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# Mihi a te Tumuaki

## Principal's Address

### Jeff Chapman

#### A Voyage of Resilience

What a year 2025 has been! Time has flown by, and as we reach the end of this academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey together.

If I had to pick a theme for 2025, it wouldn't be a gentle cruise, it would be a voyage across some seriously choppy seas! We've faced significant change, unexpected challenges, and moments that truly tested our collective resolve. But we made it! We didn't just make it though. As a community we navigated the swells with absolute resilience.

#### Guiding Principles: Manaakitanga and Aroha

In my opinion that resilience, that determination, was fuelled by two things: Manaakitanga and Aroha.

This year, our staff went above and beyond, every single day, demonstrating a deep commitment to "doing it for the kids". The collective passion we have for our ākonga to be the best they can be is at the very core of our school. We navigate tough times and challenging moments with the deep-seated mindset that every child is a taonga. It is our collective job, in partnership with you, their whānau, to help find that spark in every one of our rangatahi and grow them to be their best selves.

Visitors constantly talk about the warmth they feel at Kāreti o Mana, from the friendly welcome at the front desk to the genuine smiles and "Kia ora" from our students when you walk past. This feeling is a direct reflection of the caring environment we create together.

#### Holding Space in Times of Sadness

This year we experienced moments of deep sadness. We held space for whānau who mourned loved ones, and we also felt the profound sadness of losing young lives in our community. Thank you for the care and support you showed to each other and to the families affected during those tough times. May those who have passed rest in peace.

#### Building and Growing Together

Amidst the challenges, we celebrated significant growth and achievement:

- **Leadership and Strategy:** At the start of the year, we welcomed 12 new staff members and rolled out new leadership teams across the Senior Leadership Team, E Tipu E Rea, Te Whare Ako, Guidance and the Arts. Furthermore, we worked together to draft a new three-year strategic plan and welcomed a new Board of Trustees in October.
- **New Spaces for Our Community:** The opening of our new gym changing rooms and our incredible Te Urukahika block were huge wins for us as a school, Ngāti Toa iwi, and our community. The energy that this space has brought has been amazing. We are also progressing well with the Stage 2 design and build of our new Administration block and Marae area!
- **Navigating Big Changes:** This year, we successfully introduced the healthy lunches programme (a logistical mountain), continued to navigate significant new curriculum changes, achieved a successful ERO review, and managed through the ongoing PPTA and NZEI industrial action. Your patience and support during these complex challenges was invaluable. Ngā mihi.
- **Innovations in Learning:** Crucially, we maintained a tireless focus on literacy and numeracy development. We've focused on the development of junior competencies and establishing stronger cohesion with our senior curriculum. This foundational work changes lives.
- **Community Connection:** Our successful Pasifika & E Tipu E Rea whānau hui, our strategic plan wānanga, and other school events were highlights, fostering stronger connections and shaping our future together.
- **Celebrating Success:** There are simply so many successes to mention! From our students undertaking national and international travel as ambassadors of Kāreti o Mana, Porirua, and Aotearoa, to them being awarded tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships for academic and vocational pathway development, to being recipients of community leadership awards, to competing at the highest local and national levels in sport and culture.

# Mihi a te Tumuaki

## Principal's Address Continued

The huge whānau turn out at our inaugural Green and Gold awards and the warm WĀ/toka feel at both the Senior and Junior prizegivings this year truly celebrated the success of our students and the heart of our school.

### Saying Goodbye and Special Acknowledgements to Dedicated Staff

As a community, we want to acknowledge and thank the staff who have either reached significant milestones or will be moving on at the end of the year. Their commitment to our rangatahi has been inspirational.

We want to give a special acknowledgement to Faye Jarrett for her 20 years of loyal service as a Teacher Aide in Te Whare Ako (TWA). Faye's dedication to our students over two decades is a profound legacy that has touched countless lives. Thank you Faye for your enduring commitment to our school.

We wish the following departing staff all the best in their next steps:

- Elizabeth Knowles: Has been a rock in the Social Science department and a Dean for an entire cohort of students for five years - a mammoth accomplishment. We wish her well for the birth of her third child.
- Caleb Aiulu and Renee Ikurere: Their invaluable connections with our rangatahi, particularly our young Māori and Pasifika men and women, have been priceless. Their passion for youth work has been a huge asset, and we wish them all the best as they deepen their knowledge in this field.
- Rebecca Whatley: Navigating the leadership of a complex special needs area, especially during a time of immense challenge, transition and change, required extraordinary professionalism and love for the kids. We wish her and her whānau all the best in their new ventures in Australia.

As I always say, once Mana- always Mana. We look forward to welcoming them back in some capacity in the future.

### A Break Well-Deserved

Finally, I want to thank all of our students and whānau for your partnership and support this year. We will continue to paddle this waka as one for many more years to come. Kotahitanga!

We will be hitting the ground running in 2026, establishing clear goals and maintaining high expectations to further lift the achievement and success of our ākongā.

But that is next year's work. Take a well-deserved break. Spend quality time with your whānau and friends over the summer and holiday period.

Come back refreshed and raring to go for what I know will be an exceptional 2026!

Nāku noa, nā Jeff Chapman Tumuaki | Principal Kāreti o Mana

# Tuakana Matua

Head Students 2025



## Sethini Goonewardene

*"I came to realize that I belong everywhere I choose to be." - Maya Angelou*

Kia ora koutou katoa,

It's hard to believe that just two years ago, I walked through the gates of Mana College for the first time.

When I left Sri Lanka, I carried more than just a suitcase. I carried memories of home, the rhythm of my language, the warmth of familiar faces, and the comfort of belonging. But tucked between those memories was something fragile: uncertainty. A quiet question that followed me across the ocean, will I belong here too?

When I arrived in New Zealand in 2023, Mana College became my very first school. I still remember my first morning, standing outside the entrance, unsure of where to go, unsure of how to begin. Everything was new: the faces, the voices, even the air felt different. I didn't know how to say kia ora properly. I didn't know the jokes, the slang, or the rhythm of Kiwi life. But within those first few weeks, something changed.

A teacher smiled and said, "You're doing great."  
A classmate asked if I wanted to join their group.  
A friend said, "You belong here."

And just like that, Mana College stopped being a school, it started becoming my second home.

Over time, I began to find myself again. I became a Tuakana, someone who could guide and support others the way people once guided me. I took part in leadership, helped others find confidence, and stood proudly for the things I believed in. But one of the moments I hold closest to my heart is founding the very first Asian Cultural Group and Chess Club at Mana College.

The Chess Club became a space where students could come together, play, and learn from mentors who shared their strategies and passion for the game.

The Asian Cultural group was at first, just a small dream, a few of us gathering to share food, stories, and laughter from our cultures. But it became so much more. It became a celebration of identity, a space where students could be proud of who they are. We danced, we sang, we learned from one another, and together we showed that diversity doesn't divide us, it brings us closer.

Through every challenge, Mana College has taught me what mana truly means. It's not just about strength or status, it's about dignity, courage, and connection. It's about standing tall not just for yourself, but for others. It's about lifting people up when they feel small, and reminding them that they belong.

As we, the Class of 2025, prepare to step beyond these walls, let's carry the spirit of Mana with us, the courage to stand tall, the compassion to lift others, and the confidence to keep growing. Let's be the generation that leads with kindness, that builds bridges instead of walls, and that never forgets where it all began, here, at Mana College.

Because Mana College isn't just a place where we learn, it's a place where we become. It's where a girl from Sri Lanka could arrive as a stranger and stand here today as a leader.

So as we close this chapter and open the next, let's walk forward, proud of our past, ready for our future, and united in our Mana.

Ngā mihi nui. Arohanui. Mana with Mana, always

# Tuakana Matua

Head Students 2025

## Flora Chen Pao



Talofa Lava,

My name is Floramaria Mu-Lian Chen Pao – proud Samoan-Chinese, proud Head Student, and proud survivor of five solid years here at Mana College... well, technically four and a half.

I joined halfway through Year 9 which meant my first day was already an experience. I'll never forget it – walking into Maths while Mr Clarkson was teaching, being introduced by Mrs Knowles in front of everyone, and doing that awkward little shuffle trying to find a seat while the whole class just watched. Since that day, I've learned a lot – not just from what's been taught in class, but from the people, the challenges, and the opportunities along the way.

Now if I'm being honest, NCEA Level 1 was pretty straightforward. I thought, "this isn't too bad – I've got this in the bag". Then Level 2 came along and humbled me very quickly. The jump between the two was massive. Suddenly, everything felt harder, faster, and a lot more serious. I'd definitely say Level 2 was my hardest year of NCEA – full of late nights, long deadlines, and plenty of "why did I take this subject?" moments. But as challenging as it was, it taught me how to manage my time, stay disciplined, and push through when things got tough. So when Level 3 rolled around, I actually felt ready. I knew what to expect, I knew how to balance the workload, and I found my rhythm. It wasn't easy, but it was proof that growth really does come from the hard seasons.

One of the best parts of my time here was being in my WĀ class. Our teacher, Steve, gave us so many opportunities to try new things – especially in sports. Even though most of us had zero experience, he somehow got our all-girls class out there giving everything a go. Whether it was touch, or waka ama – we might not have been the most professional team, but we definitely had the most fun. We even made it to Rarotonga for Waka Ama regionals and to the Hutt for Touch regionals, which was such a tiring yet cool experience.

What made it special wasn't just the sports – it was doing it all together. We backed each other, laughed through the failures, and celebrated every little success. And outside of school, we kept the same energy – going out for birthdays and lunch and dinner, making memories that I'll never forget.

Being a Head Student this year has also been one of the most rewarding and busiest experiences of my life. I've learned that leadership isn't about being perfect or knowing everything – it's about showing up, encouraging others. It's been full of lessons, laughs, and a lot of moments where I had to just trust myself and go for it.

And of course, my biggest thank you goes to my family. In a house of eight-plus my grandparents, it's never quiet, but it's always full of love, laughter, and food that disappears faster than it's made. My family keeps me grounded, motivated, and focused. I'm proud to be the first in my family to apply for university, and to get accepted, and I do it for them – to make them proud and to give back for everything they've done for me.

To my fellow Year 13s – we did it. We've made it through group projects, exams, stress and those days where we all just wanted to give up. But look at us now – stronger, smarter, and ready for what's next.

So, as I wrap up, I just want to say thank you to the teachers, staff, whanau, and friends who have been part of my journey. Thank you for shaping me into the person I am today.

To the younger students – take every opportunity, don't be afraid to fail, and don't wait until Level 2 to figure out time management. Learn from me.

To the class of 2025 – congratulations. We made it. Here's to new beginnings, big dreams, and bright futures.

Fa'afetai tele lava, thank you, and God bless!

# Tuakana Matua

Head Students 2025



## Pacey Hall

In my hand, I have a badge... It's about 6cm long, it's green and gold with yellow text. It's also got a sharp pin on the back, which I never fail to accidentally prick myself with when I try to put it on. A lot of people probably have one. If you do, have a look at it on your blazer. The thing about this badge is that it was the first badge I ever got at Mana College. What was your first badge?

My name's Pacey Hall, and I'm one of the proud head students of Mana College 2025. I was born and raised in the Bay, and I am a faithful, imperfect child of God.

When I first started here at Mana College, I was a very doubtful person. I would second-guess myself all the time. I was never very confident with any decisions or ideas I came up with, and I always had a different answer to that annoying question of "what are you going to do when you grow up?"

All those big decisions were always up to the adults. What I quickly figured out, though, was that here at Mana, that wouldn't fly. I couldn't just leave my life up to other people anymore. In the wise words of Mr Goosen, "You're not a baby anymore".

So I built my confidence, took opportunities, and believed in myself. Like at the start of this year, I could barely introduce myself to a group of year 9 parents. This could not have been possible in any other school. Because Mana College provided me with not only support, but a strong community... and powerful values to guide me.

The main thing Mana College was able to give to me, though, was a goal. And that goal was to be a builder. Working with my hands and building something to be proud of.

Some of my fondest memories at this school were not on the building site or in the classroom; they were with my WĀ. From what started as a homeroom where I would go sit with my little group and ignore everyone else, it has now turned into my school family.

Of course, I have to thank my wonderful parents for dealing with me this long. Without you guys, I couldn't be here today. You're the ones who showed me that with an idea and a lot of perseverance, I can achieve anything. I would also like to thank both my Build teacher, Steve and my WĀ teacher, Mr Goosen. Ever since I joined both of your classes, you've backed me no matter what. I always left class with a smile, and I couldn't have made it this far without you both. And for that, I'll be forever grateful that God gave me such amazing teachers.

Now back to my Badge. My first badge I received at Mana College was the Aspire badge. And to all the students of 2026, I urge you to aspire, find something that gets you up in the morning...something to set your sights on and chase it.

***Never stop aspiring to be better than you were yesterday.***

# Tuakana Matua

Head Students 2025



## STUDENT HEADS OF WHANAU 2025

Lox Brown Risati  
Saresha Maxwell  
Leone Senileba



## STUDENT HEADS OF CULTURE 2025

Kalo Radravu  
Jullius Matthews Pulman  
Madison Lee



## STUDENT HEADS OF ACADEMIA 2025

Alexi MacCormick  
Waimihi Muir  
Sethini Goonewardene



## STUDENT HEADS OF SPORT 2025

Patience Edmonds  
Jahlia Laumua  
Clayton Lee



## STUDENT HEADS OF ARTS 2025

Ivan Robles  
Pacey Hall  
Bhea Fiedalan



## STUDENT HEADS OF HAUORA 2025

Adalayde Marshall-Sopoaga  
Louis Gregory  
Makani Aing

# Kaimahi 2025

## Teaching Staff 2025



Marina Anderton



Richard Anderton



Paul Assur



Randall Bishop



Brittany Buttenshaw



Jeff Chapman



Elaine Clarkson



Lisa-Marie Coker



Jhea Dela Cruz



Jannah Dennison



David Douglas



Meyer Goosen



Steve Haerewa



Mike Jensen



Tali Josephs



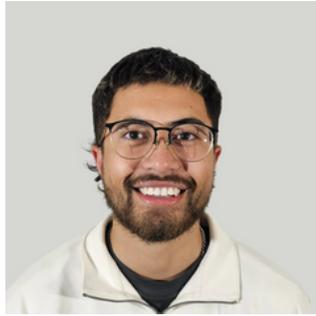
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# Kaimahi 2025

## Teaching Staff 2025



Kamiria Keelan-Demuth



Tamahae Keelan-Demuth



Elizabeth Knowles



Filisone Koloamatangi



Elin Lorenzen



Ngahuia Madden



Anshu Malhotra



Lana McLaughlin-Khan



Mary Morley



Harley Nuku



Tracy Old



Karl Payne



Jody Plummer



Derek Pryde



Hohepa Pullman



Toni Robinson

# Kaimahi 2025

## Teaching Staff 2025



Matthew Rowe



Rose Sawaya



Sophia Shinn



Rebecca Stanton



Steven Swanson



Ryan Strugnell



Joanna Te Morenga



Daryl Prowse



Anna Thornton



Arthur Trousdell



Aidan Verity



Rebecca Whatley

# Kaimahi 2025

Support Staff 2025



Caleb Aiulu



Carley Bird



Cheryl Birghtwell



Kauri Brown



Richard Davies



Keita Fitchett



Joanne Gillespie



Celeste Grove



Sviatlana Haleisha



Catherine Harrington



Renee Ikurere



Melisha Isaako



Faye Jarrett



Nancy Kena



Alecada Kirk



Janine Laumua

# Kaimahi 2025

## Support Staff 2025



Joanne Leiper



Juanita Leynes



Duncan Lints



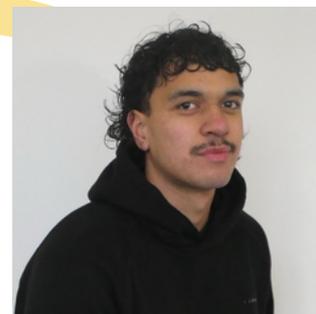
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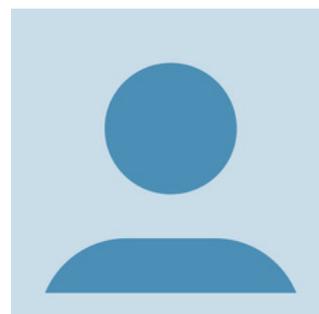
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Wendy Nuku



Randall Paenga



Carly Pointon



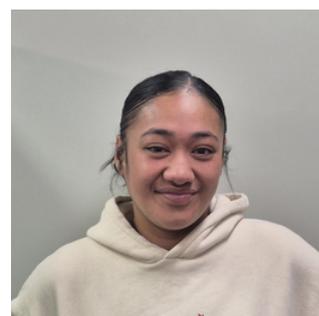
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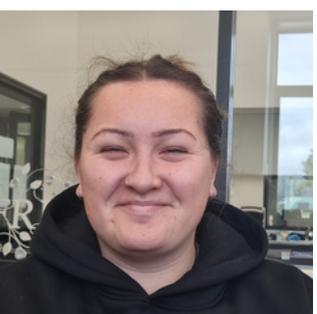
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Ramona Silva



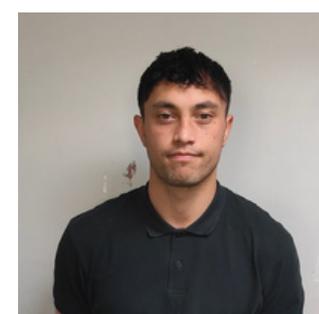
Jamaine Tapara



Jordyn Tapara



Miki Tito



Areroa Vincent-Karati

# Poroporoaki

## Farewells

You may have heard some of our sad news. That is three of our previous staff have recently passed away. All three of these people were pou of our school who had a massive impact on our students, staff and the community.

## Whaea Tuni Martin

Whaea Tuni Martin- A founding member of E tipu e Rea @ Mana College. Head of E tipu for over 20 years. A kuia of Mana!



## Mr Bruce Bennett

Mr Bruce Bennett - Assistant & Deputy Principal for over 10 years. Much loved & one of the kindest human beings around. Believed in everybody to do well.



## Whaea Aroha Paaka

Whaea Aroha Paaka - Much loved teacher aide & relief teacher. Very kind & caring with a heart of gold. Supported many students & teachers.



These staff members epitomise what makes Mana College such a special place in our community. They will be sorely missed, but will always be cherished, and their generous spirits will live on within Mana and its people.

## Vicky May and Memphis

Two of our former students, Memphis Strachan and Vicky-May Davies, both 20 years old passed away in a tragic vehicle accident. Both Memphis and Vicky-May were larger than life characters who maintained strong connections with many staff and students in our Mana whānau.

May you rest in peace, Vicky May and Memphis. You'll always be remembered by our Mana whānau.



# Poroporoaki

Farewells

## Jazz Felagai

Jazz Felagai from Te Whare Ako.

Jazz passed away overnight on Tuesday, 22 July, after an illness, leaving a profound void in our hearts.

This was an incredibly difficult time for Te Whare Ako and the entire Mana College community.

Rest in peace, Jazz.



## Jazz Felagai - Memorial

We lost our beloved Jazzy a few months ago, and we decided that a seat next to the swing in TWA would be a wonderful way of honouring this great taonga.

Jazzy's whānau joined us to unveil the seat, which was incredibly special. It was an incredibly moving and heartfelt celebration of a wonderfully selfless, kind, and loving soul, Jazziah.



## Charlie Jackson

Charlie Jackson was a year 10 TWA, he will forever be remembered for his delightful smile, his love of the wind in his face, and he was always up for a hug.

Rest in peace, Charlie.



## Charlie Jackson - Memorial

On what would have been his 15th birthday, 4/8/25, we came together to honour and remember a much-loved member of Te Whare Ako, Charlie Waihōpai Jackson.

Charlie passed away on April 27, 2025, and today we planted a tree in his memory. It was a beautiful way to celebrate his life and the lasting impact he had on all of us. As it grows, this tree will be a living tribute to Charlie's memory.



# Beyond The Bell



# Te Urukahika

## Jeff Chapman

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May we celebrated a major milestone—the long-awaited opening of Te Urukahika, a space dedicated to Technology, Science, Construction, Arts, Mathematics, and Te Whare Ako.

The day began with a dawn blessing ceremony, where we unveiled two special whakairo. See the attached brief from Nathan Rei explaining the importance of these two amazing carvings.

