent, Otago

or by phoning the Studylink number: 0800 88 99 00

# Celebrating Polyfest success



# Outstanding results at Polyfest

## Speech Competition

### Tongan Stage:

Ilisapeti Filimoehala 10IM 1st in Year 10

### Cook Islands Group:

Harry Taia 9PO 1st in Year 9  
Teava Tonitara 10FI 1st in Year 10  
Maranna Miri 12DH 2nd in Year 12  
Tuainekore Tamarua 13SA 2nd in Year 13

### Samoa Group:

Adyhana Urika Filifilia 1st in Year 10  
Serrila Salu 10IM 3rd in Year 10  
Julia Luamanu 11CS 1st in Year 11  
Jane Malauulu 12DH 1st in Year 12  
Tua Levao 13DV Impromptu 3rd=

## Cook Island Stage

Rangatira Tane / Vaine 1st  
Imene Tuki / Reo Metua 1st  
Ute 1st  
Tua Peu Tepuna 1st  
Kapa Rima 3rd  
Ura Pa'u 2nd

## OVERALL WINNERS COOK ISLAND STAGE

## Niuean Stage

Lologo Tapu Tuai 1st  
Tame 1st

## Tongan Stage

Soke 2nd  
Ma'ulu'ulu 3rd

## Samoa Stage

Ulufale	2nd=	Fuataimi	1st
Ulufafo	3rd	Pese o le Aso	1st
Togiga	3rd=	Taupou	1st
Ma'ulu'ulu	1st	Tauluga	1st
Sasa	1st		

## OVERALL WINNERS SAMOAN STAGE



Samoa stage backdrop produced by Mangere College Art students



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# Term 2 Calendar

TERM 2			Daily events
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon	01-May	
	Tue	02-May	
	Wed	03-May	BOT Meeting
	Thur	04-May	
	Fri	05-May	
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon	08-May	
	Tue	09-May	
	Wed	10-May	
	Thur	11-May	
	Fri	12-May	
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon	15-May	
	Tue	16-May	
	Wed	17-May	Auckland Writers' Festival TBC - 2ENA/3ENG
	Thur	18-May	Auckland Writers' Festival TBC - 2ENA/3ENG Level 1 & 2 Bus Market Day - Auditorium
	Fri	19-May	
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon	22-May	
	Tue	23-May	Year 10 APO Trip to Auckland Town Hall 18:00-21:00
	Wed	24-May	L2BUS Market Day
	Thur	25-May	
	Fri	26-May	
<b>Week 5</b>	Mon	29-May	Samoan Language Week      Brainwave Y9
	Tue	30-May	Brainwave Y9
	Wed	31-May	Brainwave Y9                      BOT Meeting
	Thur	01-Jun	
	Fri	02-Jun	2 Bus Market Day
<b>Week 6</b>	Mon	05-Jun	<b>Queen's Birthday</b>
	Tue	06-Jun	
	Wed	07-Jun	L2BUS Market Day
	Thur	08-Jun	
	Fri	09-Jun	
<b>Week 7</b>	Mon	12-Jun	NIU On Campus Day
	Tue	13-Jun	
	Wed	14-Jun	
	Thur	15-Jun	
	Fri	16-Jun	
<b>Week 8</b>	Mon	19-Jun	NCEA Financial Assistance Forms due
	Tue	20-Jun	
	Wed	21-Jun	Performing Arts Night
	Thur	22-Jun	
	Fri	23-Jun	
	Sun	25-Jun	Matariki
<b>Week 9</b>	Mon	26-Jun	Junior and Senior Speech Competition TBC
	Tue	27-Jun	Junior and Senior Speech Competition TBC
	Wed	28-Jun	Junior and Senior Speech Competition TBC.                      BOT Meeting
	Thur	29-Jun	Junior and Senior Speech Competition TBC
	Fri	30-Jun	Junior and Senior Speech Competition TBC L3 Partnership Programme Practical Assessment @ MIT (Gourmet Sandwiches)
<b>Week 10</b>	Mon	03-Jul	
	Tue	04-Jul	
	Wed	05-Jul	
	Thur	06-Jul	Level 3 Bus Product Launch
	Fri	07-Jul	
<b>Holiday</b>	Sat	08-Jul	<b>Senior School Ball</b>