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Tautala manuia!

The FAGASA (Samoan Language Teachers' Association) Wellington Regional Gagana Samoa Competition was held at Mungavin Community Hall in Porirua last Friday, with more than 10 schools from Primary to Secondary sectors taking part. The topic: "Ma'au i lou Ofaga; Maua'a lou fa'asinomaga." (Keep your identity alive and thrive). In order to thrive one must have a strong sense of identity.

Mana College had four representatives: Sose Harold, Yr 10, who spoke about the importance of family and upbringing; Tipesa Samuel-Ulavale, Yr 12, stressed the importance of holding on to your cultural values: respect, obedience and service especially for those born and raised outside of Samoa; Maraea Ah-Tune, Yr 13, highlighted the conflicting set of values and practices in a new environment and emphasised the importance of maintaining strong connections with family, village, culture and religion; Aukilani Nofoaiga, Yr 13, focused strongly on lineage, village, names and titles, religion as all integral to nurturing and developing a strong sense of identity in a Samoan child.

All four of our students worked hard prior to the competition and delivered their speeches with excellence and pride. Aukilani and Maraea will now compete in the Nationals.



Year 9 Projects

This term our Year 9's have been working on their integrated learning projects on Zealandia and the local Porirua bush. We are inviting whanau and the community to come and see what they have been up to next Thursday 6 July between 10.45am and 12.25pm.

Year 11 Business Projects

Our Year 11 business students will also have various products for sale that they have been working on in class, which include bath bombs, poi and lolly lei. Please come and join us.

What's Coming Up?

3-7 July – Services Academy
Bushcraft course

Wednesday 5 July
– CSW Badminton open
– Health Day

Thursday 6 July
– Yr 12 Victoria University Day
– 10.45-Year 9 Projects Open Morning

Friday 7 July
– Success Assembly
– School closes @ 12.25pm
– Last day of Term 2. All reports sent out

Monday 24 July – Term 3 starts at 8.45am

Wednesday 26 July
– School closes @ 12.25pm
– Open evening @ 6.00pm

Friday 11 August – Polyfest @ Te Rauparaha Arena

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- *Meaningful achievement*
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Senior Music Performance Evening

This week we held our Senior Music Performance evening which was extremely well attended by students and whanau. Students have prepared all term for this important assessment for Level 1, 2 and 3 NCEA credits.

Congratulations also to Jodeci Matthews-Pulman who won 'Best Lyrics' award at the Smokefree Rockquest & Pasifika Beats competition.



Early Closures

Please note in our 'What's Coming Up' section that we have two days in July where the school will be closing early. Students will be sent home at 12.25pm on the last day of school so that staff can take part in professional development. We are also holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 26 July and will be closing again at 12.25pm that day to prepare. Some students will be invited to represent the college during the Open Evening.

Asthma Study

We have been asked by Massey University to advise parents and caregivers that they are conducting an important research study looking at the different types of asthma in children aged 8-18. The study aims to examine the causes of childhood asthma and therefore improve treatment options for all asthmatics. The study involves a lung function test and a short questionnaire. If your child has asthma please consider being part of this study. For more information, please contact: Jean Feary McKenzie, 0800 080 078 or asthma@massey.ac.nz

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