This was followed by a formal opening at 10 a.m, attended by Ngāti toa iwi, dignitaries, staff, students, whānau and our entire school community. We were honoured to have our school's Kapa Haka group perform at both ceremonies, adding a rich cultural and emotional depth to the occasion.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us at this significant event. Te Urukahika is more than just a building—it is a place where ideas will flourish, skills will be honed, and stories will be shared for generations to come. A special thanks also goes to our photographer, Lee McLauchlan, and videographer, Wesley Osman, for capturing this momentous event.

We look forward to welcoming many into this special space and witnessing the creativity and learning that will unfold within its walls.



# Te Urukahika



Te Urukahika was the name of a river that flowed in this area. Remnants of this river can still be seen in the swamp land area in front of the college. Te Urukahika is also the name of a fortified Pa that was inhabited by Ngāti Toa Rangatira before moving to their present day Pa site at Takapūwāhia.

The name “Uru” itself translates to “entranceway” and the name “Kahika” refers to: “A grove of Kahikatea, a gathering or group where everyone supports one another like the root-system of a kahikatea grove.”

*The carved hoe holds the Mauri for the building. The hoe was initiated by Ngāti Toa Kaumataua; Dr Taku Parai and carved by Nathan Rei.*

# Mana Tawhito



Mana Tawhito is a restoration piece. The original piece hung in the old library where Te Urukahika now stands. This piece is a collaboration between carvers and weavers, incorporating Whakairō at the forefront and Tukutuku in the background.

The carving design is a variation of the Mana College logo. The kowhaiwhai carved on the forehead symbolises matauranga and knowledge, and the design around the mouth symbolises korero, the sharing of knowledge. The Taratara-a-kae around the mouth symbolises abundance.

The tukutuku design, kaokao, symbolises people and is a tribute to those people in particular, who worked hard to establish a Marae at Mana. The green and yellow are the original school colours.

**Kai Whakairo:** Nathan Rei, Pedro Busby, Hohaia & Adam Ogilvy, Kymani Rei, Leon Hohepa

**Kai Ranga:** Sarah Rivers, Grace & Courtney Bloomfield, Lysha Rei

# Ūropi 2025

Europe

## Jeff Chapman

The Europe trip 2025 was a massive success! Six adults and 21 students ventured out across the globe using planes, trains, buses, ferries, taxis, bikes, our feet and even the Paris metro to experience the different cultures, foods, weather, people, places and experiences the world has to offer.

The party visited Copenhagen in Denmark, Malmö in Sweden, Amrum, Hamburg & Cologne in Germany, Paris in France, Pompeii & Rome in Italy and of course transited through Singapore at both ends of the trip. The highlights and stories are endless that will be spoken about for years to come. In particular our 4-5 days that we spent on Whaea Elin's hometown island of Amrum, where we were treated like royalty by Elin's whānau and friends. Thank you Elin!

Our sincere thanks go out to all of the Mana College staff, whānau, iwi, community and sponsors that extended far and wide to help make this trip happen. Without your contributions and commitment our kids would not have been able to have this once in a lifetime learning experience, that extended well past the classroom walls. Ngā mihi nui.



# Anika Illingworth

Thank you to all of you who were supportive with your words, your kindness and supporting us in all our fundraisers while we worked towards this dream!

Kia Ora, my name is Anika. The 2025 Europe trip changed so much in my life and is only shown in subtle ways. I feel much more confident, have the travel bug, experienced new cultures, built up endurance and made new friends within our group. I am going to tell you more about all these things and why the Europe trip was the thing that changed it for me.

I feel more confident coming home from this trip because in these countries, no one knew us. There was no way we would bump into someone we knew, which let me be myself and be more confident than I was in NZ. Walking around these countries was surreal, I could act like someone fully different and no one would know that how I was acting wasn't me. This feeling of confidence carried on back to NZ. Not caring about what people thought in these other countries, I thought to myself "Why should I care what people think here?" So, I feel that I have become more confident in myself.

In Singapore on the way back we talked as a group about our favourite parts and if we would ever travel again. Almost everyone said that they would get back out into the world when they were older, including me. After travelling to these new countries and experiencing a new landscape and a beauty I had never seen before, I wanted to stay travelling forever. The jet lag was bad but the views on our way to our planned destinations were nothing like what I knew and what I have seen of the world. Everything was always so beautiful and I am so lucky to have shared this beauty with the rest of the group.



In all of these countries, there were vastly different cultures. In Singapore we watched a dragon dance in the boiling heat, in Germany we experienced the culture of Amrum and in Paris me and a few others ate snails. This is the culture of these countries and we got to experience them firsthand, which doesn't even compare to googling or watching a youtube video on these things. Being in these countries, celebrating their culture, everything was so fun, new and immersive. We learnt new things that we didn't know just by being in the country of that culture. We experienced it all firsthand and although culture shock was hard, it was an amazing experience. By being on this trip with 20 other kids from my school, some that I had never talked to and some that I just saw here and there was a crazy experience. These people made the trip what it was and without them, I wouldn't have had as much fun as I did. Some of these people I would have never approached or talked to in my life without this trip bringing us together as a team, representing our school and our culture together out in the world. I talked to people I never would have, sat next to people on the plane even if we barely knew each other and mingled with existing friend groups. Everyone made me feel welcomed into this huge group and I am so grateful for them. The Europe trip was a once in a lifetime experience and I am forever grateful that I could go.



# Beyond the Bell

## Womens' Day Parliamentary Breakfast

On the 6th of March 2025, Flora and I had the privilege of attending the Women's Day Parliamentary Breakfast, representing Mana College. This inspiring event brought together influential women leaders, including keynote speakers such as Hon. Nicola Grigg, Minister of State for Trade and Investment, Minister for Women, Associate Minister of Agriculture, and Associate Minister for ACC; Major General Rose King, Chief of Army; Rawinia Rimene, Director and Founder of Girl Native; and Carmen Vicelich, Founder and CEO of Data Insight, Valocity, and Generate Zero.

The speeches emphasised gender equity, leadership, and the importance of amplifying women's voices. Hearing from such strong women in leadership reinforced the value of resilience and representation, which deeply resonated with us as young women leaders. The discussions highlighted the progress made in gender equity, while also reminding us of the work still needed to create a truly inclusive society. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about making a difference.

A special thank you to Miss Elizabeth Knowles for accompanying us to the event. To end the morning, we were given beautiful yellow roses, symbolising appreciation and empowerment. We left feeling inspired and eager to contribute to positive change within our school and beyond.

### Sethini and Flora



## Future Unity

Taiohi from Mana College participated in a series of hui around climate change within the context of Porirua, held by a collective of environmental educators. We explored our connection to Te Awarua o Porirua and its degradation. The environmental, social and cultural impacts were the basis for the exploration of action guided by the Rainbow of Activism. These taiohi were then invited to attend the Taiohi waananga for Climate.

On February 14th, eight schools from Porirua came together for a taiohi waananga - connecting, creating and sharing koorero with incredible facilitators who believe in us at the leaders of tomorrow.

Though waiata, art and spoken word, we explored our voices, created our own branding, and shaped our kaupapa. From that, Future Unity was born - a name inspired by the waiata we wrote together.

Ko wai taatou? Ko ngaa rangatira moo apoopoo.

#FutureUnity #RangatahiLed #Kaitiaki #climateaction

On February 22nd, Taiohi who were able and committed to having their voices heard attended the Porirua Assembly. They were given T-shirts with their branding, shared their values, waiata, poems and speeches on climate to both the Mana whenua and community streams of the Porirua Assembly.



# Beyond the Bell

## Migrant Students Academic Awards

Congratulations to Sethini Goonewardene, who was recognised at the Migrant Students Academic Awards ceremony held on Friday, 4th April, hosted by the Ministry of Education and Voice of Rangatahi. As one of Mana College's head students, Sethini plays a key leadership role in overseeing academic achievement within the school. Her Excellence Endorsements in both NCEA Level 1 and Level 2 reflect her strong focus, determination, and commitment to excellence. Sethini consistently brings a high level of energy to all that she does, whether it's supporting her peers academically or leading the school's chess club. Her impressive achievements so far are a testament to the value of hard work and regular school attendance, and they have laid a strong foundation for a bright future ahead.



## Pacey Hall Reaches Gold!

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an international programme with three levels—Bronze, Silver, and Gold—aimed at challenging young people to grow through skills, service, fitness, and adventure. Achieving the Gold level is a significant milestone, requiring participants to complete five challenging sections: Voluntary Service, Skills, Physical Recreation, Adventurous Journey, and the Gold Residential Project.

Pacey's whānau and Mana College would like to acknowledge Mr Cam Fraser's support and guidance over the last three years, as it was not always a straight forward process.

We are thrilled to congratulate Pacey Hall for his outstanding dedication, resilience, and commitment in successfully achieving the Gold Award. This incredible accomplishment is a testament to Pacey's hard work and determination. Well done, Pacey—you've made us all proud!



# Beyond the Bell

## Porirua Youth Awards

Congratulations to Gia for receiving a Highly Commended Sport Award at the Partners Porirua Youth Awards 2025!

Gia is a well rounded student who gives 100% in everything she does from the classroom to her friendships and the sports field. We are so proud of her and all she has achieved at such a young age. We are excited for the future and look forward to seeing her achieve her sporting goals.

Congratulations also to Sethini and Sithum Goonewardene for their Excellence Awards. The Excellence Awards are held in the highest esteem across Porirua. Sethini received her award in Excellence for Education and Sithum received his for STEM.

Thank you to Partners Porirua for supporting the rangatahi in our community.



## Mana Students Embark on Exciting Exchange Adventure!

We are thrilled to celebrate two of our fantastic students, Abigail and Benny, who have just departed for an incredible experience as part of our German Exchange Programme that was made possible through their German studies here at Mana.

It was with much Mana pride that Jeff Chapman saw them off at the airport on 30th November. Both Abigail and Benny were understandably a little nervous, as this is their first time travelling overseas by themselves. However, their excitement was palpable, and they are super excited about the adventures and life-changing experiences that await them!

### Their German Journey

- Benny will be staying in the historic city of Regensburg.
- Abigail will be hosted in the lovely town of Dorfen.

They will be immersing themselves in German culture, attending a local school, and living with their welcoming host families.

Their exchange period runs until Monday, the 29th of January 2026.

### Welcoming Our German Guests

We are already looking forward to reciprocating this wonderful hospitality! Our two German host students will arrive in Wellington on Wednesday, the 4th of March 2026.

They will be attending Mana College for the entire duration of their stay, giving them a true taste of school life here in New Zealand. They will depart on Thursday, the 30th of April, 2026.

This exchange is a fantastic opportunity for all students involved - Abigail and Benny to gain global experience, and our Mana community to welcome and learn from our international guests.

We wish Abigail and Benny all the best for a safe and enriching journey!

# Beyond the Bell

## Mana Podcast Crew

He mihi nui to the team at Wellington Access Radio for hosting 3 of our 4 budding podcasters/ technicians from Mana College. Ian Dariagan-Johns, Gabriel Burgess and Max Ellis represented us while Madi played in a volleyball tournament. Amy and Johnno showed us around the studio and then the big moment - sitting in the chairs / checking our headphones / Max learning how to run the sound board and away we went.

What an amazing and inspirational day. This year at Mana College we have been asked to find our voice as rangatahi at our kura.

Watch out - we might just be taking over the air waves of Wellington and beyond.

Many thanks to Amy, Johnno and Brigid for growing our confidence and skill level in this space.

Mana with mana.



## Past Student Success

### Huge congratulations to Yazan El Fares

"Finally, after years of waiting, my dreams have blossomed..."

Today I put an end to a long line, and start a new chapter in my life. I graduated carrying tired days, sleepless nights, and a great hope for a better tomorrow. The road was full of challenges, but every step was worth it.

I thank everyone who supported me, and everyone who believed in me and with their prayers it was the light that shone my way. Today, I celebrate, not just my success, but the love and support that has surrounded me along this journey.

Alhamdulillah for every thing. The beginning is now for bigger dreams and limitless ambitions.

After four years of hard work, dedication, and countless lessons, I can finally say: I did it! This journey was filled with challenges, but every moment was worth it. Grateful for the support and proud of this achievement.



# Beyond the Bell

## 2025 Ngā Hoe a Kupe Pathfinder Scholarship - Jeff Chapman

It was my absolute pleasure to attend the 2025 Ngā Hoe a Kupe Pathfinder Scholarships awards ceremony for one of our recent alumni, Asher Rei. Another example of what Mana College students can achieve. We're all so proud of you Asher. You've done yourself, your whānau, teachers, iwi and Mana community proud.

### CITATION FOR ASHER REI

Asher Rei is a proud descendant of Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Te Āti Awa ki Te Whanganui-a-Tara, and Ngāti Raukawa (Horowhenua). He is an alumnus of Mana College.

Asher is the youngest of six children and will be the first in his blended family to attend university. Before moving into Weir House, he lived at home with his parents and his nephew who is more like his little brother.

To realise his dream of reaching university, Asher has sacrificed friendships, extra-curricular activities and leadership roles. He has gone the extra mile to immerse himself in understanding the why behind a design, and took up the challenge to design an art space for Porirua for his Level Three Design board, from material exploration to soil testing and incorporating Ngāti Toa iwi design elements to the project.

Asher is studying towards a Bachelor of Architectural Studies, majoring in Architecture. He aspires to become a great architect, a passion he discovered through his building technologies teacher. Asher hopes to design meaningful spaces, addressing real-world problems in humanitarian and sustainable architecture, and improve the quality of life for people and the environment.

Congratulations and go well, Asher.



## Celebrating Excellence in the Arts

Jade Hanrahan wins NZQA Scholarship for Painting!

We are thrilled to announce that Jade Hanrahan has been awarded the prestigious NZQA Scholarship for Painting. This top scholarship is given to outstanding students, making it a significant achievement for both Jade and our school. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Jade for this remarkable accomplishment.

A special mention goes to Mr Will Lucombe-Smith, whose guidance and support have been instrumental in helping Jade achieve this honor. This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both student and teacher.

Painting is a highly competitive submission, with many students striving for excellence in this field. The fact that Jade has excelled among such talented peers is very commendable. We are incredibly proud of Jade and look forward to witnessing her continued success in the future. Let's celebrate this outstanding achievement and the incredible talent within our school community.

By: Jade Hanrahan

"This year for the first time I tried and enjoyed working in a larger scale, and working on canvas and wood rather than paper, and would like to continue working in larger scale on new materials. I was also pushed out of my comfort zone to create a work for an art exhibition that took place through my school and had the opportunity to help plan, install, and make work to be exhibited. I learned a lot from this opportunity and would like to exhibit works again in the future. It would be great to develop projects, themes, and social issues that I resonate with for future works, and these things could make positive impacts towards my community."



# Beyond the Bell

BLADE FUNAKI

## Board of Trustees

As the school year draws to a close, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Blade Funaki, our student representative on the Board of Trustees. For the past year, Blade has served with dedication and passion, ensuring that the student voice was not only heard but truly considered in every decision. His hard work has been invaluable, and we are grateful for the time and commitment he has shown to our school community.



Thank you, Blade, for your service and for being such a fantastic representative for our student body. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours.



At the same time, we are excited to welcome our new student representative, Tane Mill. We extend a huge congratulations to Tane on his appointment and look forward to seeing the new perspectives and energy he will bring to the board. We are confident that Tane will be an excellent voice for our students.

When the results of the election were being released, I walked around school assuming I had lost. I was just quietly happy to have run whilst the sun shined bright. Then another candidate congratulated me before I even knew the outcome. Everything felt still. The weight of responsibility set in, and I was confused until I checked my email and read the words: "I hereby declare the following duty elected: Name: Blade Funaki." Which felt like gravity changed. My friends were proud and students I didn't even know stopped to congratulate me. I was shocked, but more than that, I felt pride.

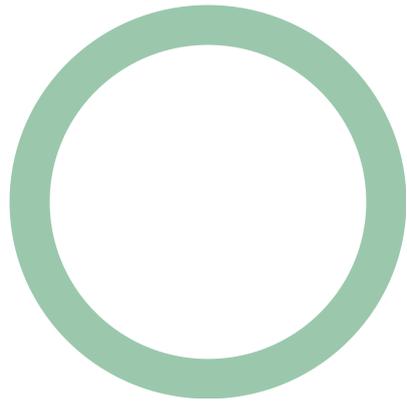
As Student Representative, I focused on strengthening representation in school by creating the social representative leadership roles: Asian, Māori and Pasifika, Pride, TWA, etc. These roles allowed students to advocate for their communities, coordinate, and ensure that voices of their community were directed straight to the Board of Trustees.

Leadership taught me that impact matters most. Real change doesn't come from just being a student, speaking at a table doing the bare minimum, it comes from effort towards impact that endures. I'm proud that the social rep initiative will grow.

At the end of the day, I became one of the most active and vocal student reps we have ever had at Mana College and I'm proud of that. Leave knowing I gave my best and helped make our school a more inclusive place.

2026 will be a bright year.

# Beyond the Bell



# The Daily Grind



## Last Second

It began with silence.

Not the silence of an empty room, but the kind that feels wrong, unnatural, as if the universe itself has stopped to listen. It pressed against my chest, heavy and unrelenting, like a weight I could no longer shift.

The monitor beside my bed stuttered once, twice, before flatlining into nothing. A single beep cut through the room like a blade, then dissolved into silence so complete it felt alive.

The air grew thick. The ceiling lights blurred at the edges, colours bleeding together. I tried to lift my hand but it lay stiff and foreign on the blanket, pale fingers twitching once before falling still. My body no longer felt like mine; it was becoming an anchor, tethering me weakly to a world already pulling away.

That was when I saw him.

He stood at the foot of the bed, tall, cloaked in shadow, as if carved from the night itself. He hadn't arrived. He had always been there, waiting just beyond the edge of sight. His hood masked his face, but his presence filled the room like thunder before a storm. At his side leaned a scythe, its blade worn, curved like the crescent of a waning moon, etched with scars of time itself.

"Already?" My voice cracked like brittle paper

The figure tilted his head, a gesture strangely human, patient. His voice came low, steady, resonant with centuries.

"Time does not ask permission."

The old clock on the wall ticked once. Then stopped.

Something inside me lurched. Panic surged hot through failing veins. "I'm not ready," I gasped.

Each word scraped against my throat, jagged and desperate.

"No one is," he replied. There was no cruelty in him, no mockery. Only certainty. "And yet, everyone arrives on time."

His words echoed through me, heavy and absolute. My world shrank through the rhythm of my ragged breath, the stillness of my limbs, and his presence. I wanted to scream, to fight, to bargain. To beg for more, another day, another hour, another minute. Just enough to sit in sunlight, to hear my daughter's laughter, to taste ripe fruit one last time.

But my voice broke. The only words that left me were barely whispers.

"I'm afraid."

At that, the Reaper moved. Not with footsteps, his cloak did not stir, his form cast no shadow. Yet suddenly, impossibly, he was closer. I braced for the cold, for the skeletal horror I had been taught to fear.

But the air around him was not ice. It was stillness, vast, endless, like standing on the edge of an ocean at dawn.

"Fear is the proof that you have loved life," he said softly.

The words unlocked something. Memories surged forward, unstoppable, each one vivid and precise. They did not come politely, in order. They crashed over me like waves.

My mother's hands when I was small, smelling faintly of soap as she combed my hair. My father teaching me to ride a bicycle, his voice trembling as he let go. The sharp sting of rain on hot concrete. The taste of mango dripping down my chin, sticky and sweet. The sound of my daughter's first cry, raw and perfect in the quiet of a hospital room. My friends' laughter crackling down the summer fire. The hush of waves, the smell of salt, the feeling of sand clinging between my toes.

Every memory blazed brighter than the fluorescent lights above me. Every one is louder than the silence that pressed in.

“Will it hurt?” I asked, my voice trembling.

“No.” His answer was immediate, calm. “It will feel like exhaling after holding your breath too long.”

His hand reached toward me. Not bone, not flesh. Something beyond either, pale, shifting, impossible to define. When his fingers brushed mine, the heaviness of my body slipped away. The ache in my chest, the burning in my lungs, the weight of pain, all dissolved like fog under sunlight.

The clock on the wall remained frozen. But I knew the truth. Beyond these walls, countless other clocks still ticked.

I could almost hear them.

Tick - a child somewhere taking her first breath.

