

# MANA COLLEGE



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

9 September 2016

## Congratulations & Celebrations

We would like to congratulate Waiora Paul-Utiera on his election to the Board of Trustees as Student Representative. Waiora joined us as a Year 9 student in 2013 and is an active member of the student body. Waiora is not only a member of our Kapa Haka and a fluent speaker of Te Reo, but he is also a member of our Chamber Group who have enjoyed success two years in a row at the annual NZ Chamber Music contest. We are confident he will represent the students, school and his whanau with mana.

We also want to thank lafeta Risati for his commitment and dedication to the Mana College Board as Student Representative over the last 12 months. He has served his peers very well.

Our senior students have a night of celebration coming up at our Senior Formal on Saturday 17 September. It will be held at The Pier, which is a stunning venue right on the Wellington waterfront. This is a chance for our students to dress up and enjoy a night out to celebrate their achievements before a number of them take their next steps out into the world to either tertiary study or employment. We know this will be a wonderful evening and look forward to seeing our young people in their finery.

On Monday 19 September 2016 our staff will be undertaking professional development to support the redesign of our curriculum for 2017.

We would like to offer our gratitude to Ngati Toa for their invitation to Takapuwahia marae to enable this staff professional development.

Following this staff will undertake a cultural and historical tour of the local area which will have a direct influence on lesson planning and delivery of our curriculum.

## What's Coming Up?

**Monday 12 September**—  
PPTA/NZEI Union Meeting  
(*school closed from 12.40pm onwards*)

**Tuesday 13-Wednesday 14 September**—First Aid Course

**Thursday 15 September**—  
Health Promotion Day

**Saturday 17 September**—  
Senior Formal

**Monday 19 September**—  
Teacher Only Day (*school closed for tuition*)

**Tuesday 20 September**—  
Community Meeting @ 6pm  
All welcome!

**Friday 23 September**—End of Term 3

**Monday 10 October**—Start of Term 4 @ 8.45am

*"Our commitment is to support:*

- *Demonstrating pride.*
- *High expectations of everyone*
- *Clear and purposeful pathways*
- *Meaningful achievement"*

*- Mana College Vision*

## Decile Funding Survey

Our latest 'Korero' newsletter is being posted out to you today. Included with it is a very important letter and survey which we would be grateful if you could take the time to read and complete.

In the last census our decile rating was adjusted from 2 to 3, which meant a loss of government funding for our school. In order to regain some of that funding we need to obtain a more accurate assessment of the social and economic circumstances of our families/whanau.

Some survey questions may seem personal, however, this information will help the assessors obtain a more accurate idea of the conditions and circumstances of our families. Please be assured all responses are completely confidential and anonymous.

Completion of this confidential survey will help us in our efforts to regain funding to support your child's progress, achievement and wellbeing at Mana College.