



Principal's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we approach the end of what has been a busy and rewarding year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of our students, staff, and wider Māngere College community. This term has been filled with moments that capture the essence of our school. We have had the privilege of celebrating our Senior Prizegivings this term, honouring the hard work, resilience, and outstanding achievements of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students as they continue to "Seek the Heights." These ceremonies are a powerful reminder of the talent, determination, and spirit that exists within our college, and it was wonderful to come together with whānau to acknowledge the journeys and success of our students.

We also recently celebrated our Sports Awards, a special evening that recognised the commitment, discipline, and excellence of our athletes across all codes. Congratulations to all our award recipients and a special acknowledgement to our major award winners who have represented Māngere College with pride on and off the field. Your achievements are a testament to countless hours of training, teamwork, and resilience. Thank you to our coaches, managers, and supporters who stand behind our students every step of the way. A special highlight during the Term 3 holidays was the Hawai'i Cultural Exchange Trip, where our students and staff experienced the richness of Pacific identity and the power of global citizenship firsthand. Their reflections remind us that learning extends far beyond the classroom, and that every opportunity, whether local or international, shapes confident, connected young people ready to make a difference.

Thank you to everyone that supported us at the recent Māngere College x NZMA Fundraising Dinner which was a wonderful celebration of partnership, talent, and community spirit. The evening showcased our students' creativity and professionalism while raising funds to support future opportunities in performing arts and cultural learning. A massive thank you to Lucie Fowler, Marciella Neilson, Wadell and all the team at NZMA for their generosity and support in providing us the opportunity to host the fundraising dinner. A huge thank you also to our Performing Arts Department for their organisation and leadership of the groups that performed. Events like these highlight the strength of our relationships and the collective belief in what our young people can achieve.

As our senior students begin their NCEA examinations, I want to wish them all the very best. Stay focused, look after yourselves, and remember that every effort you put in now brings you one step closer to your goals. I am deeply proud of how our students continue to represent Māngere College with pride, respect, and humility. My sincere thanks to our teachers, support staff, parents, and community partners for your unwavering dedication and belief in our young people. As we head into the final weeks of Term 4, let's continue to celebrate our successes, support one another, and finish the year strong.



Ngā manaakitanga, Geraint Tagaloa
Principal – Māngere College

Haere Mai to Our New Staff



Sādelle Feao
Head of Department
PE/Health



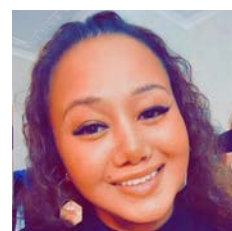
Nivashni Lata
English Teacher



Maehe Nuku
Support Staff



Faye Walker
PE/Health Teacher



Anne Misi
Office Administrator
SLT Support



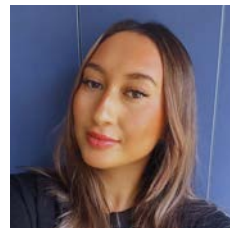
Tulipe (Deb) Ah Mann
Nurse



Etu Fukofuka
Learning Support



Jakub Roznawski
Music teacher



Kaiah Lee O Brien
Communications Assistant

Help and Hope in Action: Life Church Volunteers Brighten Māngere College

During the school holidays, we were fortunate to receive a helping hand from the incredible team at Life Church, who visited as part of their Help and Hope Week initiative. The volunteers spent the day painting and gardening in several outdoor areas around our campus, bringing fresh colour, care, and energy to spaces our students and staff use every day. Their hard work has made a visible difference, the gardens are blooming, and the newly painted areas look fantastic.

This collaboration is a wonderful example of what community partnership looks like in action. By giving their time, skills, and generosity, the Life Church team has helped create a more welcoming and vibrant environment for everyone at Māngere College. We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved for their kindness and effort. Next time you're on campus, be sure to take a moment to enjoy the refreshed spaces, they're a beautiful reminder of what can be achieved when our community comes together.



A Night to Remember: Māngere College x NZMA Fundraising Dinner

Our recent Fundraising Dinner in collaboration with the NZMA Culinary Collective was an evening filled with warmth, connection, and community spirit. Held at NZMA Sylvia Park, the event brought together 42 guests, including staff, alumni, whānau, and community supporters, to celebrate the incredible talents of our students and raise funds for future opportunities at Māngere College.