Tick - a boy tying his shoelaces for school, his future waiting in the rhythm of his steps.

Tick - a cafe filled with laughter, the hiss of milk steaming, the clink of cups.

Tick - an old couple sitting side by side on a porch, their silence comfortable, their hands still joined.

Tick - a storm breaking over the sea, lightning carving open the sky.

The world carried on. My clock faltered, but theirs did not. Life pulsed, ceaseless, indifferent. My absence would not slow it.

And in that realisation, I found something unexpected. Peace.

I had wanted life to pause, to give me one more chance. But if time started for me, it would stop for everyone else.

My chest rose once more, and my heart shuttered in my ribs.

The Reaper’s voice was the last sound I heard:

“Come. There is more.”

**By: Sethini Goonewardene**

## Kaitiakitanga

Kaitiakitanga means care

For land and sea and earth and air.

It’s not just words, it’s what we do

To keep the world safe, strong and true.

We plant the trees, we clean the streams,

We think of others, hopes and dreams.

We pick up rubbish off the ground,

So nature’s beauty sticks around.

It’s helping birds and seas thrive,

So all things grow and stay alive.

It’s not just for today—we know,

It’s for the future, as we grow.

**By: Asha Warrington Y9**

# Perfect Hedges

As I open my eyes, a soft morning light hits me. My memory is hazy and I feel disoriented.

I need to get back home.

I check my pocket-no cell phone. Great.

Regaining my balance, I stand up and look around. I rub my blurry eyes and they come to focus.

They're drawn to perfectly trimmed lawns and quiet rows of American-style houses. It feels as if I've woken up inside the Stepford Wives. Although I have no clue how I ended up here, it could be much worse.

Stumbling down the pristine pavement, I notice each and every house shares the same design of mailbox. Quite strange, but I love the sense of community.

I need to get my bearings if I want a chance of getting home. In the distance, I spot an information board; it's the best clue I've got.

No matter how close I get, the writing doesn't get any clearer. The board looks fresh and untouched yet the text is blurry and hard to make out. Could be my eyes, or even a printing issue.

I continue to walk down the street and I notice a distant figure. If I want to get home, asking someone will be my best bet.

As I prepare what to say in my head, I realise I don't know where home is. I don't even know my own name.

A sickening feeling engulfs me and with each step closer, my legs feel weaker.

Crashing into the person, I say, "Oops oh I'm so sorry, I don't know where I am and I-"

"It's a beautiful morning," the man says.

Taken aback, I look around and say, "Yea... sure, um, do you know where I am?"

The man says, "Welcome to Havenbrook, where you'll never want to leave... and you never will," in a steady, flat tone.

I take a step back. That was creepy.

I pay close attention to the man's face. His head sways from side to side in a fluent manner. His smile is soft but seems hollow. His eyes don't fully match up with mine, almost like he's looking through me. Suddenly, his body snaps into motion, turns around, and picks up his hedge trimmers.

"Well... thank you for your time?" I say in an uncertain tone.

Looking back, I notice he's trimming perfect hedges. I take a second to look, and he's trimming the same area, but there's no trimmings on the pavement. My balance is starting to sway and my breath feels tight.

I walk further down the street in order to get away from the creepy guy. The streets blur in their perfection.

It's been a few minutes and I get a strong feeling of déjà vu, like I was just here before.

I shrug it off and keep moving.

I take a right and I see that same information board. Have I circled back?

I continue down the street and my stomach drops. It's the man.

I see he's trimming the same perfect hedges, in the same exact motion he was before. This time I'm not stopping until I get information out of him.

I need to get out of here.

My body surges with adrenaline as a wave of confidence propels me forward, my heart beating through my chest.

In a strong, commanding voice I say, "What is this place? I need to get back home!"

The man stops. The silence is paralyzing. The trimmers drop from his hands and he slowly turns around to face me. His face has that same stupid smile and his eyes are wide.

I yell, "WHERE AM I?", "I NEED TO GET HOME, JUST TELL ME HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE!"

The man's smile snaps into a cold, straight face.

"Wake up," he says, in a deep, flat, robotic voice.

I say, "Wake up? What do you mean wake up? I'm awa-"

"Wake. up," he says, cutting me off.

I feel his voice echoing through my head, getting louder and louder.

"Wake up, wake up, WAKE HIM UP!"

My head spins like a tornado and my vision warps.

"Zak, Zak are you okay?"

A bright light shines over my head.

"It's okay, it's over now."

My eyes slowly focus up and I'm met by... my colleagues?

That was our best Simulation yet!" my co-worker says, VR helmet in hand.

A wave of relief relaxes through my body

"Man, that one felt real. There were a few glitches, but we can work on that before we release it to the public," I say.

"Actually, has anyone seen my phone? I want to message my daughter."

"Yeah, just over there by the window."

I turn my head to the world I've been missing.

Outside, I see the man, the same man, trimming the same perfect hedges.

"Seriously guys, you think that's funny?" I say looking out.

My head turns back.

I'm flooded by a sea of panic and anxiety.

They're standing at the back of the office in a triangular formation, the central one holding the helmet. They stare with soft hollow smiles, eyes not matching up with mine. The lights start to flicker and their hollow smiles snap into cold, straight faces. Slowly, they approach in unison.

They're less than a metre away and the central co-worker reaches out with the helmet in hand. I strain and fight the best I can but it's not enough.

"We need to run it again."

Darkness.

As I open my eyes, a soft morning light hits me.

**By: Louis Gregory**

# Pūtaiao

## Science

### Anna Thornton

It's been a busy and productive year within the Science learning area at Mana, and we wanted to share some photos of the amazing learning going on!

Our three Year 11 science classes went to Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary in Wellington. This term students are learning about native and endemic species in Aotearoa and how our ecological communities changed with the arrival of humans and the other species they brought with them. Students were led on guided walks and saw rare species such as Tuatara, Tīeke (Saddlebacks), Kaka and more. Since then, we've investigated what pest species are found around the school site, using tracking tunnels composed of ink pads and paper with peanut butter as a bait. The students found many mice, rat and hedgehog footprints! This week students have begun their formal assessment about how we should tackle the pest problems in Aotearoa.

All Y10 Science students went to Titahi Bay Beach. Students participated in rotations where they identified species in the rockpools, created keys to classify shells, and learned about the wastewater treatment plant that services all of Porirua and enters the ocean next to the bay. Students have taken their learnings back into the classroom to consider how we can ensure our local environment is carefully looked after!

Y12 Biology trip to the rocky shore in Pukerua Bay to look at patterns and distributions of species along the intertidal zone, and a Marine & Environmental Studies snorkelling trip to the protected marine reserve in Ōwhiro Bay in Wellington.

Back at school in the science labs, students have been working hard on their learning!



### Anna Thornton

#### Year 9 Science Fair

Over the last few weeks of Term 4, our Year 9 students have been working on their science fair investigations. They started by brainstorming possible questions, planned, trialed, and problem-solved to complete, then present their projects. Last Friday, the 28th of November, this culminated in our third annual science fair.

There were over 25 exhibits which showcased a wide variety of projects involving bottle rockets, crystals, reaction times, mini lava lamps, and lots of volcanoes!

Seeing the Year 9s' enthusiasm and hard work was awesome. We were very impressed with their ability to explain what they'd learned.

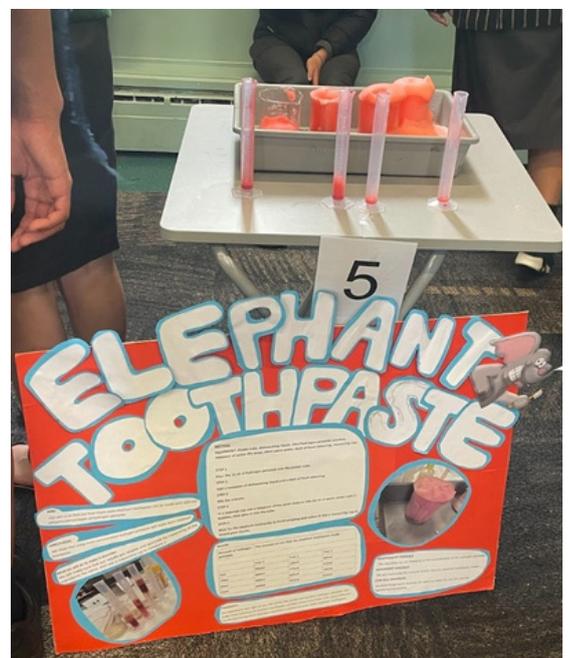
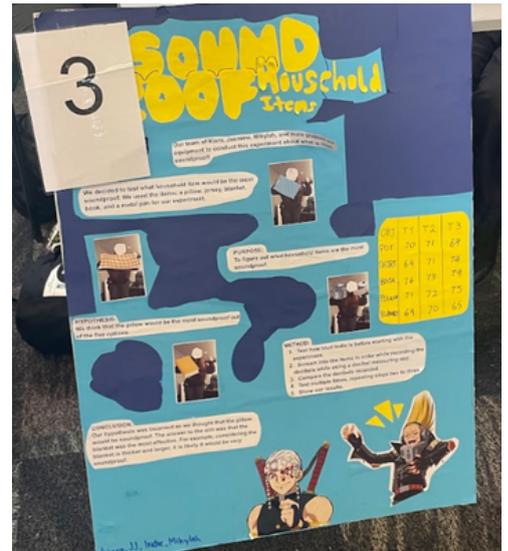
The Year 10s and staff acted as judges for the science fair, and we presented four awards:

The "Best Student Presenters" went to Rex Pullan, Ethan Tsvanhu & Pene Wi-Neera for their investigation: Does the amount of water affect the distance a bottle rocket travels? The "Most innovative investigation" went to Mikylah Allen, Jasmine Nightingale, India Gibbling & Kiera Wichman-Grant for their investigation: Which household item is the most soundproof for screaming into?

The "Ngākau award" (for biggest effort & commitment) went to Gia Bishop & Kora Beil-Kernaghan for their home-made papier-mache volcano and investigation: What amounts of baking soda and vinegar make the best eruption?

The "Best Visual Exhibit" went to Dal'i Pillan, Aahliya Neru and Hana Twaddle for their amazing presentation of their investigation: What concentration of hydrogen peroxide makes the most elephant toothpaste?

Well done to all the year 9s for their hard work and amazing exhibits. We can't wait to see what the new Year 9s come up with in 2026!



# Hangaru

## Technology

### Inspiring Futures: Students Attend ShadowTech Day - Amarjit Kaur

18 of our students had an incredible opportunity to attend ShadowTech Day, hosted at Westpac's head office in Wellington.

The programme's goal is to inspire young women to consider a career in technology. Our students had a fantastic time exploring the rapidly evolving tech industry and learning about diverse career pathways, including AI engineering, data analytics, and cybersecurity. They also had the chance to meet inspiring women from various IT sectors, who shared their career journeys and encouraged the students to consider futures in the tech industry.

We were incredibly proud to see our students fully engaged in every aspect of the workshop, showing great respect and enthusiasm throughout the day. It was a truly valuable experience for all involved.



### Working in the Cloud

On 20th May, a group of Mana College students attended a technology event – 'Working in the Cloud' in Wellington city. The event provided them with insight into the software industry in Wellington. Students had the opportunity to connect with various training providers and software companies from the region, giving them a clearer understanding of common roles within software companies and the qualities required for those roles.

Here is some feedback from the students who attended this event:

"The Working in the Cloud tech event on the 20th of May was a truly inspiring and insightful experience. It boosted my confidence in pursuing a future pathway in cybersecurity and software development. Interacting with tech professionals and attending the seminars gave me valuable advice and a deeper understanding of the industry. The event reaffirmed my passion for technology and clarified the steps I can take to reach my career goals.

If I was given the opportunity to attend this event once again, I would surely love to."

"Yesterday's cloud event was an interesting and inspiring experience. I got to listen to the different speakers, which was very helpful, by getting to learn from their experience and what helped them to succeed. Overall, the event was well organised, interactive and full of valuable learning"



### A special meal

As I walk up the steps of my beautiful home  
I see wood like white crystals instead of stone  
I smell a scent of a special meal  
I will enjoy while sitting on a throne.  
A scent of chicken and beef,  
a mix of smells you would wish to last  
at least for a little bit.  
My family come in with a huge blast  
We all sit around the tables  
food on our laps.  
A prayer is said over the food  
a bite is taken  
our smile lasts till noon.  
As I see the food on a plate  
I am mesmerised  
I hope to keep this memory  
for the rest of my life.

By: Ahmed El Fares

I imagine myself back in the Philippines  
where I stay at my Grandma's with my cousins.  
It's so hot there that you sweat like crazy.  
That's why we often tend to get lazy.  
We wait for our food. Gosh we're so hungry.

The air's thick with warmth but we don't mind.

The fan spins slowly but it barely moves the air  
Yet we sit and we wait.  
The scent of rice cooking fills up the room.  
And soon the tables let us forget all the gloom  
A bit of sinigang a taste so divine  
Suddenly the heat isn't so bad at this time.

By: Bindi Manalo

### Some people know

Some people know about Pandesal  
How soft, fluffy and golden bright  
Pandesal, morning's delight  
Fresh from the oven, warm and light  
Paired with coffee, pure delight  
And some people don't.

By: Venice Martinez

It's raining outside, the room feels right  
My mom made law-oy my favourite bite  
And it's always perfect for sinigang  
Every bite makes me want more.

Some people know how sinigang tastes, how  
the sourness rolls around your tongue, sometimes  
makes your face scrunch  
how you seat at a table with your whole family.

Perfect foods to eat when it's cold and it's raining  
Sinigang and law-oy, a hot soup that runs down your throat  
Monggo and Laing are perfect when you're sick and have a  
sore throat  
Kare-kare is perfect to share with your family, same as adobo.

By: Xena Hernane

# Services Academy

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## Harley Nuku

### INDUCTION CAMP

In February this year, the Services Academy attended the Induction Course with the New Zealand Army at the Trentham Military Base. The aim of the Induction course is to teach students military ethos and values that promotes personal development, teamwork and life-skills, designed to enhance life-long learning and success.

Discipline, urgency, obedience, effort and resilience were core lessons of the induction course, where students learned these lessons through a range of methodologies such as physical training, drill (marching), team dynamics, and routine.

Being within a military environment, the NZ Army pushed the Services Academy to their physical and mental limits, where students discovered their potential and pushed their individual boundaries. This boot camp style course encourages students to develop self- independence, self-management, coping and employability skills, all essential values for succeeding in life.



### BUSHCRAFT CAMP

In March the Services Academy conducted a five day Bushcraft Camp with the NZ Army, engaging in a series of survival tasks and challenges aimed at enhancing teamwork, resilience and field craft. Students were challenged to conduct this camp in an unfamiliar and uncomfortable environment, to learn and apply fundamental navigation skills, construct improvised structures for real life scenario situations, and learn survival skills while hiking 35km through tough terrain over three days. The students were lucky to have Corporal Riddick lead them through this camp and share essential military knowledge for surviving in the bush.



# Services Academy

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## NZ DEFENCE FORCE LEADERSHIP COURSE

In June, four academy students were selected to participate in a six day basic leadership course with the New Zealand Defence Force at the Royal NZ Air Force base in Ohakea. Over the six days, students operated 15hr days where they were tasked to lead their syndicate to achieve various tasks, challenges and objectives designed to test and enhance leadership skills.

A fatiguing and tiring course, saw our four Mana students perform to the expectations of the course with Apiata Rowlands receiving a merit for his leadership and claiming top leader of his syndicate. From this course, two students were selected to attend the Advanced Leader's course in August, where they went head to head with the top students from all academies across NZ to compete for national honours at the Whenuapai Royal NZ Air Force base in Auckland.



To conclude the year, the Services Academy Graduating Class of 2025 celebrated their achievements with their traditional "March Out Parade".

Over the year, academy students embodied core values like comradeship, integrity, and respect, while intentionally exposing themselves to rigorous challenges—from a two-week camp with the NZ Army at Trentham to wilderness survival. Guided by the motto, "if it doesn't challenge you it won't change you," the academy views adversity as the necessary tool to forge resilience and discipline, ensuring the graduates are fully prepared for life's inevitable hardships. The parade serves to honour their collective commitment to excellence.

## Awards

### Best Attendance & Punctuality- AJ Steffert

Recognised for his unwavering commitment, defined not just by presence but by the reliability, dedication, and respect that he demonstrated through attendance and punctuality.

### Best at Physical Training- Dallas Kuea

For demonstrating the qualities of dedication, drive, discipline, and grit, Dallas consistently committed himself to self-improvement by pushing his physical and mental boundaries in training both inside and outside the academy

### Best at Drill- Taylor Neville

Recognized for exemplifying faultless precision and exceptional professionalism in drill, which is highlighted as the backbone of military discipline, representing unit cohesion and an absolute commitment to the highest standard

### Most Improved- Apiata Rowlands

Awarded top honours for pursuing the journey of growth and excellence, demonstrating incredibly hard work, resilience, and tenacity by embracing feedback, putting in extra hours, and transforming his potential into reality, culminating in his achievement as a finalist at the National Advanced Leaders course at the Whenuapai Royal New Zealand Air Force base.

# Puawai

## Tracy Old

### ESOL & Puawai Celebrate with Mini-Golf Success!

What a brilliant morning out for our ESOL and Puawai students!

To celebrate all their incredible hard work and dedication this year, we treated the students to a fun-filled session at Pirate's Cove Minigolf.

We were lucky to catch a perfect break in the weather, and everyone got a fantastic round in—with some students even managing the elusive hole in one! Very exciting!

We finished off the celebration with a delicious shared fish and chips lunch.

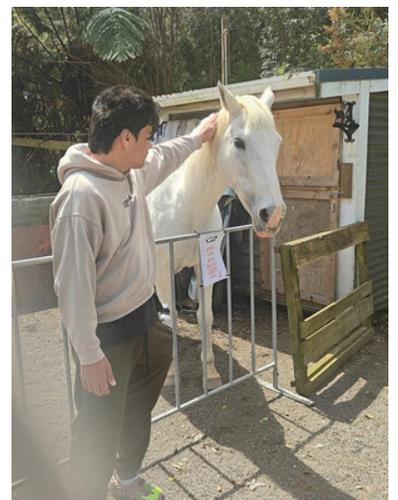
A massive thank you to Josh for looking after us all. We are so proud of all our students' achievements this year!



### Stockdale Farm Trip

A small group of students from the Puawai class had the opportunity to visit Stockdale Farm this week. They had lots of fun activities, starting with feeding the many hens, roosters, and baby chickens. This included being able to pick up baby chicks, with a few brave students picking up adult chickens.

Next up was preparing food for the horses, Misty and Bruce, and giving it to them in their pens. Both are rescue horses with Bruce being an ex-racehorse. Students learned about his racing days. From there, we went down to a paddock to visit and feed the miniature horses, donkeys, and sheep. A big thank you to Heather and her team for a great day.



# Building School

## Steve Haerewa

### Mana College Building School Tours Landmark Polynesian-Led Housing Site

In the heart of Cannons Creek, at 23 Castor Crescent, something special is rising—for the people, by the people. The Mana College Building School recently took its students on an inspiring tour of a residential construction site like no other: 18 houses being built by Polynesians, for Polynesians, right down to the design.

This unique project is more than a building site; it's a living classroom. Each of the 18 homes is at a different stage of construction, offering a full-spectrum experience for students to see theory come to life. From foundational earthworks to completed exteriors, these homes vividly showcase the skills the students are learning daily at Mana College—framing, linings, insulation, joinery, and more.

Among the builders on-site is Meretiaho, a proud former student of the Mana College Building School, now employed in the very trade she once studied. Meretiaho is working on the Fale-inspired designs—beautifully integrated Polynesian structures that bring cultural depth and relevance to modern residential living. Her journey from classroom to career serves as a living testimony to the school's impact and the power of community-rooted learning.

For the current students—many of whom come from Polynesian backgrounds themselves—this visit was more than educational. It was empowering.

“To walk onto a site designed for our people, by our people, in our neighbourhood... that’s the kind of learning that sticks,” says Cordell, a building student. “It feels like we’re building a future we can actually see ourselves in.”

The site at Castor Crescent stands as a beacon of cultural pride, economic development, and hands-on education. It highlights what’s possible when education and community values unite. The tour not only strengthened the students technical skills but also their sense of identity and purpose.

