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## Let's Meet Next Week!

Next week we are holding our first Learning Conference for the year. The 20 minute conferences will be with your son/daughter's Learning Advisor and will essentially be a time to establish or re-establish our connection with you and to share important information about what is happening for your child in the coming year. These meetings will be held on **Thursday 22 February** between 8.00am and 6.00pm.

We are asking parents to book their conference sessions on the 'School Interviews' website ([www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)) following the instructions given in a letter sent out to you this week. If you are booking for more than one student, please remember to allow a gap between sessions so that you have plenty of time to get from one Learning Advisor to the next. If you have not received your letter, please contact your son/daughter's Learning Advisor.

Please choose a time slot that best suits you. If you work during these periods there is a letter available at reception which you can give to your employer, asking them to release you. If you are unable to find a time that suits, please contact your Learning Advisor and we will try to arrange a better time for you. Students are not able to come to the conference on their own, as we would like this to be an opportunity to meet with you both together.

This is a very important learning conference and it is crucial that we all have a shared vision for your son/daughter's achievement and future success.

## Sports Season

Our summer sports season is well underway, with a number of competitions and tournaments coming up, including Senior Volleyball Tournaments (both regional and national); Waka Ama Regionals; 3x3 Senior Basketball Regional Grand Slam.

However, we are still in need of assistance with coaching and managing for some of our sports teams. We are looking for support in the following codes:

- Manager for Senior Boys Volleyball (Mana Green - 2)
- Manager for Senior Girls Volleyball
- Manager for Waka Ama
- Manager for 3x3 Senior Basketball

If you can spare some of your free time to help in this regard please contact Collin Webster on [collinw@mana.school.nz](mailto:collinw@mana.school.nz) or 237 5424 ext 863.

## What's Coming Up?

**Thursday 22 February** – Learning Conferences (all year levels)

**Friday 23 February** – Year 9 Wellbeing Survey

**Tuesday 27 February** – AWD Athletics

**Wednesday 28 February** – School Athletics Day

**2 – 3 March** – Senior Volleyball Tournament

**Wednesday 7 March** – CSW Western Athletics

**8 – 9 March** – First Aid Course

**Saturday 10 March**  
– Waka Ama  
– Dragonboating

**12-16 March** – Porirua Student Leaders OPC

**12-23 March** – Services Academy Induction @ Waiouru

**Tuesday 13 March** – 3x3 Senior Basketball Tournament

**Wednesday 14 March** – CSW Futsal Championships

**Thursday 15 March** – CSW Regional Athletics

**19-23 March** – Summer Sports Tournament week

## Mana College Vision

- *High expectations*
- *Demonstrating pride*
- *Meaningful achievement*
- *Clear and purposeful pathways*



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## So Proud - Rikihana!

Rikihana Love, Yr11, qualified for the New Zealand U15 Baseball team to compete in the Oceania World Qualifying tournament 2018. The tournament included teams from Australia, Fiji, and New Caledonia. Rikihana was also selected to lead his country in the haka which was both a proud and humbling experience for him.

New Zealand finished 2nd to Australia and received a Silver medal. New Zealand is now being considered for the wild card position in this tournament and, if successful, Rikihana will travel to Panama in July to compete at the above tournament. Later in the year the team will also travel to Japan to compete.

Big congratulations from your Mana whanau Rikihana for his dedication, hard work and success.



## Anita's Adventure of Spirit

Last week our Board of Trustees Student Representative, Anita Waiariki, was one of a group of 40 student representatives from schools around the country who had the opportunity to take a 4 day sailing journey on the Spirit of New Zealand, through the Spirit of Adventure Trust. They spent the four days working hard on the 3-mast Barquentine ship, which sailed out of Auckland down to Masons Island in the Coromandel and back. They learned all about the ins and outs of running the 45m ship, including steering, rigging, operating the sails and on-board teamwork.

From the 6.30am starts to the hammock sleeping arrangements, Anita embraced it all. She commented afterwards, "If you ever get the opportunity to go on the Spirit of Adventure trip I strongly suggest you take it. This trip may have had its ups in downs (no pun intended) but I do not regret a single moment of it. The people I met while on board the ship were awesome and I still keep in touch with them."

