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## Conferences, COLs and Competition!

I want to start this week's newsletter by thanking parents, grandparents and family members for their participation in the schools Learning Conferences over the last two days. From the accounts that I have heard from staff, parent feedback, students and my own conferencing this was a really valuable exercise for coming together to share, discuss and be clear on the aspirations for every young person at Mana College. And let's be clear; our young people are amazing and deserve the time and effort to learn about their achievements and aspirations! If you were unable to meet for whatever reason on these two days, please get in touch at the school office and book a time. It's not too late.

This week is marked in the New Zealand secondary school calendar as summer sports week, and our Senior Boys Volleyball team travelled to the National tournament in Palmerston North. This is a special group of boys who, over the past month, have won both the Northern division and the Wellington Regional championships. They are a group of young men who love to play volleyball, and it is this love that sets them apart from other teams. Observing the way they look after each other, support each other and celebrate is a joy to watch. This week, they finished 8th in Division 1, which ranks them 8th in New Zealand. For such a small school this is an outstanding achievement and we look forward to recognising their achievements in our Final assembly at the end of the term. Our deepest thanks go to Lusi Faatau and Leah Radhi, Hana Tusa and Collin Webster for their efforts this week in coaching, supporting and feeding these boys.



Our Western Porirua Community of Learning has been gaining some momentum over the past few weeks. The Community of Learning or COL consists of 8 schools from the west: Porirua School, Titahi Bay School, Ngati Toa School, St Pius X School, Titahi Bay Intermediate, Mahinawa Specialist School, Bishop Viard College and Mana College, who are all committed to each other around an achievement challenge which is currently being developed. The next stewardship meeting will be held on Tuesday 6pm at Mana College.

## What's Coming Up?

**Monday 3 April** – CSW  
Phillips Golf Cup

**Tuesday 4 April** – Western  
Porirua COL @ 6pm

**Wednesday 5 April** –  
5.00pm Senior Music  
Performance evening

**6-8 April** – Year 12 PE Camp

**Tuesday 11 April** – CSW Golf  
Open

**Thursday 13 April** – Full  
school assembly @ 9.35am

**Thursday 13 April** – End of  
Term 1

**Friday 14 April** – Good Friday

**Tuesday 25 April** – ANZAC  
Day Ceremony @ 9am

**Monday 1 May** – Start of  
Term 2 @ 8.45am

**2 - 5 May** – Year 9 STARS  
Camp

**Friday 26 May** – Pink Shirt  
Day!

### *Mana College Vision*

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





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Over the last few weeks the SPCA have been visiting Mana College on Friday afternoons to introduce some of the animals at their welfare centres to small groups of students. This has provided an opportunity to learn about animal care, welfare and empathy.