As the Mana College Building School continues to grow, it remains firmly grounded in its mission: to build pathways, uplift people, and shape a future where Polynesian youth don't just participate—they lead.



# Building School

## Steve Haerewa

### Future Builders Step Onsite: Mana College Construction Students Tour Kenepuru

Students from Mana College Construction School had the extraordinary opportunity to step beyond the classroom and into the real world of commercial construction. Dressed in high-vis gear and safety helmets, the students were welcomed onsite at the new NSR building at the Kenepuru Science Centre – a significant commercial project proudly managed by Hawkins Construction.

The visit was more than just a tour – it was an immersive, hands-on experience led by Loki Grant, who generously took time out of his demanding schedule to give our rangatahi a meaningful glimpse into the construction industry at scale.

The day kicked off with a professional presentation outlining the design and planning phase of the Kenepuru build, providing students with insight into the early technical and logistical decisions that shape such a large project. From there, the students were inducted for a full site tour, where they saw the realities of construction management, modern building technologies, and site safety in action. But perhaps the most exciting moment came at the end of the visit: an exclusive session with a representative from Hays Recruitment, who introduced another pathway to employment for our students. The speaker shared tips on how to become site-ready, what employers are looking for, and what support services are available for young people wanting to enter the trades.

This visit was more than just an outing – it was a transformational experience for our students, reinforcing their aspirations and sparking new ambitions. The Mana College Construction School would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Hawkins Construction, Loki Grant and Hays Recruitment for their hospitality, knowledge, and ongoing support in building futures – not just with steel and concrete, but with mana and purpose. **BUILT WITH MANA.**



# Building School

## Steve Haerewa

### Building Students Reach New Heights – Ski Trip 2025

This year has been a journey of growth, both in the classroom and beyond, for our Mana College Building students. Guided by the values of Manakitanga, Whakapapa, and Whakawhanaungatanga, our haerenga (journey) has been built step by step – much like the whare our taura learn to construct.

In Term 1, the focus was on the foundations – Mā te tūāpapa e mātāmua te hanganga o te whare. Just as no house can stand without strong footings, our students grounded themselves in teamwork, safety, and learning the basics. They practised Kotahitahi – unity – working together with one purpose.

By Term 2, they were ready to build upwards. Through Manaakitanga, Āko, and Ā'o, our taura grew in both skill and confidence. Kia Kotahi te hoe, ka tere te waka reminded them that progress is fastest when all paddle as one. Their shared effort brought them closer to the big goals ahead – He Pae Tawhiti.

Now in Terms 3 and 4, the mahi has been tested and celebrated in real-world challenges. Nga Kaitiaki o te Kaupapa, the students carried responsibility not just for tools and timber, but for each other. With all the work they have achieved from building over 6 houses in the last 2 years including a cabin, tool shed, deck, fences, pile foundation and concrete work, what better way to celebrate than take them up a physical mountain and enjoy the fruits of their labour. Whara te mahi nui, ka puta te hua nui – through great effort comes great reward.



That reward was seen most clearly on the recent Building School Ski Trip to Mt Ruapehu. What began as a new challenge for many – standing on snow for the first time, learning to balance, falling, and trying again – became a living metaphor for the year. With every lift up the mountain, every tumble, and every cheer from their classmates, the taura showed resilience, courage, and unity.

The ski trip wasn't just about carving lines down the slopes – it was about carving out futures. Our students are building more than houses; they are building character, whanaungatanga, and the confidence to tackle life's mountains.

As we look back, it's clear: from the strong tūāpapa of Term 1, through the waka paddled together in Term 2, to the heights of Term 3 and beyond – our building students have proven that when the mahi is done well, the hua (fruits) are mighty.



# Rapuara

## Careers and Transition

### Miki Tito

#### New World Ambassador Programme

We are delighted to be able to link up with New World Porirua and offer a work skills programme for our students.

We have seven students working at New World on Saturday and another seven students on Sunday.

The programme helps students learn about the work environment. It helps them develop their work ready skills, their confidence, and their customer service skills. All the students went through an interview and an induction process.

The students have been enjoying their work at New World and have looked smart in their uniform.

They have been representing Mana with Mana.



#### Mitre 10 Ambassador Programme

The Mitre 10 Programme helps students develop work skills and gives them experience working in a retail environment. It also helps students develop customer service skills.

Twenty students attended the Mitre 10 presentation, and thirteen were interviewed by Mitre 10 last week at school. Ten students were chosen for the programme.

The students took an induction afternoon (which included Health and Safety) at Mitre 10. They volunteer at Mitre 10 for a few hours, either on Saturday or Sunday. The programme lasted for 10 weeks. After the programme finished, students were able to apply for holiday work. They also worked towards Level 2 Retail credits during the programme.



# Rapuara

## Careers and Transition

### Mana College Drive Programme

We have had another successful Drive Programme this year.

We organised four Learners Licence courses over the year and we offered driving lessons to students in Term 2,3 and 4. The Drive Programme helps students be safer drivers on the road and it also helps them with employment opportunities.

The programme pays for the students' Learners or Restricted Licence. Sixty students gained their Learners Licence during the year and over 20 students gained their Restricted Licence, (some students are still waiting to sit their test).

We had an event at school on Thursday the 9th of October to celebrate the students' success. The students driving mentors and Partners Porirua were part of the celebration.

A big thank you to Partners Porirua and Colleen. Also a big thank you to our mentors - Royden, Jeff and Pat.



### NZMA - Early Childhood Courses

Two of our Year 13 students, Bree Shaw and Jaixana Galola, were part of the NZMA Early Childhood Trades course over the year. The two students were very keen to develop a career pathway in Early Childhood teaching. The students successfully graduated and had a celebration on Thursday the 16th of October.

Throughout the year, they attended the course once a week and also completed regular placements at Educare and Grow and Learn Early Learning Centre, gaining valuable hands-on experience in the field.

They are going on to future study Early Childhood at NZMA Porirua next year.

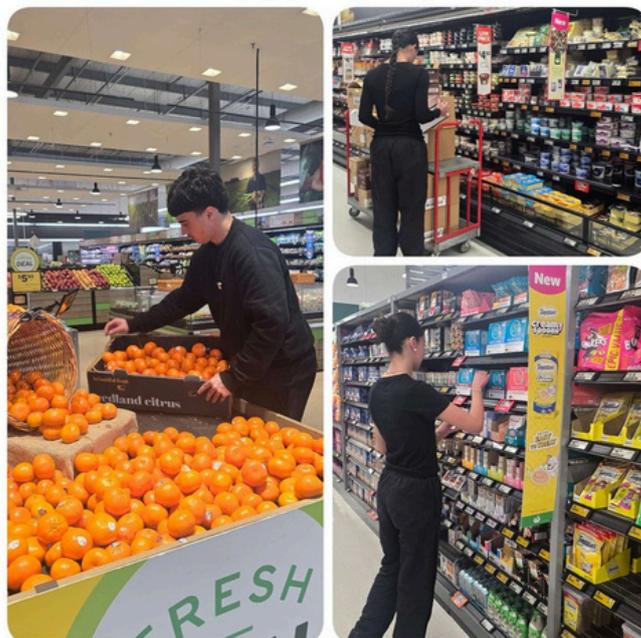
### Gateway - Careers Department

This year has been busy in terms of Gateway work placements. Students have gained valuable experience, skills, and knowledge to help them think about their career pathways.

Students have been placed at:

Bowler Motors, Porirua City Council, Woolworths Porirua, Mitre 10, Porirua Motors, Hello World Travel, Te Puna Reo Ngati Toa, Grow and Learn Early Child Centre, NBR Functional Training, Educare Porirua Centre, Ka Pai Plumbing and Gorilla Repiling.

A big thank you to all the companies and organisations that have supported our students. Having insight into the world of work makes a huge difference in students' decision-making.



# Health & PE

## Health and Physical Education Programme Richard Anderton

Leadership is an important aspect of our Health and Physical Education programme, and we also value giving back to our community. Huge thanks and congratulations to our eight student coaches: Gia Bishop, Jett Taylor-Fruean, Ashlynn Bason, Frankie Naika, Elijah Payne, Harlem Akavi-Denyer, Ruben Trapp, and Micah Tipper, who assisted at the Year 1 and 2 Porirua Cluster athletics foundation day.

They developed important skills such as communication, adapting, teamwork and how to encourage and motivate others. All of our coaches were fantastic and greatly appreciated by Kelly Sports and the Porirua Primary School Sports Association cluster.



## Year 10 Health and PE Celebration

Arthur Trousdell

The Year 10 Health and Wellbeing celebration in the gym was held on Thursday the 20th November. This aligned with Mana College's Term 4 theme, Whiti Te Ra. The event was a chance to celebrate and reflect on our learning around Health promotion.

The Year 10 students worked in groups to create a poster that focused on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing - Give, Connect, Keep Learning, Stay Active and Take Notice. Students were tasked with identifying and interviewing someone in the community about their Hauora and the ways that they look after their wellbeing. Students interviewed a range of people, from whānau and teachers to administration staff and other senior students. Some students focused on bringing awareness to health issues they were passionate about, creating a presentation on their chromebooks.

The gym stands were set up to display the posters. The Year 10 cohort had time to interact with their peers, ask each other questions, and play some relaxed games. When the Year 9 cohort arrived, they were given a question sheet and had time to connect with the Year 10s and ask questions about the poster or presentation. It was great to see the Year 10s sharing their knowledge, and many students handed in complete answer sheets into the draw to win a prize at assembly next week. The 5 Ways to Wellbeing Wall was also a focal point, with students placing a post-it to describe how they engage in each particular way to wellbeing. The Health and PE team are really proud of the effort and engagement shown by our junior students during this Whiti Te Ra celebration.

We finished with a Year 10 cohort Sports Tournament in the afternoon to celebrate the Year 10 Staying Active journey. This was led by our Year 10 student leaders, alongside Richard Anderton. It was great to see some of the young leaders working together to create a fun and active afternoon for their peers.

# Arts

## **Kōwaiwai**

Visual Art

## **Puoro**

Music

## **Whakaari puoro**

Performing Arts

# Kōwaiwai

## Visual Art

### Art Exhibition

#### Karl Payne

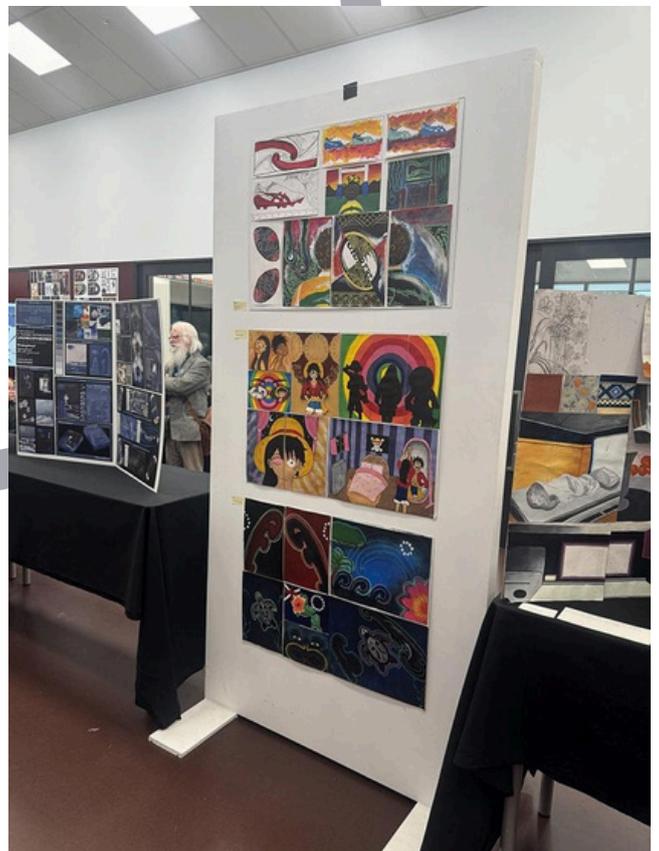
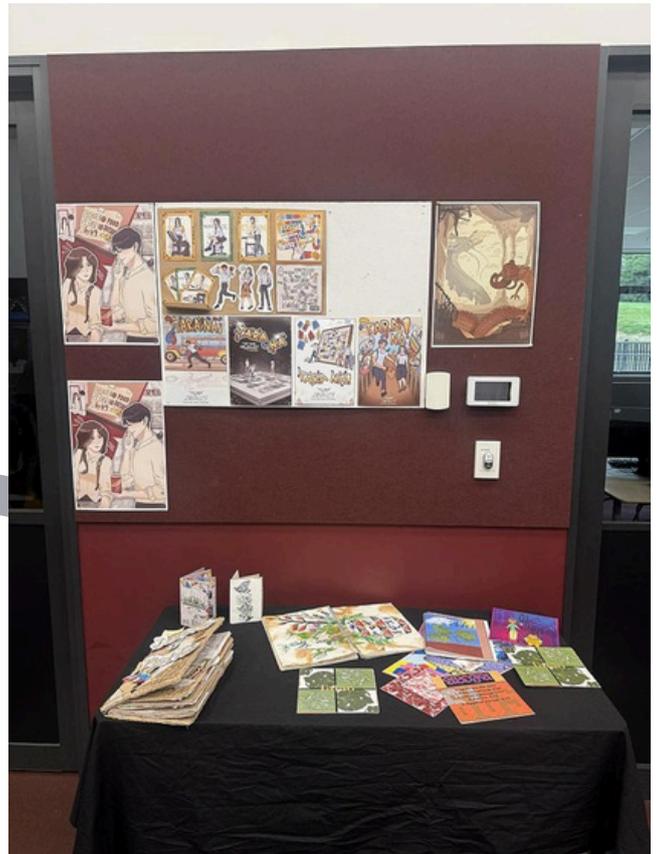
On Friday 24th October, in Te Urukahika, the Arts faculty hosted the annual Mana College Art students' exhibition. Amazing students, Jett Taylor-Fruean and Elliot Kerr, opened the proceedings with a karakia and waiata. Then our tumuaki Jeff Chapman gave the rich Ngāti Toa history of the name "Te Urukahika", which they gifted to the school.

We were also lucky to see Shaun Anderson from Moana Road present an award for Design student Cam Culver-Dickens. Along with this, we introduced our amazing Visual Arts teachers - Brittany Buttenshaw, Jhea Dela Cruz and Anshu Maholtra.

The last part of the opening saw us acknowledge two former Mana College people - Jade Hanrahan (for her Scholarship Art success), along with our treasured former Art kaiako Shelley McCarthy - for her service and continued support.

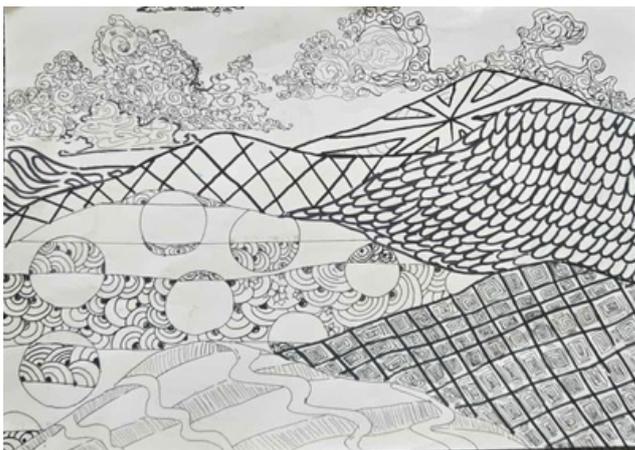
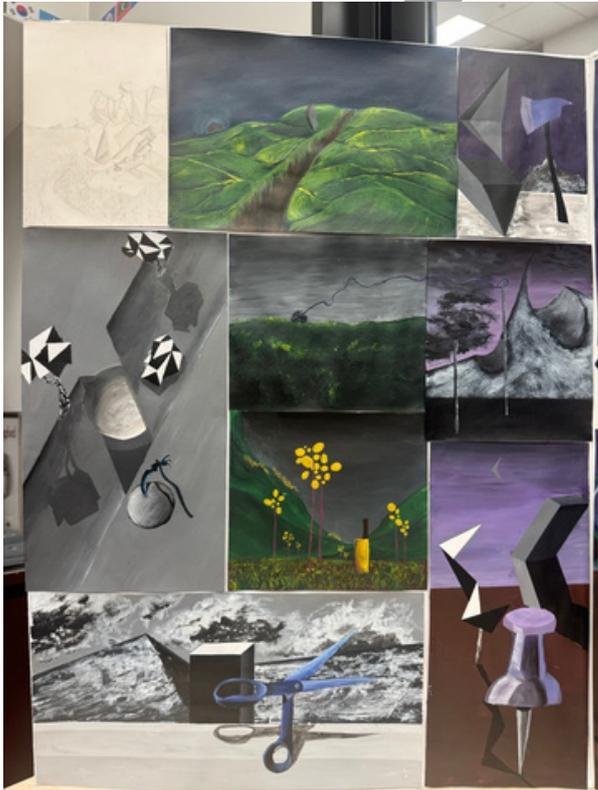
In the exhibition we saw junior pieces and senior art boards and displays. These included creative design, photography, painting, drawing, and other forms.

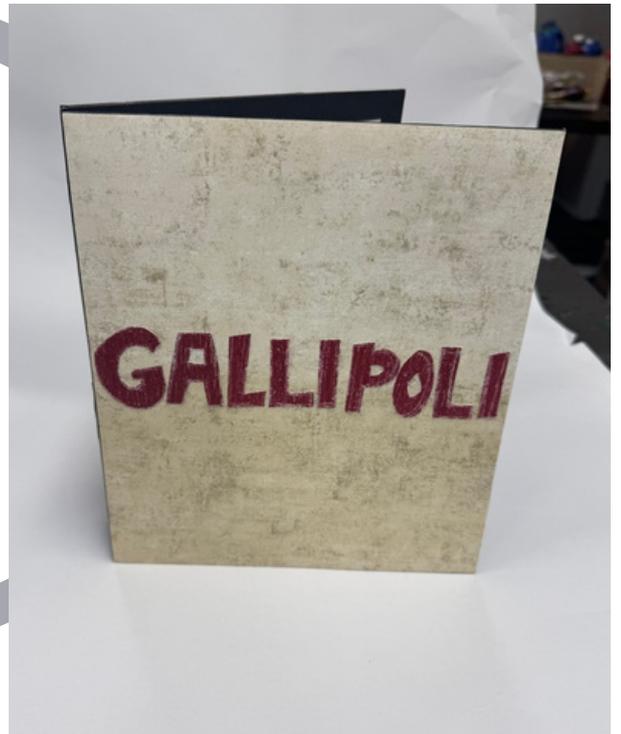
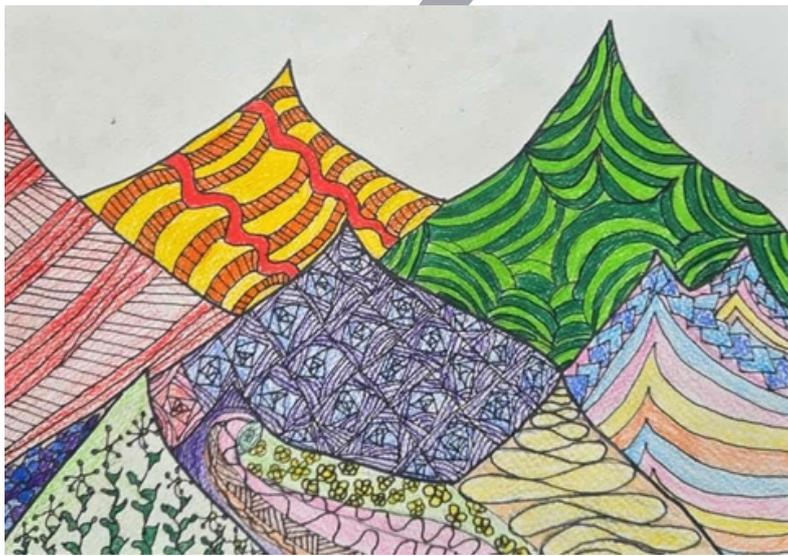
The whānau and visitors created an incredible buzz in the new block, it was a memorable night we hope to repeat next year. A definite highlight of 2025 for the Arts Faculty.



