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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.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Meet the Teacher evening last Wednesday. It was great to see so many and also hear your views. We are all on the same side and that is to give an 'excellent education to everyone'. We all need to do our bit.

A very useful thing for family to do is ask about your child's day. Even better, try to be specific, such as "Tell me the best thing you learned today?", "Do you need any help tonight?" Something as simple as this can really help your son/daughter.

School Canteen

It is good to see that we have our canteen open again and being well used. Students can buy nourishing healthy food for reasonable prices in a nice space, served by members of our wider whanau. Students will also be able to keep warm and dry.

Education Review Office

We will be welcoming a team from ERO on Monday 9 June and look forward to their comments about what we are doing and how we could do it better. We realise we are not perfect and understand the need to challenge ourselves to improve what we do for our students. There are times when you need a 'push' to do your best and an outside, independent expert can be the right person to do that.

Rugby Coaches

I feel it is important to acknowledge a very special gift our Under 15 team received recently. You may be aware that whilst U-15 Rugby has a coach for training, that same coach has to work on Saturday. So we had to look to our community for help. What better could we have done?

TJ Perenara came along, despite the fact he played for the Hurricanes the night before and left for the All Blacks squad on Sunday. Talk about giving back! Thanks TJ.



Uniform

Currently we are having problems with school shoes and jackets. There appears to be a number of students who still do not have a school jacket and are wearing others of various colours and labels. We are also finding a growing number of students coming in canvas or coloured shoes.

We need your support in ensuring that your son or daughter wears the correct uniform every day.

It should be only in cases of real emergency when a note is brought to school for permission to wear a non-uniform item. In this situation, students must see their Dean.

We have worked hard and continue to work hard at raising our uniform standards and expectations. We want our students to wear the correct Mana College uniform every day with pride.

Our regulation school jacket is available for purchase at the main office. You can set up an automatic payment system for the jacket if you wish. This is the only black jacket to be worn. Likewise, plain black leather school shoes are our only uniform shoe. Boots, canvas, other coloured shoes ... none of these are permitted.

Thank you for your support.

NCEA

Hopefully you will know all about NCEA. If you feel you need to know more, we have some handouts available at the school office. If you missed out call the Office and we will get a copy to you.

NCEA Results

Our teachers support all students to aim for the highest achievement possible. However, it is really important that students are willing to put aside extra time in order to meet their academic goals.

We have an Achievement Centre operating for senior students after school and later in the year there will be a similar centre for juniors.

Please support us in ensuring your son/daughter makes the most of these extra opportunities for learning and achievement provided by our staff.

Attendance

Our attendance rates are improving. Last year we set a target of 95% to be rewarded at school. So many students have passed that target that this year we have had to increase it to 98%! Attendance of 89% will ensure higher achievement and more success.

Coming Events

Thursday 29 May - BOT Meeting @ 6pm
Monday 2 June - Queens Birthday, school closed
Tuesday 3 June - Teacher Only Day, school closed
Thursday 26 June - BOT Meeting @ 6pm

M. Webb