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Experiences! Our Best Teachers

Too often we define learning as something that has to happen in a formal setting like a classroom, led by a qualified teacher. However, as we know, learning happens at every step in every context, and by friends, family, even strangers. This week we had the privilege of learning from a number of special people who visited our school.

On Tuesday 20 June we hosted two members of the NZSO string quartet, Helene Pohl (violin) and Rolf Gjelsten (cello). They played a variety of pieces including a Gigue by Bach, Hummeresque by Dvork and Narish by NZ composer Ross Harris which served to demonstrate the 'conversations' that could be had between instruments in Chamber music and the power of listening.



On Wednesday 21 June we celebrated Mataariki and began the day with a full school assembly. The guest speaker was the multi-talented Jerome Kavanagh, who held a rapt audience in thrall with his korero about Mataariki expressed through the use of various traditional Maori instruments, song and storytelling. Following this Jerome conducted workshops at our marae with those instruments. The afternoon was spent enjoying kai and waiata and games and celebrating the Maori New Year. A huge thanks to Jerome for his sharing and encouragement of our students, and to Whaea Awhi Edwards for her organisation of the day, as well as to staff, students and whanau who prepared the kai.



What's Coming Up?

Wednesday 28 June – CSW Junior Badminton

Wednesday 28 June – Senior Music Performance evening

3-7 July – Services Academy Bushcraft course

Wednesday 5 July – CSW Badminton open

Thursday 6 July – Year 12 Victoria University Day

Friday 7 July
– Whanau Day
– Last day of Term 2. All reports sent out

Monday 24 July – Term 3 starts at 8.45am

Wednesday 26 July
– School closed in afternoon
– Open afternoon and open evening

Friday 11 August – Polyfest @ Te Rauparaha Arena

Mana College Vision

- *High expectations*
- *Demonstrating pride*
- *Meaningful achievement*
- *Clear and purposeful pathways*



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On both Wednesday and Thursday our Year 9 students took trips out to Zealandia to learn about topics relating to ecology and sustainability. A hearty group went out today into the local Porirua bush. For the next two weeks they will be developing inquiry projects comparing and contrasting the ecology of Zealandia reserve and our local environment.