# Kōwaiwai

Visual Art

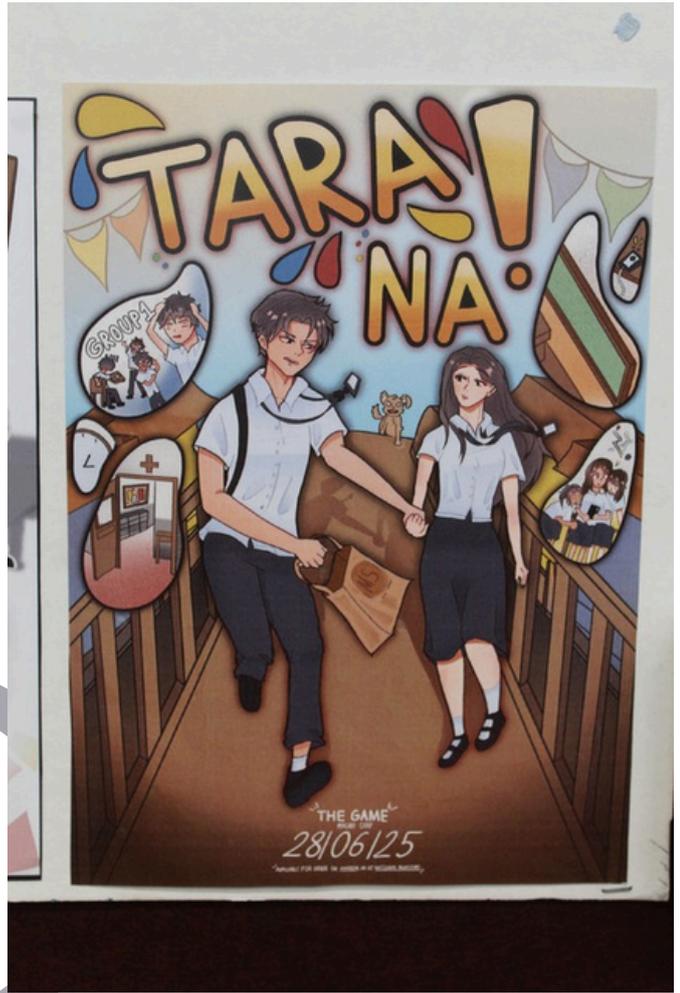




# Kōwaiwai

Visual Art





# Puoro

## Music

### Aidan Verity

A magic moment in Year 12 Music was Hosea Kilifi teaching Jamin Pokai Whenua how to play the bassline of 'Your Man' by Josh Turner.

Another fun moment was Year 9s getting to try out the drums for the first time.

We've also been treated to some lovely performances in assembly by Elliot Kerr on piano playing 'Interstellar,' and Manaaki Johnstone singing 'Feeling Good' with Elliot accompanying. We look forward to more performances.



### CONCERT AT PATAKA

On Sunday 10th August three very talented Year 11 Music students performed a concert at Pātaka. Lanayah Sekai, Benny Dawson, and Andrew Stuart organised their own 30-minute set lists, sharing a wide variety of music from hard rock to light pop. A huge crowd turned up in support on what was a very wet and windy day. Many audience members stayed behind to congratulate the performers. We are so proud of what our students achieved giving the gift of music to the community.



### MUSIC FUTURES AWARD

Congratulations to Benny Dawson in Year 11 and Alex Bowen in Year 10, who successfully applied for and were awarded a Music Futures Award. This charity provides grants to students for music-related needs such as the purchase of musical instruments, accessories, or other musical ventures.



### SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

NCEA music students from Years 11-13 participated in a songwriting workshop at school. They spent the time learning different techniques for writing a song, and then went to work creating their own compositions. Students accomplished an impressive amount in the two days, with many recording final versions of their songs. These will count towards their NCEA credits in original composition.



# Whakaari puoro

Performing Arts

## Waenga

Jeff Chapman

We are bursting with immense pride for the talented students who recently starred in the Theatre-in-Education production of Waenga ki Porirua, including our own Madison Steffert and Ian Dariagan-Johns! Seeing our young people grow, develop, and express themselves through the Arts is phenomenal.

A special shout-out to Madison, who delivered an absolutely astonishing and gritty performance as one of the lead characters at just 14 years old—truly professional! Waenga is a powerful play by Hariata and Tamati Moriarty (Hurō Productions), re-envisioned by Te Rākau Hua o Te Wao Tapu with rangatahi from Porirua.

The project, featuring students from several local colleges, is creating an environment where confidence blossoms and lifetime connections are established, especially for our rangatahi Māori. It was a privilege to share in the pride of their parents and whānau! Well done Madison and Ian.

## Mana College students shine onstage for Shooting stars initiative (funded by Wellington City Council)

Mr Payne

Over summer four performers from Mana College Aldric Chen Pao, Madison Steffert, Lanayiah Sekai and Ian Dariagan-Johns rehearsed drama scenes, and last Sunday performed the scenes at Toi Poneke. In the audience were Performing Arts industry people, delegates from Victoria University, teachers from Mana College (shout out to Miss Stanton and Whaea Laura Loach) alongside whānau and friends. Former Mana College Head girl Maddie Vai-Little directed one comedy scene about a Fijian policeman. There were many belts of laughter. The performance was a lead up to the Pasifika Festival run by Wellington City Council at Waitangi Park.

After the performance many people talked about the high quality of acting and the moving stories using the theme of "The Journey". Watch this space in the future. The students learnt a lot and showed Mana with Mana. Wellington City Council plans to make it happen again. Well done to all involved.



# **Sports**

## **Sporting Achievements**

**Rugby**

**Basketball**

**Handball**

**Softball**

**Hockey**

**Indoor Bowls**

**Volleyball**

**Netball**

# Tākaro

## Sport

### Mana College Sports Success: A Year of Triumphs 2025!

The 2025 sporting year has been nothing short of phenomenal for Mana College, showcasing incredible talent, relentless dedication, and true sportsmanship across multiple codes. Our student-athletes have not only excelled on the local stage but have truly shined at regional, national, and even international levels.

### The Green Tie: National Glory on the World Stage

Our highest honour, the coveted Mana College Green Tie, is awarded to students selected for national-level representative sport or National Championship Title.

Leon Chick was selected for the New Zealand U18 Handball team, a massive achievement that saw him travel to Tahiti to compete over the holidays. What an incredible experience and a testament to his hard work! Well done, Leon, on this huge milestone!

Rylee Robinson McClinchie for her selection in the U19 Hutt Valley Softball team and for achieving the title of National Champion!

Bronson Kelleher, Brandon McRoy, and Lucas Kindler for their selection to the Central U16 Baseball team, who also achieved the title of National Champions!

### Volleyball Stars Spike at Regional Level

Over the summer, our Volleyball players dominated the courts, earning regional representative honours and showing serious talent. We were delighted to acknowledge the following students with their Aspire Badges:

- PJ Manila & Patience Edmonds: Selected for the U17 Wellington Representative team.
- Ella Waihi: Selected for the Wellington Representative Under 15s, and earned the distinction of MVP at the Regional competition.
- Lusiana Tamala-Mani: Selected for the Wellington Representative Under 15s, also achieving the honour of MVP.
- Kaylee Paea: Selected for the Wellington Representative Under 15s.

### Rugby and League: Hard Hits and High Honours

- Dayton Boladuadua: Selected for the Wellington U16 Māori Rugby team.
- Nate Baker: Named in the Wellington U18 Samoan Rugby team.

In Rugby League, our students made the Wellington Orcas teams:

- Haydeze Grahman (U14 Boys)
- Saphyre Edwards-Roil (U14 Girls)
- Lockyer Brown Risati (U16 Boys)
- Serenity Whakaneke (U16 Girls)

### Hockey Wellington U15 Representative Team

- Gia Bishop,
- Cottia Forgeson
- Ivy Muir

### Kapi Mana Netball U14 Representative Team

- Gia Bishop

### 3PTAG All Nations Tournament on the Gold Coast

U17 Girls - TNZA

- Patience Edmonds
- Prayer Edmonds
- Salem Edmonds
- Te Paea Pohatu

U14 Boys - TNZA

- Kimora Hunter,
- Zaialus Chambers-Tipa

U16 Boys

- Floyd Pullan
- Tane Mill
- Fynn Pullan
- Eli Price
- Jahmal Thompson-Coombe
- Manaaki Anderton
- Kenzo Taae
- Adyn Iti

U16 Boys - Aotearoa

- Ruben Trapp

A final word of inspiration to all of our amazing athletes, the journey is just as important as the destination. Stay focused, stay strong, and remember: The harder you work for something, the greater you'll feel when you achieve it. Keep pushing, keep striving, and most importantly, enjoy the journey. We look forward to celebrating even more successes in the year ahead!

# Rugby

## BEARD TROPHY

The Beard Trophy is more than just a rugby game; it's the annual clash for ultimate local supremacy! Each year, the First XV's of Mana College, Porirua College, Aotea College, Bishop Viard College and Tawa College face off in a thrilling round-robin tournament for the right to hold the coveted trophy and claim undisputed bragging rights in the Porirua basin.

Congratulations to Tawa College for taking home the title this year! We look forward to the battle resuming next season.

The Beard Trophy was donated by the Beard family (Graham Beard was a Board Member at Tawa College from 1961 to 1978) and has a rich tradition in secondary school rugby across the Porirua and Tawa regions, symbolising local pride and fierce rivalry since its inception.

- The inaugural match was played on 14 September 1968, with Tawa College defeating Mana College 11–9.
- In 1969, Mana claimed the trophy with a 24–12 win over Tawa and retained it in 1970 and 1971.

In 1974, Porirua College joined the competition, immediately making their mark by winning both the qualifying match and the final against Mana. They continued their strong run, defeating Tawa in the 1975 final.

The late 1970s saw dominance shift:

- Porirua College controlled the trophy from 1974 to 1977.
- Mana College then took the reins from 1978 to 1980.

From 1981 to 1987, Mana and Porirua alternated as champions, reflecting a period of balanced rivalry.

In 1987, Bishop Viard College became the fourth school to enter the competition, reaching the final against Porirua in their debut year.

A breakthrough came in 1988, when Tawa College ended a 16-year drought, defeating Porirua 14–13 to reclaim the trophy.

Between 1989 and 1993, Bishop Viard College had a golden era, making 14 successful defences and keeping the trophy firmly in their cabinet.

The competition expanded again in 1992 with the inclusion of Aotea College, the fifth and final school to join.

- In 1996, Tawa defeated Bishop Viard 9–3 to recapture the trophy.
- Aotea College recorded its first-ever win in 1999, defending it successfully again in 2000.

## Modern Format and Recent History

Since 2010, the format has evolved. The Beard Trophy is now defended annually, with the winner being the school that retains the trophy in the final match of the season.



# Rugby

## CAPTAINS CUP

Congratulations to the 1st XV who won the Captains Cup in the first year of its existence. Following a 21 nil win over Wainuiomata High School and a 19-12 win over Taita College.

The cup is named after 3 Hurricane captains who attended their local school. Tana Umaga who attended Parkway (now Wainui), Bradley Shields who attended Taita and our own Rodney So'oialo.

These legends were all proud to attend their local school and we are proud and excited to play for a cup to recognise and acknowledge them.



# Basketball

## Basketball Success

Randall Bishop

Over the recent holidays, the Mana College Senior Girls basketball team represented our school at the national secondary schools basketball championships in Palmerston North, finishing an impressive 9th in the country. This top-10 result is a remarkable achievement, especially for such a young and developing team, and shows the huge potential of our players for the future.

Even more significant, this was the first time in 15 years that Mana College has been represented at Nationals, marking a historic moment for our school. The determination, skill, and teamwork displayed by the girls throughout the year and the tournament have set a new standard and promise that this is just the first of many appearances on the national stage.

Congratulations to the team for their hard work, commitment, and for putting Mana College basketball proudly back on the map.

The Senior Boys A team had a fantastic run, winning the College Sport Wellington Division 1 Final before heading to the NZ Secondary School AA Central Regional Premierships in Napier, where they placed 10th out of 22 teams. With some key players returning in 2026, the boys are set for another strong season.



# Handball

## Inter-College Handball Champs:

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the U17 Women's Wellington Inter-College Handball Champs! The event, a collaboration between NZ Handball Federation (NZHF) and Wellington Handball, was a fantastic display of talent, sportsmanship, and passion for the game.

We were especially thrilled to welcome St George College Argentina, who took time out of their New Zealand tour to join the competition. Their participation added an exciting international flair to the event, and we hope they thoroughly enjoyed the rest of their trip exploring our beautiful country.

A massive congratulations are in order for Mana College, who emerged as the deserving champions of the U17 Women's Wellington Inter-College Champs! Their hard work, teamwork, and dedication truly shone through.

Thank you again to all the players, coaches, supporters, and volunteers who made this event such a memorable one. We look forward to seeing even more handball action in the future!



## NZ Handball Selection

Massive congratulations to Jahlia Laumua, Brooke Chadwick, and Ella Waihi for representing New Zealand at the Oceania IHF Trophy tournament held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, from October 13-17, 2025! This prestigious event serves as a crucial qualification for the Intercontinental Phase of the IHF Trophy.

Jahlia was part of the New Zealand Women's Youth (U17) and Booke and Ella the Junior (U19) team, who showed incredible dedication and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

- The NZ Youth (U17) team, with their valiant effort and fighting spirit, secured an amazing 2nd place! They were only defeated by an extremely talented and experienced New Caledonia side, a fantastic result for our young athletes.



- The NZ Junior (U19) team finished in a very respectable 4th place. This is an outstanding achievement, especially considering some of the players have only recently been introduced to the sport of handball.



We are incredibly proud of Jahlia, Brooke, Ella, and the entire New Zealand contingent for their commitment and performance on the international stage. Well done!

We hope to see some of these girls at the IHF Women's U18 Handball World Championship in 2026.

# Softball

Our softballers had an exceptional day out at the CSW regional championships. Winning three from three in pool play earned the team a spot in the grand final. Unfortunately, Upper Hutt proved to be too strong in the final with our team having to settle for second. This young team proved they were capable of competing with the top schools in Wellington, we look forward to the future of softball at Mana College.



# Hockey

Massive congratulations to our Mana College past and present students for winning the Wellington hockey P4 hockey competition.

Our current players are fortunate enough to have had the guidance and expertise from local legends this season, the growth has been phenomenal. We look forward to the future of hockey within our community.

Old Girls - Karlee Selwyn, Trish Masoe, Lisa Bishop & Ingrid Parai  
Current Students - Ngaruhina Apirana-Bishop, Te Aniwa Bishop, Cottia Forgeson, Elora Forgeson, Ivy Muir, Kaylee Paea, Ranea Wi-Neera, Gia Bishop



# Indoor Bowls

18 students took on the CSW Indoor Bowls championships this week. With the miserable weather outside, indoor bowls were the perfect place to be on a gloomy day. With no experience or expectations the competitiveness kicked in, teams found their groove and had a great day. Some highlights of the day were; Yr13 build getting off the building site to use the day as a team bonding challenge, eight students taking part who wouldn't usually represent the school in sport, three teams progressing to the finals with our overall highlight Aurora and Kennedy taking out the novice final over St Patrick's Silverstream. All drawn up at the end of time, one more end had to be played. Calm and composed, the girls held their own to deliver a one point win. Congratulations to all students and we look forward to next year's championships.



# Volleyball

## Miki Tito

### SILVER MEDALS AT VOLLEYBALL NATIONALS (Girls and boys)

We had an incredible experience at the National Volleyball Tournament—an eye-opening journey for this young girls' team. Throughout the week, the energy, teamwork, and learning attitude displayed by the girls were truly amazing.

Although Taita brought their A-game to the final and ultimately came out on top, it was our very first match that mentally set the tone for us. The girls fought with unwavering determination, catching up point by point and demonstrating great resilience. In the end, we fell short by two points, and this game will remain etched in our memories until we find the strength to overcome it. However, we still walked out of the stadium with our heads held high, proudly wearing silver medals in our division.

As a coach for the girls' team, I couldn't be prouder of how far this young team has come since the Regionals—not only in their skills improvement but also in their commitment to training, fundraising, and supporting the junior teams to grow our volleyball whānau throughout the term. They have embraced the joy of volleyball with passion and dedication. I am confident that these young athletes will come back stronger and more determined, ready to shine at both Regionals and Nationals next year. They are already brainstorming fundraising ideas and eagerly anticipating new opportunities to grow as a team.

Lastly, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers, school staff, and whānau who have supported our girls and boys teams and made it possible for these athletes to attend the Nationals. Your encouragement has been a true blessing to all of us.



# Netball

## Gail Parata

### LOWER NORTH ISLAND NETBALL CHAMPIONS

It is with immense pride that I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been part of this incredible journey.

Our team set a clear intention from the very beginning, to win the B Grade Championship and qualify for the 2026 Lower North Island Secondary Schools A Grade. Through dedication, discipline, and teamwork, the girls achieved exactly that. Over five days of competition, they recorded eight wins, one draw, and one loss, ultimately finishing as B Grade champions.

This achievement is particularly significant given that the team only came together in April, without a pre-season to prepare. Each player committed fully, turning up to training sessions, listening, learning, and applying themselves wholeheartedly. Their resilience and determination have now been rewarded.

Throughout the tournament, the team not only demonstrated skill and competitiveness on the court, but also lived out the values they set on **Day 1: Whakawhanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, and Kotahitanga.** They represented themselves and our wider community with sportsmanship, talent, and fairness.

The girls chose “LOCK IN BOIs” as their team mantra for the tournament. This became their rallying cry, the first words spoken together before every match, uniting them in focus and purpose.

#### A Defining Moment

One of the defining moments for me as a coach came on Day 5, leading into the semi-final and final.

The day before, after Matches 7 and 8, many of our girls were visibly exhausted – “dead on their feet.” As I prepared my kōrero that night, I thought carefully about what inspiring words I might need to give them to lift them for the last two matches.

But the next morning, they walked into our team meeting with heads up, shoulders back, and a renewed energy. The reason? Their teammate, Gia, had returned from her basketball competition to play. Her presence lifted the entire team’s confidence, and all I needed to do as coach was focus them on one simple message: one match, one quarter, one play at a time. That mindset carried them through the semi-final and into the last game of the competition.

When Gia had to leave again and despite their best efforts to convince her parents otherwise, the girls didn’t let their spirits drop. Instead, they regrouped, studied their opposition during the break, and dedicated the final match to their teammates – Gia and Nevaeh. That dedication gave them the inspiration they needed to get across the winning line.

I saw their confidence rise, their purpose sharpen, and most importantly, I saw them finally playing for each other. As coaches, we strive to instil that sense of unity, but it is a moment only the players themselves can truly reach. And they did.

That, more than anything, is why I am so proud of this team.

#### Closing Reflection

We finish this campaign not only as champions, but as a proud reflection of the values and intentions we set from the very start.

Girls, hold your heads high – you are Champions. Not just because of the trophy, but because of the way you carried yourselves on and off the court.

That pride was shared by others too. In the final, you won the support of players from other schools, clapping and cheering as if we were playing at home in Porirua. They saw you as hard but fair, talented, competitive, and respectful.

Just as I shared the story of the Silver Ferns being lifted by the whole stadium at the 2019 Netball World Cup Final in Liverpool, you too were lifted – not just by your own efforts, but by the respect you earned from others.

**This is your legacy – champions on the scoreboard, and champions in character.**



# THANK YOU

Jeff Chapman

Kia ora koutou,

On behalf of the entire Mana College community and Board of Trustees, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to every one of you, our dedicated coaches, managers, and staff, for your unwavering hard work throughout the 2025 sports season. Your commitment has been the foundation of our success this year.

This wouldn't have been possible without you. From early morning practices to late-night games, from meticulously planning strategies to managing gear and logistics, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. You've not only taught our rangatahi the rules of the game but also the invaluable lessons of teamwork, perseverance, and fairplay. Your support has helped them grow not just as athletes, but as young people.

A special acknowledgment goes to those who coached and managed our summer and winter tournament teams. The commitment required to prepare our students for these events and travel with them is immense. It's at these tournaments where our students' learning experiences are exponentially accelerated. Your dedication to supporting and caring for them throughout this journey has a lasting, positive impact that goes far beyond the sport itself.

Thank you for volunteering your time, sharing your expertise, and for inspiring our students to be the best they can be, both on and off the field or court.