Guests were treated to a three-course meal prepared and served by talented NZMA students. The night also featured cultural performances from our students, reminding everyone of the rich diversity and pride that defines our school.

Funds raised from the event have already gone towards supporting our students' trip to Hawai'i, with remaining proceeds directed to the Performing Arts and Sports Department, helping our young people continue to shine on local and international stages. A heartfelt thank you to the NZMA team for their partnership and professionalism, and to everyone who attended or contributed. Your support makes a real difference in creating opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and achieve their potential.



Leading Through Action and Connection

This term, our Year 12 Physical Education (PED) class have been learning what it truly means to be effective leaders. They've applied their leadership skills by leading teams and groups of students from Sir Keith Park Special School, whose satellite unit is based here at Māngere College. Many of these students have complex special needs, and our Year 12 learners have been dedicated to empowering them to "Seek the Heights"—adapting physical activities to support inclusion and strengthen Whanaungatanga.

Through this kaupapa, the class have also demonstrated Manaakitanga by fostering a supportive and caring environment where all ākonga can participate in learning and contribute meaningfully to our wider school community. By engaging with Sir Keith Park students, our learners have shown empathy, respect, and the ability to build positive relationships—key traits of strong leaders. In addition the leaders have themselves been applying and practicing key leadership strategies such as effective communication, problem solving and decision making which all contribute to the effective functioning of a group.

Under Ms Walker's guidance, the 12PED class have planned and delivered physical activity sessions in groups, putting their leadership theory into practice. These sessions ran until end of Week 4 Term 4 and as part of their leadership standard, they continue to reflect on how effective communication, teamwork, and other strategies contribute to the success of their group, living out the values of collaboration and service in every session.



Celebrating Our Student Librarians

As we near the end of a momentous year, we take a moment to celebrate the dedication and achievements of our Student Librarians. Throughout the year, they have carried out their duties with commitment and enthusiasm, completing various stages of their library training modules and contributing to the smooth running of our library.

A heartfelt thank you to the staff who supported this journey and helped make this celebration possible, and to Principal Geraint Tuiletoa Tagaloa for his ongoing encouragement and belief in the value of our library. With fifty-two Student Librarians, the library continues to be a vibrant hub where students meet, learn, and share their knowledge with others.



Shout Out to Lafu

A special thank you to Lafu, who works tirelessly every day to keep Māngere College clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

His hard work often happens behind the scenes, but it makes a huge difference to our classrooms to well-kept grounds. We're so grateful for his care, consistency, and the pride he takes in looking after our school.



Senior Fashion Students in Action

Our Senior Fashion students have been hard at work this term, putting the finishing touches on their external submissions and design portfolios. The Level 1 and Level 2 Fashion classes are showcasing creativity, precision, and perseverance as they bring their designs to life, a true reflection of the talent and dedication within our technology department. Well done Janette, Priyanshu, Atilus (Level 1) and Mele, Ane, Rachel (Level 2). We're proud of your progress.



Important Dates

Wider Living Week: 1-5 December 2025
Seniors Ball - 4 December 2025
Junior Prizegiving: 11 December 2025

Last Day of Term 4: 12 December 2025
School Holidays: 13 December-29 January 2025
First Day of Term 1 2026: 30 January 2026

Celebrating Success at the ESOL Prizegiving

The ESOL Prizegiving was a warm and uplifting event celebrating our students' hard work, progress, and achievements in English language learning. Students were recognised for their dedication, leadership, and contribution to school life, with many sharing proud moments alongside teachers and whānau.

The celebration ended with a shared lunch, where everyone enjoyed delicious dishes from across our diverse cultures, a beautiful reflection of the unity within our ESOL community. A big thank you to the ESOL Department for the care, effort, and affection you put into supporting our learners. Your special kaupapa and commitment, especially to our refugee students, continue to make a lasting difference.



A Special Visit from the Tonga Family

We recently welcomed a very special group of visitors, the Tonga family from Hawai'i. Telesia Afeaki-Tonga, her husband Walter, their five daughters, one son, and two grandchildren were deeply moved as they discovered Māngere College's historical connection to their family.

