

MANA COLLEGE



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Hola, Marhabaan

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Welcome Back to Term Four

This term we welcome Tu Umaga-Marshall to the college as our Director of Programmes, who will be working alongside our now permanently appointed Sports Coordinator, Collin Webster. Tu has been appointed to this role from Term 4 to work with Year 8 students as they transition to Mana College and to run our sports academies in Basketball and Rugby for 2017, along with ex-Head Boy, Jacob Ellison. We are very excited to have such a great role models working in the area of sport at the college. We also welcome back Tupe Papali'i back to school from maternity leave and wish her a smooth transition back to school after her time away.

It is my pleasure to welcome students back to the final term for 2016. This term is going to look very different, particularly if you are a Year 9 or 10 student. From week 5 our junior school will be involved in inquiry projects based on two topics. Year 9 students will be involved in a project using the theme of Sustainability. This programme aims to develop critical thinking skills and action around local waterways and a planned, actioned response to their experiences. All students in Year 9 will have the opportunity to choose activities outside the classroom including, sailing, snorkelling, cooking, weaving, fishing, and surfing. There will be no cost for these activities.

Year 10 students will be involved in a project Enterprise. This experience will provide students with opportunities to learn more about their career options and vocational pathways, and well as develop some skills and attitudes around business studies and young enterprise. During these four weeks the students will also have the opportunity to gain 10 credits to bank for 2017. Units will be on Entrepreneurship (2cr), Team Building (3cr), CV skills (2cr - they will apply for positions in their businesses) and the Marketing Mix (3 cr - Literacy credits). The theme will also work closely with the Key Competencies particularly participating and contributing. These competency will support the involvement of communities inside and outside of school who will be drawn together for purposes such as learning, work, celebration, or recreation. In this case, this will be for a market day experience.

Finally, last term two surveys were sent out to parents. In both instances, the college would like to gain information from parents regarding the use and access to technology and information based on the decile review. If you have not completed your decile survey please either drop it into reception, or call and give your responses to Cheryl over the phone. To complete the Technology survey please use the link below:

Technology Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJXS7JH>

What's Coming Up?

17 & 18 October – Year 12 Outdoor Ed Wairarapa Camp

17, 18 & 20 October - Year 9 Career Interviews

Monday 24 October - Labour Day (*school closed*)

Wednesday 26 October - BOT meeting at 6.30pm

2, 3 & 4 November - Simply Dental onsite

Tuesday 8 November - Senior Prizegiving @ 7pm

Thursday 10 November - NCEA exams begin

Thursday 1 December – NCEA exams finish

Friday 9 December – Junior Prizegiving @ 1.30pm

“Our commitment is to support:

- *Demonstrating pride.*
- *High expectations of everyone*
- *Clear and purposeful pathways*
- *Meaningful achievement”*

- Mana College Vision