



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

## Place Based Curriculum Sails Ahead!

On 23 & 24 November the Mana College Services Academy in partnership with the Te Ara Moana Trust, led a group of Year 9 students on a tuakana/teina trip to Matiu/Somes Island.

The Services Academy students organised and facilitated different workshops throughout the two days and one night on the island. These included engaging with the Maori, European and World War history associated with island. Other workshops involved snorkelling, swimming, kayaking, fishing and connecting with little blue penguins! There was also an 'inaturalist' workshop where students digitally photographed different plants, animals, birds and marine life around the island. These photos were then uploaded to an international scientific database for anyone in the world to use and analyse.

All involved had a great time, with most sleeping in either tents or under flys outside on what was a beautiful still night. The relationships, bonds and connections formed between people in and around learning were the type that will last a lifetime.

This trip was a pilot/taster for integrated and place-based learning that will take place on a regular basis from 2018 onwards.



This week Ngawai Kirwan and Connor Spinks were part of a mixed football team at the Special Olympic National Games held at Wakefield Park in Wellington. The games were well played and exciting and both players should be proud of their efforts both on and off the field.



Mana College Library is holding a massive book sale on Wednesday 6 December from 10am to 1pm. Bring a gold coin donation and a bag and choose from 100's of books both fiction and non-fiction.

A reminder that 'A Mana Christmas' is happening on Tuesday 5 December at 1pm and on Wednesday 6 December at 7pm. Entry is by koha so please join us and start the festive season off with a bit of drama.

## What's Coming Up?

**Tuesday 5 December** – Junior Production 'A Mana Christmas' matinee @ 1pm

**Wednesday 6 December**  
– Library Book Sale; 10am-1pm  
– Junior Production 'A Mana Christmas' @ 7pm

**Thursday 7 December** – Year 9 Day Out, Year 10 Activities

**Friday 8 December** – Junior Prizegiving and End of Term 4

**A MANA CHRISTMAS**  
Mana College Hall

*An adaptation of Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol comes to Mana College.  
Come and share the joy of the season!*

*Adapted and directed by Laura Loach*

Tues 5th Dec 1:00 PM  
Wed 6th Dec 7:00 PM

**KOHA**