Telesia's maternal grandfather, Peni Tutuila, and his sons Siola'a and Maloni Tutuila served as Punake (choreographers and composers) for the Māngere College Tongan Group from the late 1980s to 2005, continuing to support the school until 2017. As the family read through old school magazines and found their ancestors' names, the visit became a heartfelt moment of remembrance, pride, and intergenerational connection.



Captured This Term



Fiji Week



Prom Proposals



Library Makeover



Librarian Secret Santa



Kpahaka - Beatz of Mangere



Garden Produce

Celebrating Our Sports Stars

A huge thank you to the P.E. Department and our Active As students for an outstanding Sports Awards Evening. The event was a wonderful celebration of our students' sporting achievements and the spirit of teamwork that defines Māngere College.



Sport plays a vital role in student life at Māngere College, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the staff, parents, and community members who have coached or managed teams throughout the year. Your time, energy, and commitment make it possible for our students to participate, grow, and excel in sport.



RAD Workshop Success: Students Build Skills and Take Home Laptops

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Recycle a Device (RAD) workshop. Twenty very happy students finished the day with new touchscreen laptops to take home and the hands-on skills to repair and maintain them. Our students conducted themselves with respect, maturity, and gratitude throughout the day, reflecting the values of Māngere College. A special mention goes to Wairua and Cyrus, who showed outstanding leadership during the session. Heartfelt thanks to Nalini and Neville for making this opportunity possible, and to all the staff who supported with admin and class relief. With a growing waiting list for the next workshop, we're already looking ahead to 2026 to offer more sessions that will equip our students with their own devices and valuable digital skills for 21st-century learning.



Māngere College Students Find Connection and Culture in Hawai‘i

In September, a group of students and staff embarked on an unforgettable journey to O‘ahu, Hawai‘i, for a week-long cultural exchange with Kahuku High School. The trip was a homecoming, a learning experience, and a celebration of shared Pacific identity. The initiative was led by Mr. Herman Arp, who was born and raised in Hawai‘i and had long dreamed of bringing students back to his homeland. “It had always been a dream of mine to take students back to where I was born and raised,” he explained. “When I began my master’s in Indigenous Studies, I knew that my tōkanga te pūiho would be this trip to Hawai‘i, and we made it happen.”

After months of fundraising and preparation, 14 students and 14 staff members travelled in an unprecedented 1:1 ratio that ensured deep mentorship and connection. The group was warmly welcomed by students from Kahuku High School’s Hawaiian Immersion Unit, a moment that became deeply personal for Mr. Herman when he realised he was standing in front of his old kindergarten classroom. “I was emotional,” he said. “It felt like a full-circle moment, returning home, but also bringing my Māngere whānau with me.”

The theme of the trip was “Becoming Global Citizens.” For many students, it was their first time leaving New Zealand and they learnt that they could “thrive anywhere in the world while holding onto their identity as Māori and Pasifika.” Students visited cultural and historical sites including the Polynesian Cultural Center, Dole Plantation, and several traditional chief of war sites. They learned about Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) culture and the community’s ongoing push for sovereignty, parallels to the experiences of Māori in Aotearoa.

The journey was not without its challenges. Fundraising was intense, and students were asked to contribute toward their airfare and expenses. But through determination and strong community support, including help from family, the school and Kahuku High School the goal was achieved.

