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Welcome Back to Term Four

It is great to see our students return to school with a spring in their step and looking forward to the term ahead. This term is one of celebration with senior, junior and sports prizegivings all noted in the calendar.

There is also an extra treat, with the Mana College school production, 'A Mana Christmas'. This will run as a matinee on Tuesday 5 December and on the evening of Wednesday 6 December. This production is a local version of Charles Dicken's Christmas Carol, with approximately 40 students in Years 9 and 10 performing for the community.

The other side of the term involves a 'hard slog' for senior students who are currently busy completing internal assessments, as well as revising for external examinations which begin on Thursday 9 November. We are hopeful that we will achieve our targets for NCEA this year and any many more students enjoying a success at Levels 1-3, including a big increase in University Entrance qualifications.

Last night I attended the Careers Navigator graduation at Mana College. Careers Navigator is a Graeme Dingle Foundation funded programme run by Faafoi Seiuli, which supports young people in their transition from secondary school to their next steps for learning and work. The programme includes mentorship, work experience and school sessions devoted to CV writing, study planning, and much more. I would like to acknowledge Faafoi and his team for supporting the 23 young people we have in this programme, who are now very well equipped to take on the world.

Last term finished with our Senior Formal which was a wonderful evening, with our senior students looking very glamorous in their formal dress. Given the concern for school formals these days, it was fantastic to see young people being sensible in their behaviour and actions, and looking out for each other. Many thanks to Tony Braddock and the Formal Committee for making the evening such a success.

What's Coming Up?

Monday 23 October – Labour Day (school closed)

24-27 October – Services Academy Adventure Challenge

Wednesday 25 October – BOT meeting @ 6pm

Friday 27 October – Junior reports sent home

Wednesday 1 November

– Junior Meet the Teacher (Yrs 9-10), 4pm-6pm

– Navigating Pathways (Yrs 10-12) workshop @ 6pm

Friday 3 November – Sports Prizegiving

Tuesday 7 November – Senior Prizegiving @ 7pm

7-9 November – Simply Dental

Thursday 9 November – NCEA exams begin

Friday 10 November

– CSW Junior Volleyball

– Services Academy 'Day Skipper' course

Wednesday 15 November – Year 8 Parents meeting @ 6pm

Friday 17 November – Year 8 Orientation Day

Wednesday 22 November – BOT meeting @ 6.30pm

