



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.

ERO Visit

We are currently half way through a visit from the Education Review Office. They have spoken to students, staff and Board members and have visited a range of different classrooms. In the next few weeks we will be able to share their findings with you.

Samoan Independence Day

As you will know we have celebrated this day over the years and will do so again by holding a special assembly on Wednesday 1 June. We are also encouraging students to wear traditional Samoan clothing on this day. In addition, we are promoting the use of Samoan language during the week.

Girls Only Assembly

We have long taken pride in being a safe school. Until recently we have had very few violent incidents at Mana. However, of late there has been a rise in the amount of violence and this almost always involves girls. I recognize that this problem is nationwide and is getting lots of media attention. However, we are not going to wait for others to find a solution. Accordingly, we will be holding a 'girls only' assembly with guest speakers on Friday 17 June. We would also like to invite parents along to be part of this event. We are clear that this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated either inside or outside school. We appreciate your help and support.

NCEA Whanau Day

The Careers Service are holding a meeting to help whanau understand the nuts and bolts of NCEA. It is particularly for families with students in Year 11, 12 and 13. The first hui is at Treadwell Street Hall, 25 Treadwell Street, Naenae on Wednesday 8 June from 6pm to 7.30pm. If you are interested please call Lisa Siaoisi on 381 5870 before Friday 3 June. You could also ask that a hui be held in Porirua.

Reports

Our next set of reports are beginning now. It is our intention to complete these by 30 June and we hope to post them out the following week. Following the successful Whanau Focus Day we will offer you all the opportunity to speak to individual subject teachers on the afternoon/evening of Thursday 7 July.

Services Academy Success

During the last holidays the Services Academy travelled to Waiouru with other North Island academies for some specialist training. I am happy to report that Sam Taavale was selected as Top Recruit. Sam joined us this year from Bishop Viard College, so we acknowledge their part also in this honour.

Uniform

Our new green skirts will finally be available in store at Postie Plus on Friday 3 June. A reminder that all Year 9 students and those who are new enrolments Yrs 10-12 should get their new skirt organised straight away. We are really looking forward to the new colour and style.

Extended Queens Birthday Weekend

I take this opportunity to remind parents that, along with other colleges in Porirua, we will be closed this Friday 3 June and Monday 6 June to enable a longer mid-term break. We do, however, start again at 8.45am for Juniors and 9am for Seniors on Tuesday 7 June.

Coming Events

Friday 3 – Monday 6 June – School closed; Queens birthday weekend
Thursday 30 June – BOT Meeting, 6pm
Thursday 7 July – Meet the Teacher
Friday 15 July – End of Term 2