We are so grateful for all you've done to make 2025 such a memorable year for Mana College sports. The following is a list of all Mana College sports teams' coaches/managers for the 2025 season:

<b>Volleyball</b> Miki Tito Ramona Silva Serah Bishop Maumahara Keelan Philip Junior Ulutupu Heta Tulima	<b>Waka Ama</b> Kamiria Keelan-Demuth Andy Hanara Lawrence Hynes  <b>Ki o Rahi</b> Tamahae Keelan-Demuth Awhi Love Rikihana Love	<b>Futsal</b> Karl Payne  <b>Touch</b> Steve Haerewa  <b>Golf</b> Randall Bishop
<b>Rugby</b> Richard Anderton Joanne Moore Darren Paewai Jamie Mill Jared Tito Ramona Silva Gabe & Anaru Para  <b>Hockey</b> Amy Robinson Rebecca Noble Keira Noble - Shedlock	<b>Basketball</b> Randall Bishop Randall Paenga Dallin Hippolite Boyd Scirkovich Lynn Selwyn Linda & Meka Sua Charlee Zimmerman Miki Tito Areroa Vincent - Karati	<b>Netball</b> Mel Haerewa Gail Parata Renata Marshall Janine Laumua Billie Christian Ngahuia Madden Lyss Biel

# Culture

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Gumboot Day

# Te Kiwa Nui

Mana & Aotea Tokelau Group

## Lusiana Tamala-Mani

This year, the Mana College and Aotea College Tokelau group brought pride, passion, and culture to the Polyfest stage.

Through traditional song, dance, and storytelling, which we showed through our actions, we celebrated our Tokelauan heritage and shared it with our community by showcasing it on that stage.

In this group, we had all different types of cultures, but at the end of the day, we were all there for one reason, and that was to represent the Tokelau culture.

We give thanks to the Lord above and to all tutors, families and teachers that helped us, but most of all to all the students who made this happen by turning up and really giving their time and energy to our practices. From early practices to the final performance, every moment was filled with teamwork, laughter, and cultural pride. Fakafetai lahi lele to everyone who supported our journey!.



# Te Kiwa Nui

Samoaan Group

## Flora Chen Pao

This year, the Mana College Samoaan Group came together not just to perform, but to represent our culture, our families, ourselves—and the mana we hold within our school. Even though some of us aren't full Samoan, our dedication never wavered. We stood strong, committed to every practice, every challenge, and every moment. We've been through ups and downs, but those experiences brought us closer. Our tutors and band members were the rock of our group—the steady support that held us together and guided us through. We couldn't have done this without them. After months of hard work, we performed with heart, pride, and unity. Our group of fast learners rose to the occasion, and we're proud of what we achieved together. Thank you to everyone who believed in us and supported us throughout this journey.



# Te Kiwa Nui

Kuki Airani Group

## Macky Temarama

Kia orana

2025 was another successful Year for the Cook Island Group at Mana College, with outstanding performances from our Mana and Tawa whānau.

The group is a vibrant and integral part of the school's cultural landscape. Led by the talented tutor Helen Kopa, who has been with Mana College since 2017, the group consistently showcased extraordinary talent and dedication to Cook Island culture.

Qyanah Taia-Roberts and Huia Shepherd are also valued helpers alongside Helen, bringing their unique skills and enthusiasm to the group. Meanwhile, Dubs who joined last year in 2024 is the tutor for the boys, and he's supported by his reliable helpers Tarch and Jenah.

Every year, Helen brings more and more talent to the group, fostering an environment of empowerment, learning, and celebration of Cook Islands heritage. Under her guidance, students develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of Cook Island culture, heritage, traditions, and values.

This year was especially significant for us, as it marked our last year performing together with Tawa College. We've been combining our cultural groups since 2022, and it's been an incredible experience sharing our cultures and talents with each other. Wishing everyone the best.

From our tutors, supporters, and students who worked tirelessly every Tuesday and Thursday night since the beginning of the year creating brackets to designing costumes, and making new beats, this journey has been nothing but amazing. One of the most memorable parts for our kids was simply being able to perform in the group, especially for our Year 13s and leavers who won't be with us at Mana next year. None of this would have been possible without the combined effort of everyone involved, our tutors, parents, leaders, and supporters all of whom played a critical role in making this year's performance a success.

Some favourite memories we got to see was watching the kids grow together: starting out in their own little friend circles, then slowly stepping out, building connections, and becoming one family.

A special message to the Cook Islands team of 2025: you did an incredible job this year and have earned a well-deserved break. A huge shoutout to the all-nighters who stayed up making costumes Helen Kopa, Jenah Temarama, Dubs Matapuku, Tarch, Skylah, Donna Marie Taru, and of course, Macky Temarama. Your dedication was seen right through the whole year. We hope to see you all again next year, but for now, rest easy knowing that there is no more costume stress!

Well done, Meitaki Ma'ata.



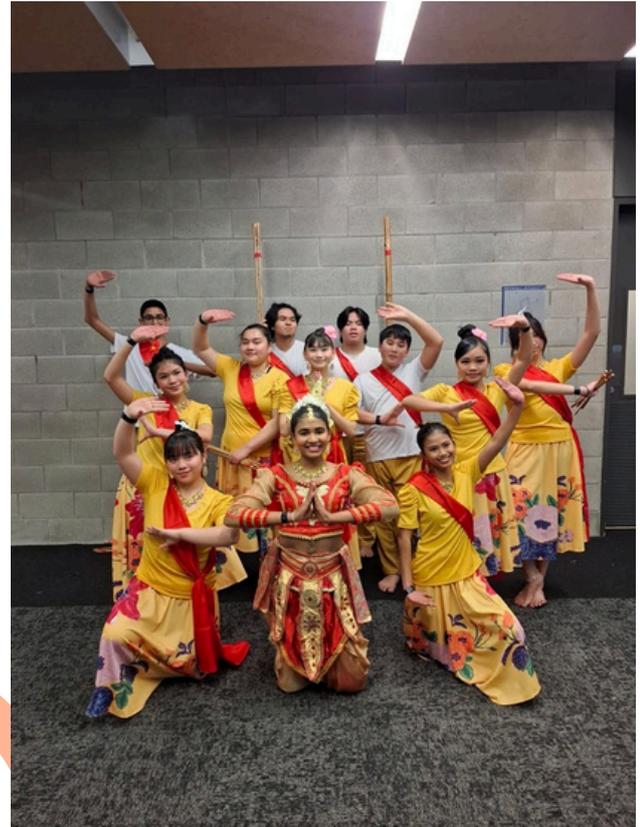
# Te Kiwa Nui

Asian Cultural Group

## Sithum Goonewardene

Mana College's first-ever Asian Cultural Group performance at Te Kiwa Nui (Polyfest) was a journey of pride, friendship and learning. In just three months we came together to blend a Filipino, Sri Lankan and Indian dance into one performance by learning fast and supporting one another. The school funded costumes for our 12 performers, and when we stepped on stage the crowd's cheers and positive feedback made all the hard work worth it. We're so proud to be the first ever Asian cultural group to perform in the Kiwa Nui, representing our cultures and hope this is just the beginning of more multicultural moments at Mana.

At the end of August we brought that same spirit to life with our first-ever Asian Cultural Week here at Mana! It was a warm, noisy and colourful week where the whole school got to taste, see and try a bit of Asia. We opened with a lively assembly of performances and short presentations from students who shared their cultures. During the week people joined in traditional games and sports, watched dances and skits, swapped simple language lessons, and laughed over new experiences. The food day was a real highlight: long queues, generous samplers, while chatting about what they'd just tasted. It felt like a proper coming-together and a milestone for our Asian community here at Mana to learn, hang out and celebrate each other's cultures.



# Te Whakataetae Kapa Haka Tuarua o te Whanganui-a-Tara ki Otaki

## Jeff Chapman

"Wow! Amazing! Beautiful!" These words were amongst the many repeated by multiple staff, community, iwi and whānau after watching our Mana College Kapa Haka roopu- "Te Mana o Kupe", who performed at Te Whakataetae Kapa Haka Tuarua o te Whanganui-a-Tara ki Otaki.

There were cheers, tears and absolute admiration for our ākonga, kaiako and kaimahi who were part of this wonderful group. I was fortunate enough to catch the bus back to school with the group and to see the celebrations with whānau on our school marae Te Mana Whenua o Ngāti Toa.

The immense pride the parents, caregivers and whānau had for their/our kids was incredible. The sense of joy and belonging buzzing throughout everyone was a special moment in time, and one that I hope our ākonga will never forget. The hours, days and weeks of commitment to get to such a level of performance had finally come to fruition with an immense sense of accomplishment.

As a result of the performances Te Mana o Kupe received the following awards...

Highly esteemed- 1st = Te Reo

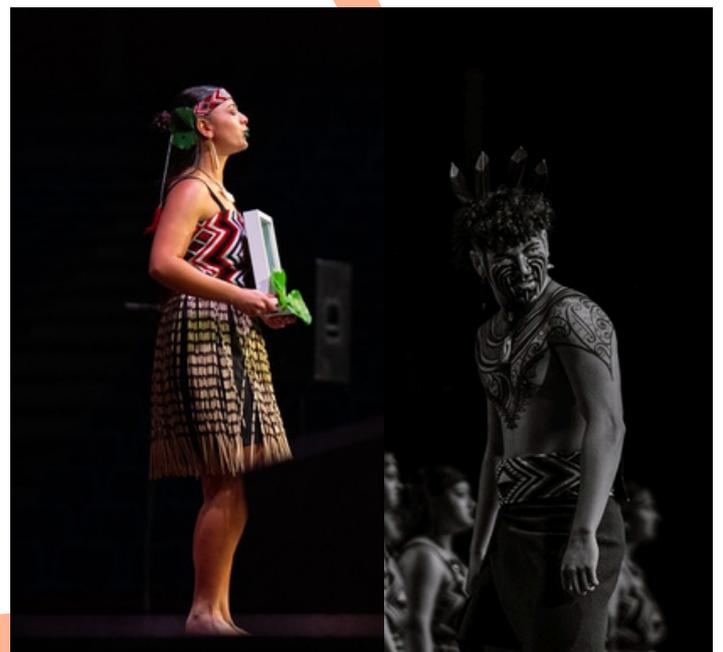
2nd = Whakaeke

3rd - Mōteatea

1st = Kaitātaki Tāne - Raiaatea Reweti (12KD)

To all of the Te Mana o Kupe roopu - we are so proud of you and are deeply honoured to be connected to what you have achieved. You have brought much joy and pride to the Mana College & Porirua community. Long may you cherish the learnings, connections and growth that being part of this special group would have brought you.

Mana with Mana!



# Language Weeks

## Samoa Language Week

### Ramona Silva

For Samoa Language Week we showcase a different type of Siva - Siva Afi (Fire Dance) performed by Mike Brown during lunchtime. Usually, Siva afi are performed in the night to show this type of Siva - But we were super grateful to have Mike come in to showcase and share his talent with the school.

The 2025 theme for Samoa Language Week is 'la malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã – A well-grounded self is a successful self.

"A well-crafted ocean sailing vessel, built with care and precision, ensures a safe and steady journey. When all its parts are thoughtfully constructed, the vessel remains balanced, strong and ready to face the open seas.

Similarly, people who prepare thoroughly and with intention become grounded and resilient and well-equipped to navigate life's challenges and succeed in their endeavours. No matter the challenges and hardships of life, a well-grounded person will not be easily shaken or defeated because they are firmly rooted and well-prepared".

Fa'afetai tele lava to everyone who contributed to this week's celebrations!



# Language Weeks

## Asian Language Week

On Monday, 26th August, the Filipino flag was raised above Mana College for the first time in school history. This marks the beginning of a tradition that Mana College will continue to celebrate for many years to come. The first event of Filipino Week was the raising of the flag and the singing of the anthem, a custom in Filipino culture practiced in all Filipino schools every morning.

That same day, traditional Filipino games were held in the gym due to Thursday being a teacher-only day. Games such as Pinoy Henyo, Patintero, Tumbang Preso, Doctor Quack Quack, Ice Ice Water, and Langit Lupa brought joy and fond memories to many Filipino students, especially those who grew up in the motherland.

On Tuesday, 27th August, karaoke, a staple of Filipino culture, was hosted. Karaoke is something Filipinos excel at—sure, we may hog the mic, but it's all in good fun, meant to entertain everyone.

Wednesday, 28th August, marked another historical moment for Mana College with its first-ever Filipino Week speeches and performances. These performances included two traditional dances—one from the colonial period, one pre-colonial—and a modernized dance. The dances were performed beautifully, showcasing our rich and diverse culture.

Friday, 30th August, was the potluck, a true blessing for all the Filipino students who finally got a taste of home. It was exciting to see many of our favorite dishes lined up, ready for everyone to try.



# Language Weeks

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Tamahe Keelen-Demuth

Our Te Mana o Kupe Kapa Haka group recently teamed up with some of our E Tipu E Rea students for a very special trip to Ko Aroha Early Childhood Education Centre. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori and connect with our youngest community members.

Both senior and junior students from our school came together to perform for the tamariki. They sang a range of waiata, sharing the joy and beauty of Te Reo Māori through song. The Ko Aroha babies were absolutely captivated, and it wasn't long before they were joining in, singing and moving along to the music.

It was a truly heartwarming experience that created a strong connection between our students and the ECE centre. Our students showed great leadership and care, and it was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to celebrate our language together.



Ngahuia Madden

E te tī, e te tā, ngā mihi mahana ki te whānau whānui o Mana Kāreti,  
I tēnei wiki ka whakanui te Kāreti o Mana i te wiki motuhake arā Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

From Monday 15th September our kura was filled with pride, unity and celebration as we embraced Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week. Each day provided opportunities for our ākonga, kaiako to come together in honour of te reo rangatira.

We began the week on Monday morning with a school-wide karakia and the powerful raising of the Tino Rangatiratanga Flag. This special moment set the tone for the week, reminding us of the importance of te reo Māori and our commitment to keeping it alive and thriving.

On Wednesday morning, our kaiako gathered to take part in kēmu Māori – traditional Māori games that brought plenty of laughter, learning and friendly competition. Afterwards, everyone came together to share kai, strengthening connections and celebrating the spirit of kotahitanga and the end of a busy Term 3.

During assembly, the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as students tested their knowledge in a Tāngata Rongonui (Guess the Famous Māori Person) competition. This was followed by an energetic Mau Rākau Challenge, where our SLT were put to the test, to see if they could master 5 key Mau Rākau moves.

The week was a true celebration of language, culture and identity. It was inspiring to see so many of our students and staff embracing te reo Māori and engaging with tikanga Māori in meaningful ways.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori 2025 - Ake Ake Ake - Mō Ake Tonu Te Reo

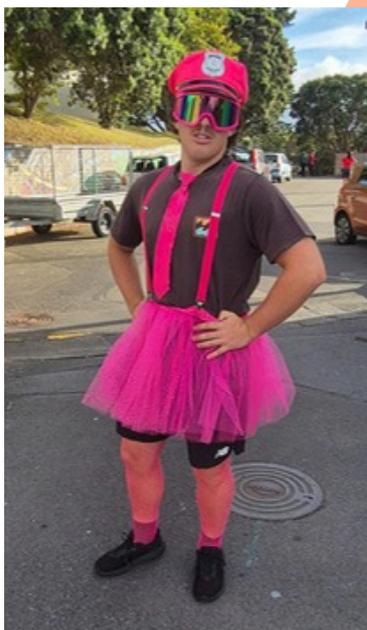
# Whānau Day 2025

## Filisione Koloamatangi

There are many magical moments from high school that students always remember. From sporting achievements to Polyfest, making new connections to school productions, your favourite teacher to school trips. However, in this case we started the school year with a bang and what a Whānau Day it was! The leadership team consisted of students and staff and their organisation of practices leading up to the big day, as well as the day itself was phenomenal! The green machine that was Totara, the pink panthers from Manuka, the red sea that was Pohutukawa and finally the bright shining glow from Kowhai set the scene for what would be a glorious day of competition. From the whole-school Cha cha warm-up to capture the flag, and from Mr and Mrs Mana to the teachers cutting shapes on the dance floor, the day was definitely one for the books! A massive success story of people flourishing and having fun doing so. Thank you to our guest judges from 502, Partners Porirua, Pasifika Thrive and other organisations. Thank you to our student leaders from each whānau group for all of your mahi both seen and unseen. We look forward to improving our practice for the next whānau day competition in Term 2. All Whānau Day competition points will be collated and at the end of the year the Whānau group with the most points will be crowned the Whānau Champions and awarded the Whānau Shield for 2025. The final placings for Whānau Day Term 1:

- 1st: Pohutukawa 242
- 2nd: Kowhai 235
- 3rd: Manuka 218
- 4th: Totara 208





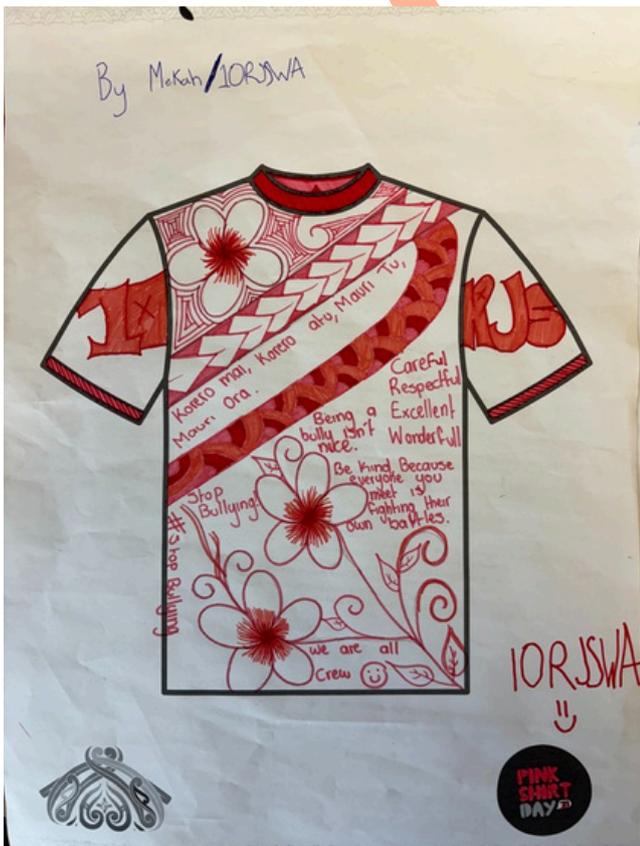
# Pink Shirt Day

Promoting kindness and standing up against bullying through fun events all week long!

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May our school came together to embrace love, kindness, and positivity in honour of Pink Shirt Day—an important occasion dedicated to standing up against bullying. The energy and enthusiasm were contagious as students and teachers participated in a variety of engaging and meaningful activities.

From epic dance-offs and a vibrant kindness wall to exhilarating teacher-versus-student sports competitions, every event brought us closer as a community. Of course, the highlight of the week was Pink Shirt Mufti Day, where smiles and laughter filled the air as we proudly wore pink to show our support.

Beyond the fun, we made a real impact—raising funds to support anti-bullying initiatives and reinforcing the message that unity and kindness matter. Let's keep this spirit alive and continue to spread positivity wherever we go. Together, we can create a world where kindness always wins!



# Yes Day

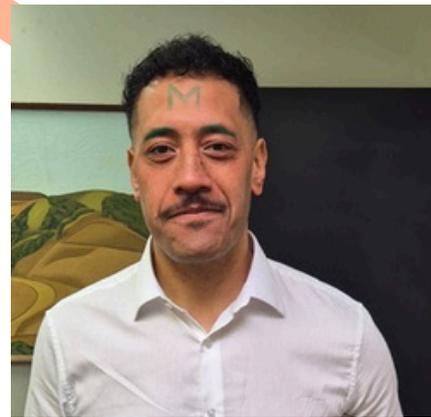
## Sethini Goonewardene

Friday, March 14th, was Yes Day—a day filled with excitement, laughter, and fun challenges, all in support of Relay for Life! Students and teachers stepped out of their comfort zones, embracing challenges with enthusiasm and energy.

Throughout the week, we gathered challenge ideas from both students and staff and on Friday, it was time to say "YES" to the fun! From students getting creative with their challenges to teachers taking on daring tasks, the day was packed with unforgettable moments.

We're thrilled to announce that we raised over \$130, successfully reaching our fundraising goal!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated, participated, and helped make Yes Day such a success. Your support will make a real difference in Relay for Life!