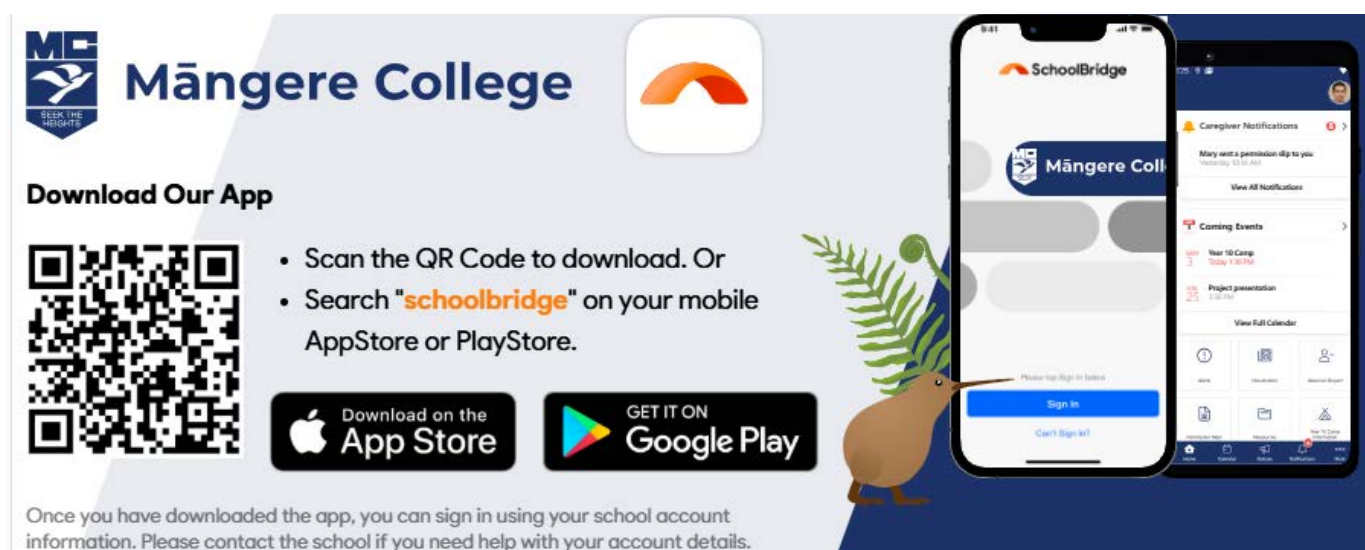
Mr. Arp emphasised that the trip was never intended as a reward, but as an opportunity: “When you reward someone, it’s because of something they’ve done. An opportunity is about giving them space to grow. This trip was about opening doors, for students who might never have imagined themselves overseas.” The experience has already borne fruit: a few students are now exploring tertiary study options at Brigham Young University (BYU) Hawai‘i, a testament to the trip’s impact and the belief it has sparked in what’s possible.

When last-minute accommodation issues arose, the group learned a real-world lesson in resilience. Through a chance reconnection with one of Mr. Arp’s extended family members, they found a new place to stay. “Students saw how things can fall apart and still come together. That was a powerful teaching moment.” Reflecting on the trip, staff and students alike agreed it was transformative, not just in deepening their understanding of Pacific identity, but in widening their horizons. As Mr Arp shared, “It reminded them, and us, that the world is bigger than our cul-de-sac. There’s so much waiting beyond if you’re willing to step out.”

Hawaii In Pics



SchoolBridge



The banner features the Māngere College logo on the left, which includes a crest with 'MC' and 'SEEK THE HIGHER' and the text 'Māngere College' in a large, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the logo is the SchoolBridge app icon, a white rounded square with an orange arch. Below the logo, the text 'Download Our App' is followed by a QR code and two bullet points: 'Scan the QR Code to download. Or' and 'Search "schoolbridge" on your mobile AppStore or PlayStore.' Below these are two buttons: 'Download on the App Store' with the Apple logo and 'GET IT ON Google Play' with the Google Play logo. On the right side, two smartphones are shown. The front phone displays the SchoolBridge app interface with a 'Sign In' button and a 'Can't Sign In?' link. The back phone shows a notification screen with 'Caregiver Notifications', 'Coming Events' (including 'Year 10 Camp' and 'Project presentation'), and a 'View Full Calendar' link. A small illustration of a kiwi bird is positioned between the phones and the download buttons. At the bottom left, a small text block states: 'Once you have downloaded the app, you can sign in using your school account information. Please contact the school if you need help with your account details.'

Māngere College

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- Find all school contact details
- view daily notices and newsletters
- report a student absentee (with one click) and late arrivals
- request a leave of absence or an exit pass
- access KAMAR (our Student Management System)
- track your child's academic results and see relevant, NCEA progress
- receive notifications directly to your phone, relating to your child
- approve/decline trips, relating to your child – simply click on 'Permission Slips & Forms'
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