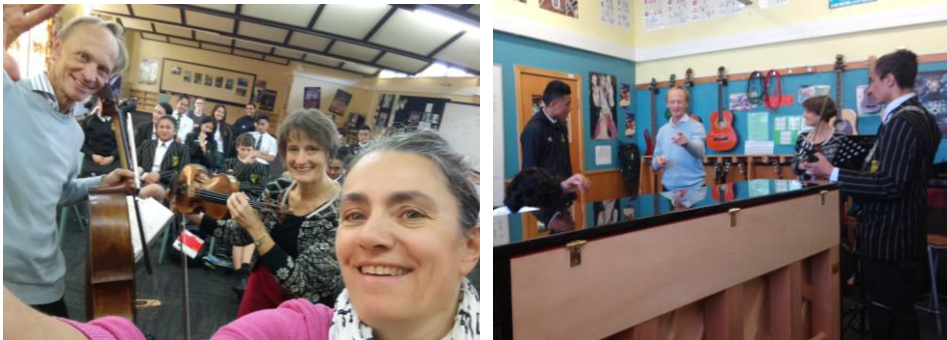




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## What is the most important thing in the world – Our People!

It is music month and today we had two members of the NZSO String Quartet return to Mana College and run a workshop for our student musicians and other interested pupils. It is a real privilege to have such experienced artists working with our students.



For those of you new to our school, our Performing Arts Department is bursting with talent and that includes the staff!



**Jacqueline Nordon** is the Learning Area Head of Performing Arts at Mana College. She plays the violin, trumpet, double bass, sousaphone, piano and guitar. Jacqueline has played in a number of groups including orchestras, brass bands, street bands and currently a klezmer quartet. She organises the Rockquest/ Pacifica beats entries for the School and the Chamber Contest and is facilitator for the Taokotaianga Kuki Aiani o Mana College (Cook Island Group). Jacqueline schedules the

itinerant music lessons, musical ensembles and provides support for dance and drama groups.



**Daryl Prowse** plays keyboard, woodwinds, brass, bass, guitar, banjo and piano accordion. He has played double bass in the Wellington Youth orchestra, NZ youth orchestra and Auckland Philharmonia and has toured nationally with Dalvanious and the Facinations, The Ink spots, The Drifters, Maria Dallas, Don Estelle and many others. Daryl currently teaches in nine schools and plays in four bands. His association with Mana College began as attending the NZ stage band clinic held in the Music dept.

in May 1981. Daryl tutors guitar, piano and sax on Thursday mornings.



**Laura Loach** is a classically trained soprano with extensive opera, theatre, and musical theatre experience. She has been a finalist in the IFAC Napier Aria, the Dame Malvina Major Foundation Wellington and Dunedin Aria competitions and awarded Judges Choice in the 2016 Dunedin Aria Finals. Laura is a dedicated teacher, and works as private singing teacher, music and drama teacher, and performance coach for students of all ages. Laura works at Mana College from Monday-Wednesdays and is in charge of the barbershop groups and the Mana College Choir.

## What's Coming Up?

**6-8 May** – Year 12 Outdoor Education trip

**Wednesday 9 May** – Meet the Teacher evening (*please see letter sent home on Wednesday*)

**14-18 May** – Bullying Awareness Week

**14-15 May** – Year 11 Outdoor Education trip

**Tuesday 15 May**  
– Year 10 Drama Class trip  
– Year 12/13 'Loves Me Not' Workshop day

**Friday 18 May** – Pink Shirt Day

**Friday 25 May** – Tough Guy Tough Girl Challenge

**28 May - 1 June**  
– Services Academy Bushcraft Course  
– Samoan Language Week

**Friday 1 June** – Teacher Only Day (*school closed*)

**Monday 4 June** – Queens Birthday (*school closed*)

**Thursday 7 June** – BOT meeting @ 6.30pm

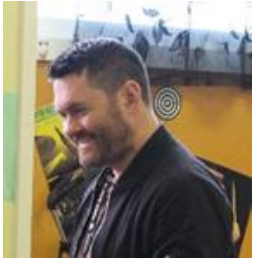
**Saturday 9 June** – Chamber Music Contest

**Friday 15 June** – Mataariki Celebrations

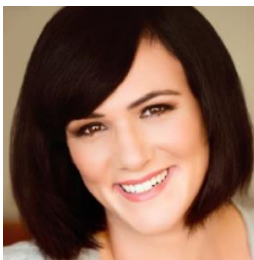
**18-19 June** – The Big Sing!



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**Mike Jensen** started playing drums when he was at high school and began playing in bands. He studied jazz percussion at the NZ School of Music and gained a Bachelor of Music, as well as a Diploma in Business Studies. He has been working throughout New Zealand, Canada and Europe playing music, teaching, and writing his own music and playing in or running his own bands (ie. La Bete, Jellyroll Blues and The Pussycat Dues, and the Roseneath Centennial Ragtime Band). In 2009 Mike gained a Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching. He is a Drum tutor at Mana College on Tuesday mornings.



**Rosaleen Moxey**, born in Wellington and raised in Elsdon, got her first taste of theatre performing Dorothy in Wizard of Oz, at Bishop Viard College, and never looked back. Rosie has been working in theatre in Wellington and the local community, which involved stage management, writing and directing, and has worked with professional directors such as Miranda Harcourt and Rachel Henry. Rosie has also been involved in supporting Barbershop, Pacifica Beats, Polyfest, Shelia Winn Shakespeare competition and organising Stage Challenge for many years. Rosie also plays the Cello and loves dance and movement. Rosaleen works with our Dance and Drama students every weekday except Thursdays.

Music lessons are free for voice; guitar; bass; keyboard; violin; drums; saxophone; trumpet.

Our students are currently preparing for The Big Sing; Barbershop regionals; the Chamber Music Contest; Rockquest; Tanagta Pacifica beats.

## Mana College Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees are a governing body that help set and evaluate the strategic direction of the school. At the start of this year the decision was made to focus on six areas a priority over the coming year.

- Working with the school management to develop a Master property plan (including community liaison processes)
- Overseeing school self-review processes (including working with the Learning Advisory Committee)
- Consolidating Board processes and updating the trustee handbook as required
- Developing a communications plan for the Board so there is more of a connection between Board activities and our community
- Developing processes so the Board can review its own performance
- Taking responsibility for the Principal's appraisal.

We would like to welcome two new Board members who have recently been co-opted – TeRina Leonard and Ranei Wineera-Parai. They join Robert Stratford (Chair), Willie Taurima, Arthur Selwyn, Randall Hippolite, Jeff Chapman, Barbara Edmonds, Vanessa Jackson, Kaylene Riley, Anita Waiariki. We are extremely grateful to all of our Board Members for their continual work, dedication and commitment to the school, its students, staff and community.