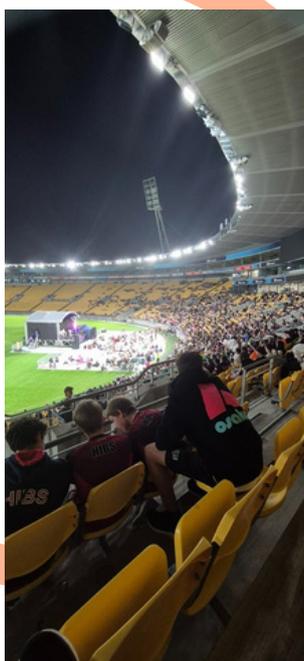


# Relay 4 Life

22 dedicated students and 6 staff members represented our school in the Relay for Life event, running from 3 am Saturday to 8 am Sunday—a nonstop effort spanning 16 hours and 19 minutes! Together, they completed an impressive total of 496 laps, showcasing incredible teamwork and endurance.

Our team achieved outstanding results, placing 3rd overall in fundraising efforts and ranking 14th out of 141 teams in the relay challenge. This event not only supported a great cause but also demonstrated our students' commitment, resilience, and spirit.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our efforts. You've made the school community proud!



# Gumboot Day

The air was filled with flying gumboots and enthusiastic cheers as our school held its annual Gumboot Throwing Competition! Students and teachers alike donned their sturdiest wellies and put their throwing arms to the test, all in the spirit of fun, awareness and fundraising.

The competition was fierce, with some impressive distances achieved across all categories. It was fantastic to see so many students participating and cheering on their classmates.

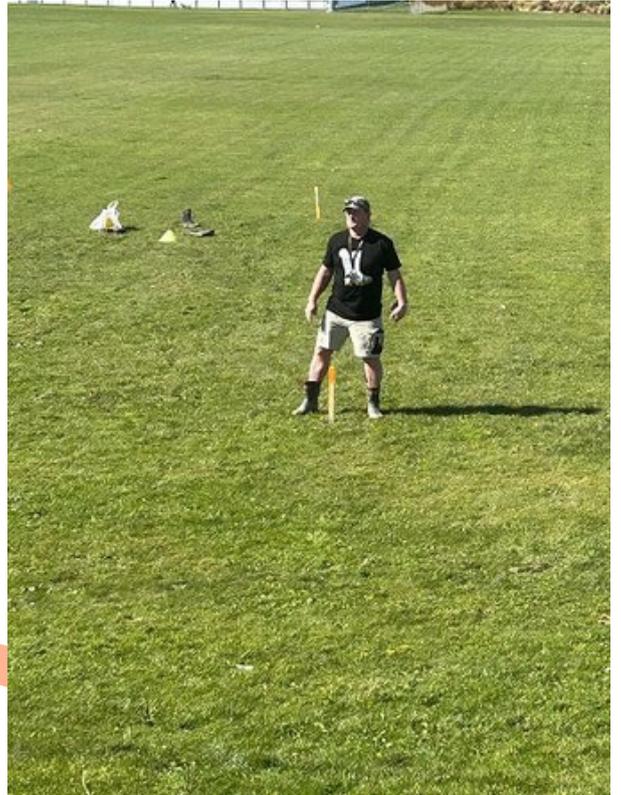
We're thrilled to announce the results for 2025:

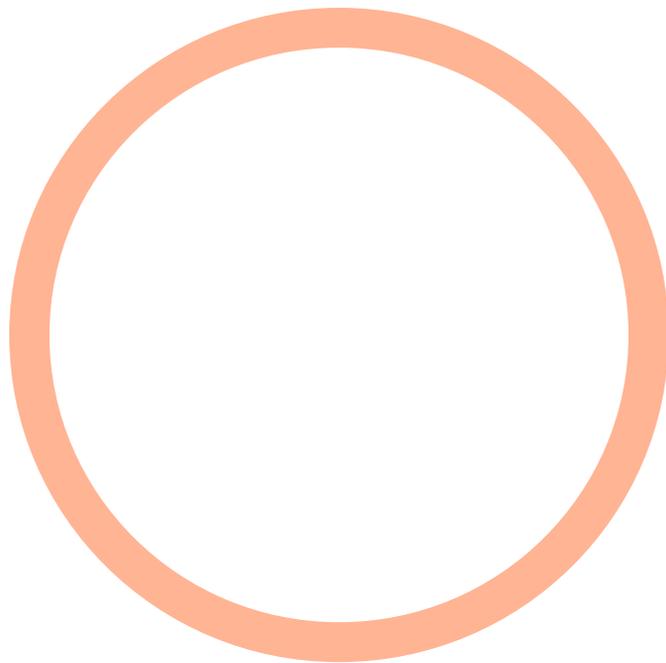
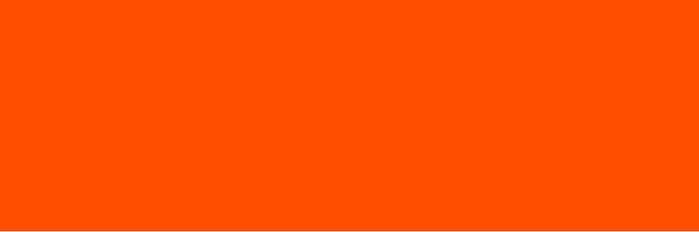
- Junior Girls: Aniwa (Year 10) – an incredible 25 meters!
- Senior Girls: Ivy – a fantastic throw of 28.10 meters!
- Junior Boys: Deon (Year 9) – an outstanding 33.5 meters!
- Senior Boys: Dayton – a monumental 34.4 meters!
- Teacher: Arthur – proving he's still got it with a mighty 34 meters!

Congratulations to all our winners and participants! Your names will be proudly added to the champions' trophy.

Beyond the competitive spirit, the event also served as a fundraiser and awareness for a great cause. Thanks to everyone's participation, we managed to raise around \$40. Every little bit helps, and we're grateful for the support shown by our school community.

We're already looking forward to next year's competition, where we hope to see even more students and teachers out on the field, gumboots in hand, ready to set new records!





# Students

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# TWA Prizegiving & Graduation

On Tuesday 25th November, we had the Te Whare Ako Prizegiving and Graduation Ceremony. It was wonderful to see so many Mana staff and whānau there to celebrate our wonderful students in Te Whare Ako.

All students received a certificate that recognised their strengths and successes this year.

This was followed by the sports awards that were presented by our Active As Team. The recipients were:

- Junior Girl = Flame Horne-Masters
- Junior Boy = Angus McMillan
- Senior Girl = Breana-Tayla Jones
- Senior Boy = Eli Ahern

We then celebrated our 3 students who have graduated from Te Whare Ako this year. Each student had a staff member share their memories of the student, providing opportunities for laughter and tears. Jordyn shared her memories about Hinerangi, Rob (from BLENNZ) spoke about Tearima, and Andrew spoke of his fond memories of his shared bond with Lawrence.

It was a wonderful afternoon of celebration. A huge thank you to Jordyn for her incredible mahi in putting together an incredibly successful occasion.



# Green & Gold Prizegiving

Awards List 2025

## Athletics

Junior Athlete of the Year      Gia Bishop

## Badminton

Junior Girls' Player of the Year      Jarell Tudayan

## Basketball

Junior Girls' Player of the Year      Gia Bishop  
Junior Boys' Wuruhi Player of the Year      Aljhur Aquino  
Junior Boys' Taika Player of the Year      Noah Craig  
Junior Boys' Rainao Player of the Year      Laim Kay  
Junior Boys' Wuruhi Player of the Year      Brian Riley  
Junior Girls' Overall Player of the Year      Gia Bishop &  
Kawhia Scirkovich

Senior Boys' Matai Player of the Year      Clayton Lee  
Senior Boys' Kauri Player of the Year      Pj Manila  
Senior Boys' Remu Player of the Year      Brandon McRoy  
Senior Boys' Player of the Year      Ian Balt

### (Bishop-Taurima Cup)

Senior Girls' Makimaki Player of the Year      Charlee Zimmerman-Te Hau

Senior Girls' Players Player of the Year      Cassidy Karaka &  
Nevaeh Schirovich

Senior Girls' Team Player of the Year      Gia Bishop

### (Howard Metekingi Trophy)

Senior Overall play of the Year      Ian Balt

## Football

Football Player of the Year      Louis Gregory

## Futsal

Junior Girls' Player of the Year      Frankie Naika  
Junior Boys' Player of the Year      Liam Kay  
Junior Boys' Team Player of the Year      Elijah Payne

## Bowls

Bowler of the Year      Kennedi Box &  
Aurora Heta-Tipene

## Hockey

Junior Girls' Player of the Year      Cotia Forgeson  
Girls' 1st XV Team Player of the Year      Pippa Rogeres  
Girls 1st XV Players Player of the Year      Kaylee Paea  
Golden Stick Most Scored Goal      Ivy Muir

## Ki O Rahi

Junior Team Player of the Year      Ruben Trapp  
Senior Team Player of the Year      Manaia Tanerau  
Overall Player of the Year      Patience Edmonds  
**(Chapman Trophy)**

## Netball

Whio Team Player of the Year      Huhana Rei  
Whio Player of the Year      Destiney Wawatai  
Tui Team Player of the Year      Sina Alesana  
Tui Player of the Year      Serenity Whakaneke  
Huia Team Player of the Year      Salem Edmonds  
Huia Player of the Year      Paige Collins  
Korimako Team Player of the Year      Alexi MacCormick  
Overall Player of the Year      Gia Bishop  
**(Judith Taylor Trophy)**

## Volleyball

Junior Girls' Player of the Year      Gia Bishop  
Junior Boys' Player of the Year      Logan Moenoa  
Senior Boys' Team Player of the Year      Mussolini Telea  
Senior Boys' Player of the Year      Pj Manila  
**(Leota Trophy)**  
Senior Girls' Team Player of the Year      Kalolaini Radravu  
Senior Girls' Player of the Year      Patience Edmonds

## Rugby

Girls Rugby Player of the Year  
**(Silva Family Award)** Patience Edmonds

U55's Player of the Year  
Manaaki Anderton  
& Rex Pullan

U15's Most Improved  
Dylan Hutchinson

U15's Players' Player of the Year  
Sia Vanilkau

**(Kirk Family Cup)**

U15's Player of the Year  
Hamana Para

**(Perenara Trophy)**

U15's Most Valuable Player  
Kenzo Taae

**(Dean Jr and William**

**Brunsdon Award)**

1st XV Most improved  
Cordell Wineera

**(Wallace Rutene Cup)**

1st XV Player of the Year  
Nate Baker

**(Kohe Family Trophy)**

1st XV Most Valuable Player  
Manaia Tanerau

**(Northern United Rugby Club**

**Trophy)**

1st XV Overall Player of the Year  
Patience Edmonds

**(Barry John Farrow Memorial)**

## Music

Nordon Loach Cup  
Tj Carradice-Rua

Telford Cribb Cup  
Max Ellis

## Drama

Rising Star  
Ian Dariagan-Johns

Madison Steffert

## Debating

Top Debater  
Chloe Higgins

Most Valuable Debater  
Caitlin Macload

## Te Whare Ako

Jarrett Cup  
Hinerangi Collins-Mohi

## Asian/Filipino Group

Service t the Group

Above and Beyond

Naomi Magno

Jabyn Galola &

Sithum Goonewardene

## Cook Island Group

Service t the Group

Above and Beyond

Macky Temarama

Cassidy Misky &

Lusiana Tamala-Mani

Xavier Chan Foun &&

Kiwa Kamana-Tuhi

Maia Luke

Newcommer of the Year

Resilience

## Samoan Group

Fa'ava'e Award

Mamalu Award

Fa'amanuiaga Award

Tupu Award

Pj Manila

Merry Jane Aulemoe

Mussolini Telea

Kalolaini Radravu

## Top Awards 2025

Outstanding performance in  
Sports **(Stuart Cup)**

Kahukura Ellison

Outstanding Achiever

Ella Waihi

Service to Sport **(Sedgwick Cup)**

Patience Edmonds

**Leota Fair Play Trophy**

Alexi MacCormick

Coach of the Year **(Hippolite**

Amy Robinson

**Memorial Trophy)**

Team of the Year

Senior Girls' Basketball

**Fiso-Bailey Award**

Flora Pao Chen

Cultural Achiever

Cassidy Misky

Outstanding Performance

Raiaatea Reweti

Asian/Filipino

Sethini Goonewardene

Cook Island Group

Kenzo Taae

**Pikau Te Rangi Arthur Trophy**

Aurora Heta-Tipene &

Raiaatea Reweti

Green & Gold Top Achiever

Pj Manila









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### Year 9

**Saphyre Edward**

Aspire - Music  
Aspire - Te Reo Maori  
Ngakau - English  
Ngakau - Film

**Gia Bishop**

Aspire - Paint  
Aspire - Physical Education  
Aspire - Te Reo Maori (Full Year)  
Ngakau - Health  
Ngakau - Language and Culture through Activity  
Ngakau - Mathematics  
Ngakau - Science

**Rex Pullan**

Ngakau - Food Technology  
Ngakau - Mathematics  
Ngakau - Social Studies

**Talent Bryce**

Ngakau - Language and Culture through Activity  
Ngakau - Physical Education  
Manaakitanga

**Dyron Chambers Tipa**

Ngakau - English  
Ngakau - Food Technology

**Jarrell Tudyman**

Ngakau - Health  
Ngakau - Paint

**Anahera Collins**

Ngakau - Physical Education

**Desire Waititi-Paul**

Ngakau - Te Reo Maori

**Cherish Eccles**

Aspire - Food Technology

**Sina Alesana**

Aspire - English  
Aspire - Health  
Aspire - Pacific Studies  
Aspire - Social Studies  
Ngakau - Film  
Ngakau - Language and Culture through Activity  
Ngakau - Paint  
A'o

**Yahzel Edmonds**

Ngakau: Music

**Te Amorangi Hodges-McLaughlin**

Ngakau - Music

**Manakai Matenga**

Ngakau - Music  
Ngakau - Paint

**Ahmed El Fares**

Ngakau - English as a second language  
Ngakau - Mathematics  
Ngakau - Music  
A'o

**Peyton Phillips**

Ngakau - Te Reo Maori (Full Year)

**Jayden Roskam**

Ngakau - Creative Design and Technology  
Ngakau - Film

**Stirling Heta-Dunne**

Aspire - Mathematics  
Ngakau - English  
Ngakau - Physical Education  
Ngakau - Science  
Ngakau - Social Studies  
Ngakau - Whenua, Whakapapa and Power  
Manaakitanga

**Hailen Tauroa**

Ngakau - Tikanga-a-iwi

**Phoenix Te Purei-Katae**

Ngakau - Language and Culture through Activity

**Mikylah Allen**

Ngakau - Science

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## Year 9

**Cottia Forgeson**

Aspire - Creative Design and  
Technology  
Ngakau - Film  
Ngakau - Matematics  
Ngakau - Physical Education

### SPECIAL AWARDS

**Chamcey Ratula**

Top Year 9 for Technology

**Shapyre Edwards**

Top Year 9 for Arts

**Jasmine Nightengale**

Ngakau - Creative Design and  
Technology  
Ngakau - English

**Janet (Sina) Alesina**

Overall Top Year 9

**Gia Bishop**

Year 9 Dean's Award

**Asha Warrington**

Aspire - Language and Culture  
through Activity  
Aspire - Science  
Ngakau - Paint  
Ngakau - Te Reo Maori

**Gia Bishop**

Risale Cup

**Riley Gilchrist**

Ngakau - Puawai

**Charlie Livingston**

Ngakau - Health  
Ngakau - Pacific Studies

**Xavier Chan Foug**

Aspire - Film  
Ngakau - Creative Design and  
Technology

**Troy Jones-Roygard**

Ngakau - Social Studies

**Shamcey Ratula**

Ngakau - Pacific Studies  
A'o

**Melanie Sevealii**

Ngakau - Food Technology

**Hanah Twaddle**

Manaakitanga

**Zion Witana**

Ngakau - Creative Design and  
Techology

**Crezlie Enriquez**

Ngakau - Science

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### Year 10

<b>Liam Kay</b>	Ngakau - Science	<b>Nyla Shariff</b>	Ngakau - Creative Design and Technology A'o
<b>Elijah Payne</b>	Ngakau - Creative Design and Technology Ngakau - Language and Culture through Activity Ngakau - Physical Education	<b>Lucas Kindler</b>	Aspire - Film Aspire - Food Technology Ngakau - Mathematics
<b>Leroy Vaevae-Hale</b>	Ngakau - Puawai	<b>Cassidy Misky</b>	A'O Manaakitanga
<b>Connor Young-Ryman</b>	Ngakau - Whenua, Whakapap and Power	<b>Marley Simi</b>	Ngakau - Food Technology
<b>Fereti Faamoe Ioane</b>	Aspire - Pacific Studies Ngakau - Music	<b>Nyah Brown-Risati</b>	Ngakau: Mathematics
<b>Xyriel Hernane</b>	Ngakau - English as a second language Ngakau - Whenua, whakapapa and Power	<b>Jaydah Collins</b>	Ngakau - Physical Education
<b>Reon Menzies</b>	Ngakau - German	<b>Kymani Willoughby-Gillespie</b>	Ngakau - Film Ngakau - Language and Culture through Activity
<b>Cohen Nightengale</b>	Aspire - Science Ngakau - Health Ngakau - Mathematics	<b>Nivaana Haenga-Mill</b>	Ngakau - Tikagna-a-iwi
<b>Aeishana Robertson Roache</b>	Ngakau - Food Technology	<b>Reign Hailey</b>	Aspire - Te Reo Maori (Full Year)
<b>Aljhur Aquino</b>	Ngakau - Whenua, whakapapa and Power	<b>Forever Johnson-Orupe</b>	Ngakau - English
<b>Kimiora Hunter</b>	Ngakau - Health Ngakau - Pacific Studies	<b>Cody McLatchie</b>	Aspire - Language and Culture through Activity Ngakau - English Ngakau - Social Studies Ngakau - Te Reo Maori (Full Year)
<b>Lucas Martin</b>	Aspire - German	<b>Ripeka Moke</b>	Ngakau - Music
<b>Frankie Naika</b>	Ngakau - English Ngakau - Mathematics Ngakau - Paint Ngakau - Physical Education Ngakau - Science Ngakau - Social Studies Manaakitanga	<b>Miria Pomare</b>	Ngakau - Creative Design and Technology Ngakau - Science

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## Year 10

<b>Huhana Rei</b>	Ngakau - Health	<b>Prempresha Prachith</b>	Aspire - Creative Design and Technology
<b>Ruben Trapp</b>	Ngakau - Te Reo Maori (Full Year)		Ngakau - Music Manaakitanga
<b>Maia Luke</b>	Ngakau - English Ngakau - Science	<b>Micah Tipper</b>	Aspire - English Aspire - Physical Education Aspire Science Aspire - Social Studies Ngakau - Matematics
<b>Aniwa Poese Pointon</b>	Ngakau - Film Ngakau - Physical Education Manaakitanga		
<b>Maddison Steffert</b>	Aspire - Language and Culture through Activity Ngakau - Film Ngakau - Social Studies Ngakau - Whenua, Whakapapa and Power A'o	<b>Naniese Waqa</b>	Ngakau - Food Technology
		<b>Tamati Coker Edwards</b>	Ngakau - Paint Manaakitanga
		<b>Kewa Hippolite</b>	Ngakau - Language and Culture through Activity
<b>Jett Talyor-Fruean</b>	Ngakau - Health	<b>Tirae McMahon</b>	Ngakau - Pacific Studies
<b>Rita Anderson</b>	Ngakau - Paint	<b>Logan Moenoa</b>	Aspire - Te Reo Maori 9 (Elective)
<b>Jay Dew</b>	Ngakau - English	<b>SPECIAL AWARDS</b>	
<b>Mekah Ellis</b>	Ngakau - Te Reo Maori	<b>Lucas Kindler</b>	Top Year 10 For Technology
<b>Elliot Kerr</b>	Aspire - Health Aspire Mathematics Aspire - Music Ngakau - Film Ngakau - Science Ngakau - Social Studies Ngakau - Te Reo Maori	<b>Nikayla Bishop</b>	Top Year 10 for Arts
		<b>Micah Tipper</b>	Overall Top Year 10
		<b>Teaniwa Apirana-Bishop</b>	Service Award - Service to E Tipu e Rea & kaupapa Māori
<b>Tahani Al Bakhas</b>	Aspire - Whenua, Whakapapa and Power Ngakau - English	<b>Jett Taylor-Fruean</b>	Rangatahi Award - Leadership & commitment in Kapa Haka
<b>Nikayla Bishop</b>	Aspire - Paint Ngakau - Health Ngakau - Music	<b>Elliot Kerr</b>	Year 10 Dean's Award

