



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

## Great Start to the Year!

Head Boy, Aukilani Nofoaiga, and I began the week with a visit to Government House, hosted by the Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy, to celebrate Waitangi Day. Aukilani and I enjoyed the sense of community and debate around this vital document and made a number of friends along the way.



The following day was celebrated by the first full school assembly which was an opportunity to welcome all students and staff to Mana College for 2017. Aukilani and Head Girl, Deborah Kirisome introduced the leadership team: Deputy Head Boy, Iese Amosa; Deputy Head Girl, Hannah Harteman; Norah Ah-Kuoi; Porsche Cudby; Joseph Faleafaga; Jahnivah Ihe; Hung-Tien Ly; Francis Nguyen-Ly; Waiora Paul-Utiera; Connor Spinks; Anita Waiariki. In the workshops that followed this week, this team has explored their purpose and the influence they would like to have on this school and I am confident that this group will make a significant and authentic contribution to the life of this school this year.

I am pleased to announce that we have been granted \$50,000 ICT funding from First Sovereign Trust and Pelorus Trust to provide Chromebooks and I-pads for our students. This will greatly enhance the ability for our students to access information, for inquiry and research.

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the Year 9 Camp due to not receiving a sufficient number of permission slips and payments. This decision was made based on the Ministry of Education guidelines regarding Health and Safety and Education Outside the Classroom, but I do apologise for the short notice.

This camp will go ahead on 2-5 May (week 1, term 2). We have secured a great venue and I believe we will be in a better state of readiness to offer the Year 9 students a hugely positive and fun-filled experience that they will remember forever.

## What's Coming Up?

**Tuesday 21 February –**  
5.00pm Year 9 BBQ

**22-24 February –**  
TWA Camp

**Friday 24 February –**  
School Athletics Day, Kura St  
Park

**27 February-1 March –**  
Simply Dental onsite

**Thursday 30 & Friday 31  
March –** Learning  
Conferences

**Wednesday 5 April –**  
5.00pm Senior Music  
Performance evening

**Thursday 13 April –** End of  
Term 1

**Friday 14 April –** Good Friday

### *Mana College Vision*

- *High expectations*
- *Demonstrating pride*
- *Meaningful achievement*
- *Clear and purposeful pathways*