



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of Mana College, Tena koutou. Talofa Lava. Fakalofa atu. Kia Orana. Taloha ni. Malo e lelei. Greetings to you all.

Start of Term 2

I remind all families that students begin at 10am on the first day of each new term. This is to allow us to have a powhiri for new staff. Students should go to their form class at 10am on Monday 2 May. Any new students should report to the office.

We welcome Kathleen Beckett, PE teacher. Kathleen replaces Kaahuia Piahana who has left for Wellington East Girls College. We also welcome back both Vitoria Faletolu and Lana McLaughlin-Khan from maternity leave. We also farewellled Margaret Vaka-Vivili at the end of last term.

Drainage & Gymnasium

We continue to have work done on both these projects and hope that they will be completed soon. Until that time there will be some continued disruption around the site. Our students continue to show respect for the workers and display responsibility in keeping themselves safe around the areas where the contractors are working.

Mahinawa Special School & Resource Centre

The above name has been chosen to replace Kapi Mana School and they now occupy our top field. Mahinawa welcome their first students in Term 2.

Lockdown

You will be interested to know that we conducted a lockdown drill on the last day of term, and staff and students responded well. Nowadays it is a fact of life that schools must keep themselves prepared for the crises that may have to be faced. This is another reason why parents must report to the school office, rather than visit a teacher's classroom unannounced.

Manation

It was disappointing to call off this great event at the last moment due to the forecast of bad weather. This postponement meant a normal everyday classroom experience but kept the students warm and dry.

We hope to hold Manation on Friday 6 May should the weather permit.

ERO

We will be welcoming the Education Review Office from 23 May for two weeks. They will be checking that we are doing what we are required to and also what we say we are doing. Such a check is a healthy one and will allow us to see any areas we need to improve on. We look forward to their visit.

Take-Away Fees

I am sorry to have to ask parents to help contribute to the costs associated with some courses during which students make things that get taken home or are consumed after being made. In particular, we are seeking a \$5 per year contribution from students for ingredients that they use in cooking. The students get to enjoy this good food so your help and support is appreciated.

Sports Calendar

The calendar of sports events is now available on our website www.mana.school.nz

Coming Events

Monday 2 May - Start of Term 2, 10am
Thursday 26 May - BOT meeting, 6pm

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