



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

Come Curious; Leave Inspired!

As we move quickly to the end of term it is staggering that next week will be the last week of Term 1. It's been a very busy and positive time for us as we begin to deliver the mantra, 'Come curious – leave inspired'. We want all students to experience success every day, through the delivery of programmes, course and experiences that make them want to come to school. And let me tell you, we're working on it!

The Careers Navigator programme is being run again this year by Fafoi Seiuli from the Graeme Dingle Foundation. It is a ready-for-work programme to help senior students identify purposeful pathways into their future. The programme has three components: Career coaching/mentoring, experiential workshops and career pathway events. We have 12 experienced coaches working with our students, including two ex-Mana College students – Aleena Robinson (2010 alumni) who graduated from Victoria University with a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Teaching; and Pouaka Parore (2012 alumni), ex-Deputy Head Boy and graduand of Victoria University with a Bachelor of Commerce.

Congratulations to a group of gateway and transition students who recently took part in a short course aimed at acquiring skills and knowledge around health and safety practices culminating in the completion of Level 3 NCEA standards. The aim of the short course was to ensure that, as students pursue purposeful pathways, they are able to look after their health and wellbeing.

As part of our continuing partnership with Downers, three Year 13 students completed interviews that will lead to employment opportunities in the infrastructure industry. Dukeson Bowman, Jerrode Waru and Blake Crawford have received positive feedback and will find out shortly if they are to be employed during the school holiday period with Downers. Mana College students have been working with Downers for the last three years and a number of our alumni are enjoying successful careers with them. We would like to thank Downers for their continuing support of the college.

Today there was a graduation at Takapuwahia Marae for our Year 10 students who have been working with Ngati Toa iwi in our Kaitiaki programme. This project was supported by Porirua City Council, Ngati Toa, ESR, Healthy Harbours and the Department of Conservation, and is exactly the kind of experiential learning which provides a platform for innovation, problem solving and collaboration. There are some big questions as a community regarding our water and our waste, and this programme was the opportunity to begin asking the questions.



What's Coming Up?

9-11 April – Year 12 PE Camp, Wairarapa

Tuesday 11 April – CSW Golf Open

Wednesday 12 April – SAS uniform shop opens

Thursday 13 April – Full school assembly @ 9.35am

Thursday 13 April – End of Term 1

Friday 14 April – Good Friday

Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC Day Ceremony @ 9am

Monday 1 May – Start of Term 2 @ 8.45am

2 - 5 May – Year 9 STARS Camp

Friday 26 May – Pink Shirt Day!