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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.

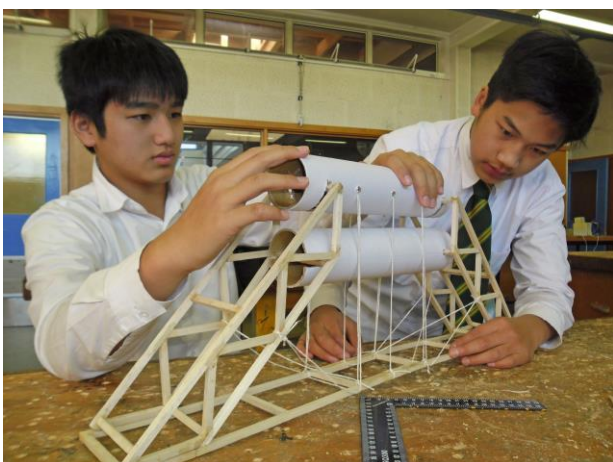
Musical Talent

I am pleased to report that Jayjay Busby recently won the songwriter competition and was second in performing at the Pasifika Beats competition. Should he get to the finals in Auckland we wish him even more success!



Engineering Winners

Two of our students, Francis Nguyen-Ly and Hung Tien-Ly were awarded the \$500 prize for innovation in the recent Bridge Building competition in Wellington. Each bridge was tested thoroughly and theirs came out on top. Congratulations to these budding engineers.



Half Term Break

My apologies that **Monday 1 September** has been missing from our calendar as a holiday. It will, however, allow a small rest following the exam week exertions of our senior students.

OPC Trip

17 of our senior students are away at the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Tongariro. They have plenty of snow and hopefully warm accommodation and weatherproof clothing. They will face a number of challenges but I know they will return the stronger for it.

Polyfest 2014

This year's Polyfest will take place on Friday 22 August at Te Rauparaha Arena and will run during the day from 9am to 3pm, which is a change to previous formats. I remind families that no student, other than those directly involved in the performances, is allowed to leave school at any time to watch. Please can families support us in this expectation.

TWA Trip to Ohakune

Twenty five students and fifteen adults spent 3 days out at the mountains last week at Ohakune. Thank you to the families and caregivers who went with our staff to make this the best camp we have ever had. Looks like it was not only cold but fun!



Power Up

We will be hosting the Power Up programme for Porirua students this year at Mana College. We are proud to welcome our Pasifika community in doing its best to ensure our Pasifika students achieve at the highest possible level in NCEA. Make sure your son or daughter comes to these sessions for free help.

Up2

This is a new mentoring programme that will call for 20 Year 11 and 12 students. The focus is to improve academic outcomes and we welcome the involvement of Serena Curtis-Lemuelu and her cousin, Arden Perrot who will lead the group of mentors.

Target Students

We have identified a number of senior students are at risk of not achieving NCEA this year. We have spoken to some families already and will continue to meet with others. An individual achievement plan has been put in place for each student and specific goals set for various subjects. We are also offering extra classes during lunchtime and after school in selected subject areas.

We want to ensure that all our senior students succeed in gaining NCEA and also look forward to achieving their future career goals.

Simply Dental

We have a visiting dentist who provides services on our school site to students under 18 totally free. We have found many students are not registered with dentists and this leads to a huge cost later in life. I will be asking Simply Dental to contact all new students to school to check each is registered with a dental provider. If your child is not, we can arrange for a dental service to be provided on site. Please respond to Simply Dental with a simple yes or no.

Ministry Portal

The Ministry of Education would like us to remind you of their new education portal, www.education.govt.nz. They are also developing a new parent website, www.parents.education.govt.nz within the portal. Its goal is to give you a central place to find information and answers to commonly ask questions in plain language. There is a bookmark which will be available at reception which will have all the details on it. Pick one up next time you visit the school.

Gigatown Porirua

Please support Porirua in its desire to be the best connected city in the country. Simply go to the website www.gigatown.co.nz to register, and then enter the quiz masterclass. There are 15 questions and the link below the question gives you the information to find the answer. Porirua gets 200 points for every quiz answered in August. In September it is 500! Help your city!

Coming Events

Friday 22 August – Polyfest 2014
Monday 25 August – Start of senior exam week
Thursday 28 August – BOT meeting @ 6pm
Monday 1 September – School closed