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## Year 11

<b>Georgia Collins</b>	Ngakau Mathematics	<b>Ebony Talilai</b>	Aspire Food Technology Ngakau History Ngakau Science
<b>Kahukura Ellison</b>	A'o		
<b>Tessa Hanarahan</b>	Aspire Business Aspire English Aspire Health Aspire Science	<b>Poppy Barbarich</b>	A'o
		<b>Kassem El Fares</b>	Aspire Deutsch Ngakau Mathematics A'o
<b>Adyn Iti</b>	A'o		
		<b>Zac Hanrahan</b>	Ngakau Life Skills
<b>Jakob Moore</b>	Ngakau Mathematics		
		<b>Ayla Mariu</b>	Aspire History
<b>Jewil Canones</b>	A'o		
		<b>Lexus Risati</b>	Ngakau Business Ngakau Food Technology
<b>Jack Granger</b>	Ngakau Creative Design and Technology Ngakau Mathematics	<b>Andrew Stuart</b>	Aspire Music
		<b>Benny Dawson</b>	A'o
<b>Xena Hernane</b>	Ngakau Paint		
		<b>Bindi Manalo</b>	Aspire Music
<b>Jesscia Kay</b>	A'o		
		<b>Galia Mangilit</b>	Aspire Photography Ngakau English as a Second Language Ngakau Mathematics
<b>Naomi Magno</b>	Aspire Creative Design and Technology Aspire English as a Second Language Ngakau Mathematics A'o	<b>Jay J Munro</b>	Ngakau Paint
		<b>Carter Collins</b>	Aspire Physical Education Ngakau English Ngakau Te Reo Māori
<b>Eli Price</b>	Ngakau English through Exercise Ngakau Physical Education Ngakau Science A'o	<b>Chloe Higgins</b>	Ngakau Photography
		<b>Maya Phillips</b>	Ngakau English
<b>Floyd Pullan</b>	Ngakau Build		
		<b>Tawake Tuterangiwhaitiri</b>	Aspire Te Reo Māori Aspire Te Whare Haka Ngakau Performing Arts
<b>Lanayah Sekai</b>	Aspire Performing Arts Ngakau Music		

<b>Riley Atkinson</b>	Ngakau Science A'o	<b>Sohpia Gibson</b>	Ngakau Performing Arts
<b>Sithum Goonewardene</b>	Aspire Business Aspire Mathematics Aspire Science Ngakau English	<b>Anika Illingworth</b>	Aspire Creative Design and Technology Aspire History Ngakau Biology Ngakau Marine Studies A'o
<b>Dylan Hutchinson</b>	Aspire Build Ngakau Mathematics A'o	<b>Alexi MacCormick</b>	Aspire Business Studies Ngakau Chemistry Ngakau Physics A'o
<b>Caitlin Macleod</b>	Ngakau Science A'o	<b>Aeneas Smith</b>	Ngakau Build Ngakau Pathways
<b>Abigail McVitty</b>	Ngakau Science	<b>Braidyn Taitapanui</b>	Aspire Performing Arts
<b>Elora Forgeson</b>	Aspire Creative Design and Technology	<b>Tyler Zidich-Gilligan</b>	Aspire Creative Design and Technology Aspire Pathways
<b>TOP YEAR 11 STUDENT</b>	Tessa Hanrahan	<b>Ian Balt</b>	A'o
<b>Year 12</b>		<b>Noti Barbarich</b>	Aspire Paint Ngakau History
<b>Arihi Kingi</b>	Ngakau Food Technology	<b>Tahlia Bason</b>	Aspire Health Ngakau English
<b>Jullius Matthews Pullman</b>	Aspire Te Whare Haka	<b>Zoe Esperida</b>	Aspire Mathematics A'o
<b>Navaeyah Saddler</b>	Ngakau Te Reo Maori	<b>Louis Gregory</b>	Aspire English Aspire PE Performance and Leadership Ngakau Chemistry Ngakau Health A'o
<b>Adalayde Marshall-Sopoaga</b>	A'o		
<b>Zion Taurima</b>	A'o		
<b>Nariko Waiti</b>	Aspire Food Technology		
<b>Cam Culver-Dickens</b>	Aspire Music Ngakau Creative Design and Technology Ngakau English Ngakau Marine Studies A'o		

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<b>Clayton Lee</b>	Aspire Physics Ngakau Biology A'o	<b>Year 13</b>	
<b>Madison Lee</b>	A'o	<b>Wairangi Beck-Gage</b>	Ngakau Food Technology
<b>Tk Patterson</b>	Ngakau Physical Education, Performance and Leadership	<b>Alexei Douglas</b>	Ngakau Creative Design and Technology Ngakau History Ngakau Paint A'o
<b>Holli Vallance</b>	Aspire Physics Ngakau Health	<b>Robb Esperida</b>	Ngakau English as a second language
<b>Blade Williams</b>	Aspire Marine Studies	<b>Bhea Fiedalan</b>	Aspire Creative Design and Technology
<b>TJ Carradice-Rua</b>	Ngakau Build	<b>Sethini Goonewardene</b>	Aspire Business Aspire Creative Design and Technology Aspire English Aspire Mathematics Aspire Physics A'o
<b>Jahlia Laumua</b>	A'o	<b>Aliya Pedregosa</b>	Ngakau English as a second language
<b>Ciaran Macleod</b>	Aspire Build Aspire Pathways Aspire Physical Education, Staying Active	<b>Serenity Rhind</b>	Aspire Chemisty Aspire Pathways Ngakau Business
<b>Waimihi Muir</b>	Aspire Biology Aspire Chemistry Aspire Marine Studies Aspire Te Reo Māori Ngakau Mathematics	<b>Gabriel Burgess</b>	Aspire History
<b>Zahreon Patu-Ulutupu</b>	Ngakau Music	<b>Leon Chick</b>	Aspire Physical Education, Leadership Ngakau Biology Ngakau English Ngakau Physics A'o
<b>Jovante Richards-Samuela</b>	Ngakau Te Whare Haka	<b>Korbyn Evans Patterson</b>	Ngakau Health
<b>Rylee Robinson-McClinchie</b>	Aspire Paint Ngakau English Ngakau Health		
<b>Filipo Saveatama</b>	Ngakau Pathways		
<b>Charlee Zimmerman-Te Hau</b>	A'o		
<b>TOP YEAR 12 STUDENT</b>	Waimihi Muir		

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<b>Pacey Hall</b>	Aspire Build
<b>Cullen Leatherby</b>	Ngakau English A'o
<b>Allies Mulligan</b>	Ngakau Build
<b>Pippa Rogers</b>	Ngakau History
<b>Levi Vickerstaff</b>	A'o
<b>Kennedi Box</b>	Aspire Health Ngakau Mathematics
<b>Flora Chen Pao</b>	A'o
<b>Aurora Heta-Tipene</b>	A'o
<b>Saresha Maxwell</b>	Aspire Food Technology
<b>Kiare Wi-Neera</b>	Aspire Te Reo Maori
<b>Hinerangi Collins-Mohi</b>	Ngakau Te Reo Māori
<b>Rawiri Treiblmayr-Grace</b>	Ngakau Music
<b>Kolynn Kake</b>	Aspire Music
<b>Jared Rongo</b>	Ngakau Te Whare Haka
<b>AJ Steffert</b>	Ngakau Papa Taiao - Outdoor Education
<b>Manaia Tanerau</b>	Aspire Te Whare Haka

## SPECIAL AWARDS

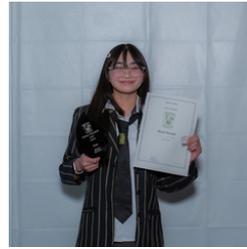
<b>Aurora Heta-Tipene</b> <b>Raiaatea Reweti</b>	PIKAU TE RANGI ARTHUR TROPHY - Kapa Haka
<b>Manaia Tanerau</b>	ETER SERVICE TO KAUPAPA MĀORI - Commitment to Kaupapa Maori
<b>Leon Chick</b>	BRUCE CROWLEY AWARD - sustained effort and contribution
<b>Flora Chen Pao</b>	MALO FAMILY CUP - Highest Pacifica Achievement
<b>Pacey Hall</b>	RSA CUP - Leadership
<b>Sethini Goonewardene</b>	PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL CUP - Leadership
<b>Patience Edmonds</b>	RISALE CUP
<b>Flora Chen Pao</b>	MCKENZIE CUP - Leadership

## SCHOLARSHIPS

<b>Pacey Hall</b>	Brittons Scholarship
<b>Pacey Hall</b>	The ITM Most Promising Tradesperson
<b>Bhea Fiedalan</b>	The Stuart Salisbury Scholarship
<b>Kalolaini Radravu</b> <b>Riley Atkinson</b> <b>Nico Wilkins</b>	The Beryl and Harry Brown Foundation Scholarship
<b>Leon Chick</b>	The Murray McNae Scholarship
<b>Sethini Goonewardene</b>	DUX Top Academic Performance 2025

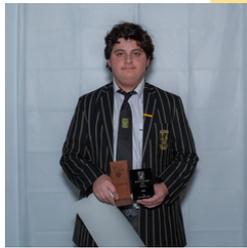
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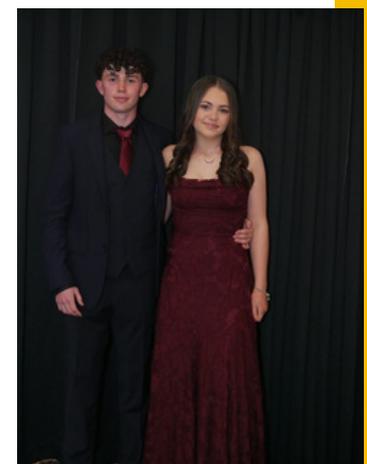
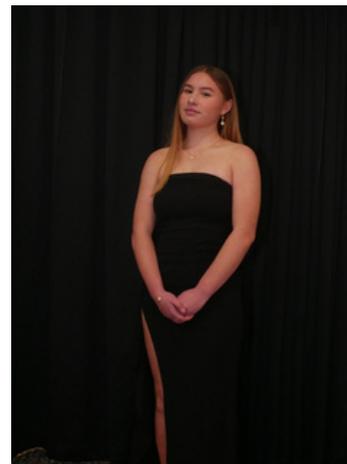
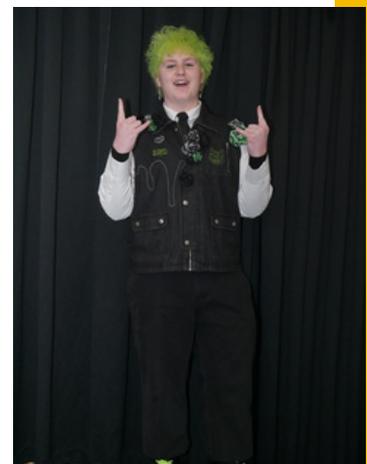
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## 9BABWĀ



Maria Aulemoe



Tuata Barbarich



Saphyre Edwards



Kaius Egan



Pene Wi-Neera



Ella Matini



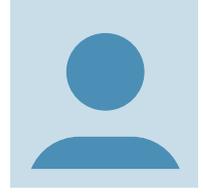
Rex Pullan



Talent Snow-Bryce



Socheata Than-Yi



Anton Timlin



Jarell Tudayan



Desire Waititi-Paul

## 9DGWĀ



Sina Alesana



Brax Cherrington



Ryhana-Jane Cupples



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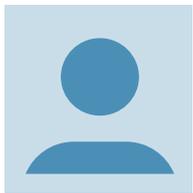
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Brian Riley



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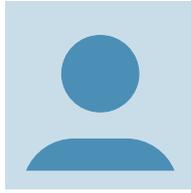


Mack Manuel  
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# 9TJWĀ



Teina Allen



Marshall  
Bramley-Davis



Danila Elekana



Crezlie Enriquez



Lusi  
Faamoe Ioane



Fairlane Head



Kiwa Kamana-Tuhi



Dion  
Ngarotata-McGregor



Kade Perrot

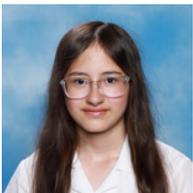


Alexa Rivera



Ethan Tsvanhu

# 9PASWĀ



Mikylah Allen



Raquel Christian



Cottia Forgeson



Charlie Gilchrist



Macy Illingworth



Kyzaliah Makavalu



Jasmine Nightengale



Dal'i Pullan



Tiaki Solomon



Tyzo Tito



Asha Warrington

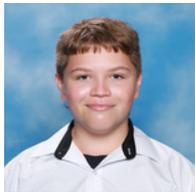


Kiera Wichman-Grant

# 9RMSWĀ



Atawhai Collis



Jaxon Drummond



Ailbe Dyer



Zunndro Fuiava



Riley Gilchrist



Liberty  
Kenning-Bayly



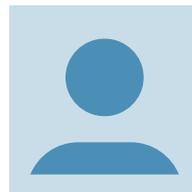
Mamoā Leti



Charlie Livingston



Kobe Pearson



Amy Sanders



Mia Torrie



Mason Tui-Sleigh



Luca Wilkins

# 9RWSWĀ



Xavier Chan Foug



Israel Fuimaono



India Gibling



Julius Hicks



Troy  
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Aahliya Neru



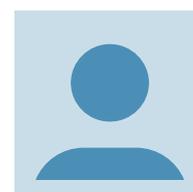
Shamcey Ratula



Brockton Risati



Melanie Sevealii



Kyzah Taikato-Reti



John Talilai



Hana Twaddle



Zion Witana

# 9LMCWĀ



Kora Biel-Kernaghan



Layla Biel-Kernaghan



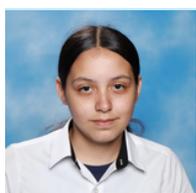
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Dyron Chambers Tipa



Anahera Collins



Cherish Eccles



Yahzel Edmonds



Tom Hazlewood



Korenzah Henare



Te Amorangi  
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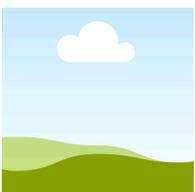
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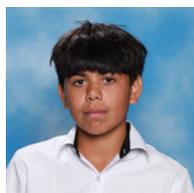
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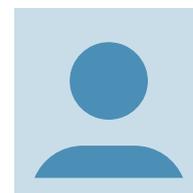
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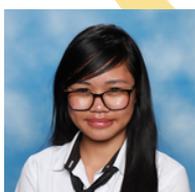


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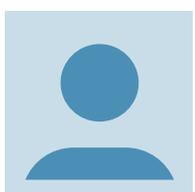
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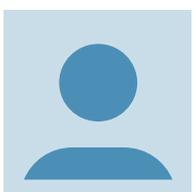
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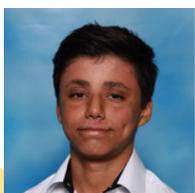
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Logan Barnes



Nyah Brown-Risati



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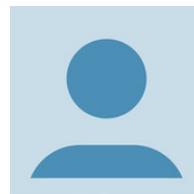
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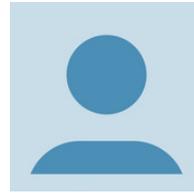
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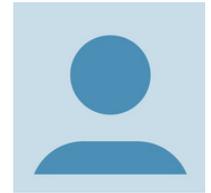
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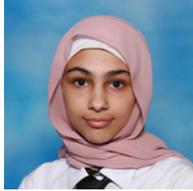


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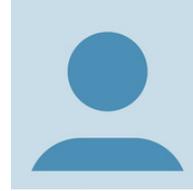
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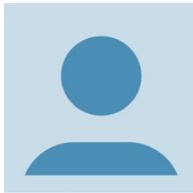
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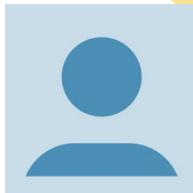
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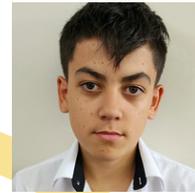
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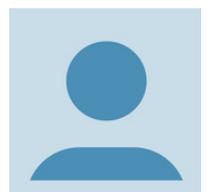
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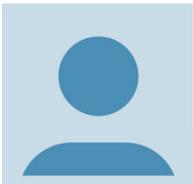
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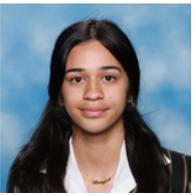
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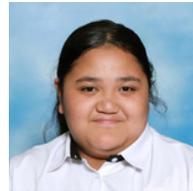
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Chevy Thomas



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Tawake  
Tuterangiwhatitiri



Destiny Wawatai

# 11OLWĀ



Riley Atkinson



Essence Baker



Brooke Chadwick



Christian Fuimaono



Sithum Goonewardene



Dylan Hutchinson



Mathias Kirwan



Caitlin Macleod



Hayden Mahoney



Abigail McVitty



Tuli  
Taalili-Simati



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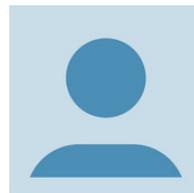
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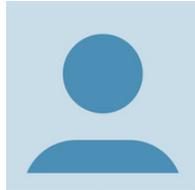
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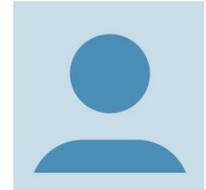
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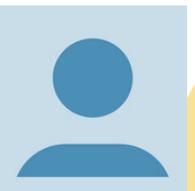
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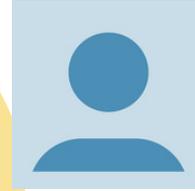
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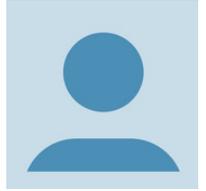
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Leo CopperMartin



Cam Culver-Dickens



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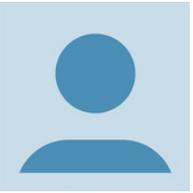
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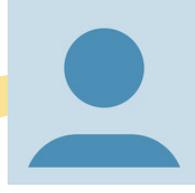
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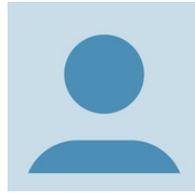
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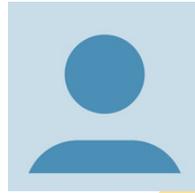
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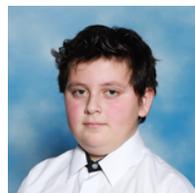
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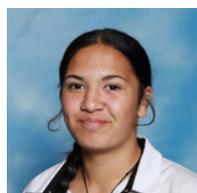
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Sky Ruha



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Breana-Tayla  
Jones



Kassius Hill

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Year 13

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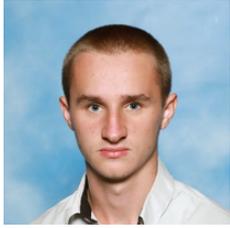


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Whero Willoughby

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Gabriel Burgess



Jefferson Canones



Leon Chick



Pacey Hall



Hawaiki'i Eketone



Korbyn  
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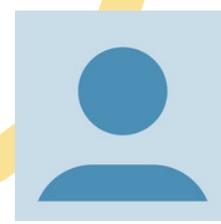
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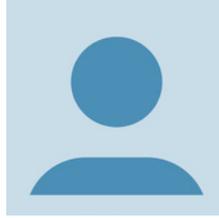
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Back-Gage



Patience Edmonds



Alexei Douglas



Bhea Fiedalan



Jaixana Galola



Robb Esperida



Sethini Goonewardene



Capri Graham



Karena Kaipo



Henry Luong



PJ Manila



Kyle Manlutac



Venice Martinez



Aliua Pedregosa



Reijhan Pokaiwhenua



Bree Shore



Serenity Rhind



Ivan Robles

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Kennedi Box



Flora Chen Pao



Saresha Maxwell



Aurora Heta-Tipene



Arinana Davis



Jose Little



Deija Feaunati Katu



Jonah Paenga



Pharus Paewai



Israel Parai-Karepa



Wangi Sagar



Mussolini Telea



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