



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

Continuing to Grow

We are continuing to have growth in our roll since the beginning of the term and currently have difficulty in accepting any further Year 10, E Tipu e Rea and Services Academy enrolments. We also have limited spaces in Year 9.

This is a healthy place to be but late enrolments make effective planning difficult. Please make sure you enrol early if you have children coming next year.

Health Education Consultation

On Thursday 3 April between 6pm and 7.30pm we have a consultation evening on our Health Education programme. This is usually for new Year 9 and 10 families so they can be aware of what we teach and how we teach in this area. We are required to consult with you every two years so that you can have your say.

FYD Bike Presentation

On Saturday 5 April there is a function run by the Foundation for Youth Development to present our lucky 50+ students with their free bicycles. They also must take part in a training session and receive a helmet before they get the bike.

This is a healthy and cheap way of travelling but aspects of road safety need to be taken seriously. We have space for bikes at school thanks to our BOT Student rep Jayden Charteris.

SADD Conference

This year we are sending two students to Christchurch for a conference during the Easter Holidays. Its theme is 'Students Against Driving Drunk'. Again, we are hoping to make sure that by sharing information, Mihad Bashe and Jayden Charteris can help our students safe.

Education Review Office

On 9 June we will welcome ERO to our school. Their role is to check we are doing our job and that students are gaining knowledge, skills and understandings that allow them to lead healthy and successful lives. They were last here in 2011 and we hope to show that we continue to make progress and challenge both our students and ourselves to be the best we can be. A motto for our students next term will be "Be a better learner every day". This year's theme, of course, is Excellent Education for Everybody.

School Uniform

I am very pleased with the improvement in appearance of our students this year. I thank all families for making sure their children look as if they are part of Mana College! Remember our school black jackets are available to order from the front office.

End of Term

This term is rapidly coming to an end and I remind parents that we finish Term 1 at 3.05pm on Thursday 17 April.

Term 2 will start on Monday 5 May at 10am.

Mobile Phones at School

This is a reminder to all parents that students are permitted to bring mobile phones to school. However, during class time, phones are to be switched off and put away. Please ensure your son/daughter knows and understands about school cell phone use.

Nationals

We have had three events happening in the last week.

The Waka Ama teams competed in Rotorua and the boys Volleyball team competed in Palmerston North. Jayde Thomas rowed for us in Twizel and finished in the top ten in New Zealand in the single skulls.

Basketball Tournament

Mana College recently entered two teams into the regional 3x3 basketball competition. A Year 10 team in the U16 grade and a Year 9 team in U14 grade. Both teams had been preparing for the tournament since the start of term, which was held on the College courts on Saturday 1 March.

The Year 10 team placed 2nd losing the final in a close run game which went down to the last second. The Year 9 team also placed second in their division.

Team members were: Yr10-Karehana Ngatai, Tawhiti Rehutai, Dennis Tauakume. Yr9-Tama Palmer, Shontayne Ruru-Pohatu, Taini-James MacArther-Roberts.



Fees / Donations

We do not have high fees but still encourage families to use the direct debit form so that each week you can make a small payment to cover donations, sports fees, exam fees, school jacket, etc. This way there is minimal impact on your budget and maximum impact on what we are able to do. Please collect a form from the office.

Costs are:	
School Donation	\$30 per student + \$10per addtl student/family
Exam Fees	\$76.70
Sports Fees	vary per sporting code

Obviously if you want a jacket as well this needs to be paid for before ordering. Thank you to all our parents for helping to make things run smoothly.

Whanau Hui

There will be a whanau hui on Wednesday 9 April in our staffroom from 6pm. Normally this would be on our Marae, but as improvement works will shortly be starting, it seems safest to use our staffroom.

Come and talk to us about how we can serve you better!

School Canteen

I am pleased to say that we will have our school canteen running again from the beginning of Term 2.

My thanks go to Mrs Hitchon-Parekura and her dedicated team of helpers for providing food on Wednesdays this term.

Coming Events

- Thursday 3 April – Health Education Consultation @ 6pm
- Friday 11 April – MaNation Day (tabloid sports)
- Thursday 17 April – End of Term 1
- Monday 5 May – Start of Term 2 @ 10am

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