

MANA COLLEGE



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

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Journeys and New Directions

This week we had two groups of students participate in EOTC trips. The first group was Te Whare Ako, who went on their annual winter camp to Turoa and Ohakune. These students enjoyed experiences such as hot springs and tobogganing. The second group included 20 Year 11 students who spent the week at the Hillary Outdoor Education Centre at Tongariro, with a focus on leadership. We know that our students will all have gained in confidence as a result of the trip and have each gained a myriad of different skills from their time away. Outdoor experiences are a great way to develop a range of skills and character traits as well as building important relationships.

Many thanks to parents and community members who attended the Community meeting this week to discuss the exciting developments taking place at the College to date. It personally gives me great heart to see a community full of positive, energized people who want the best for their children and the school.

Of the many topics discussed, school timetable and curriculum development were clearly a focus for change. A curriculum design team is working hard to provide a strong framework for 2017 which will include learning advisory time, more activity and project based learning, and sports academies. This will allow the school vision and strategies to be realised, particularly around meaningful achievement and clear and purposeful pathways.

What's Coming Up?

Thursday 1 September—
Year 10 Exploration Day

5-8 September—Senior
Exam week

Thursday 8 September—
Simply Dental on site

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

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

Friday 23 September—
End of Term 3

"Our commitment is to support:

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

- Mana College Vision

Student Home Study Days

The Board of Trustees has been notified that the PPTA (Post Primary Teacher Association) and NZEI (New Zealand Educational Institute) will hold a Paid Union Meeting on **Monday 12 September**. Students will be dismissed at 12.40pm on that day. This is in agreement with the conditions in their award. Consequently students will be dismissed at the end of morning classes (at 12.40pm).

For families who are not able to make arrangements to care for their children during that afternoon the Library will be open and non-PPTA staff will supervise until 3.05pm.

On **Monday 19 September** the school will be closed for tuition due to a Teacher Only Day. School staff will undertake professional development around changes to our timetable and curriculum for 2017.