



**KORERO**  
**Mana College**  
**News**

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*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.*

### Welcome!

Welcome to all our new families. We are excited at the prospects that face us all for 2014. It is great to see a 50% increase in our roll at Year 9. We have been planning for this so we are all prepared and ready to offer students the opportunity of an "Excellent Education for Everyone".

### School Camps

We have been fortunate enough to secure the support of the Foundation for Youth Development in running a STARS programme at school. What this means is that all Year 9 students will attend a heavily subsidized camp at El Rancho from Tuesday 25 February to Friday 28 February. This camp will also be supported by about 20 senior students who will act as mentors for Year 9 students. The mentors have ongoing training throughout the year and as well as affecting the schooling of our Year 9 students, they will also benefit hugely.

### Coca Cola Bicycles

Coca Cola and the Foundation for Youth Development will be offering free bikes and helmets to all our mentors and some Year 9 students. This is a wonderful gift which will enable our young people to learn about road safety and be able to take the load off parents in getting to school.

Our thanks go to Coca Cola and the Foundation for Youth Development.

### Building Work

2014 will see the movement of our outdated Hospitality/Home Ec. classrooms to D Block. We will be ensuring that the specifications for the equipment will be to the highest level, so that students will be proud of the professional and practical appearance of their new classroom.

### Athletics Day

You will have received a separate notice earlier this week about our Athletics Day on Monday 24 February. All students are to take part and must be at the Kura Street Athletics track at 8.45am that morning. Regulation Mana College PE uniform for Yrs 9, 10 and PE Seniors is expected, whanau colours for remaining seniors. Lunch and drinks will need to be brought with the students, as they will not be released from the park until approximately 3.00pm.

Let's have a fantastic day and remember to bring a sun hat and something warm, just in case!

### Academic Counselling

We will be asking all parents to meet with the Form Teacher of their child at school on Thursday 6 March.

Times will be arranged and each interview is expected to last 20 minutes. When parents are working we encourage you to ask for time off as we will be planning what will happen to your child this year. This investment is worth it! Some time may be able to be booked with the Form Teacher outside this day.

Students will be expected to attend school for the interview time only on that day. School uniform must be worn.

### BNZ Cadetship

I am happy to report that because of our relationship with local iwi we now have one of our students, Debbie Epiha from Year 13, 2013, on a BNZ cadetship. This could offer Debbie a wonderful career and sponsorship through her university studies. We wish her well for the future.



(L-R) Barbara Horne, Snr Partner, Ian Russon, BNZ Regional Manager and Debbie Epiha

## School Uniform

Our thanks go to all the students who have begun their year in correct school uniform. We believe that students who represent Mana College and wear their uniform with pride are wonderful role models in our community.

Currently there are a number of students who continue to wear non-regulation jackets, in particular, Katmandu jackets. Please be aware that these are not regulation jackets and will be confiscated. Our only school jacket is a black Canterbury rain jacket which is available for purchase through the school office. You are very welcome to arrange payments for these so that a new jacket is secured for the winter term.

The other issue is coloured hats. Some students continue to wear a range of different coloured caps to school, during school and after school. Once again these caps will be confiscated if your son/daughter is found to be wearing one.

We thank you for your support and know that if we work together to create a positive image for Mana College as a school that we can all be proud of, we will all benefit.

## Porirua Careers Expo

On Thursday 27 March at Te Rauparaha Arena the Careers Expo will be held from 9am till 7pm. This is a chance for parents and whanau to go along with their children and find out about jobs and career pathways. Food will be available, give-aways plus lots of good valuable information about possible jobs. The Expo is supported by the local community - schools, employer/business and Porirua City Council.

## Coming Events

Thursday 27 February - BOT Meeting @ 6pm  
Thursday 6 March - Academic Counselling  
Friday 7 March - Teacher Only Day  
Monday 10 March - Teacher Only Day

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