

Principals Message

As we move through Term 2, I continue to feel an immense sense of pride in the people, partnerships, and opportunities that make Māngere College such a special place. This term has been a powerful reminder that education extends far beyond the classroom.

Across our school, students have embraced opportunities to connect, lead, serve, and grow, demonstrating the values that define our community and our commitment to #SeekTheHeights.

Our annual Refugee Big Day Out highlights our continued partnership with the AUT Centre for Refugee Education. Welcoming newly arrived refugee students into our school and seeing our own students build genuine connections through service, sport, and mentoring reflected the compassion and inclusiveness that sit at the heart of Māngere College. These moments remind us of the important role schools play in creating belonging and opportunity for all.

We have also celebrated outstanding academic success, including the achievements of students recognised at the Academic Achievements of Ethnic Students Awards, as well as the exceptional accomplishment of our 2025 Head Girl, Manuia Fox-Romia, whose outstanding performance in the New Zealand Scholarship English examination is an inspiration to us all.

Beyond academics, our students have continued to shine through leadership, innovation, and courage. From participating in future-focused career pathways and technology programmes, to representing our school on national television through anti-violence advocacy, our young people are showing what it means to lead with purpose and integrity.



Our first-ever Spirit Week was another wonderful celebration of school pride, connection, and joy. It was fantastic to see students and staff coming together to strengthen our sense of whānau, uplift wellbeing, and create shared memories that contribute to a positive and vibrant school culture.

I would also like to sincerely thank all the parents and caregivers who attended our recent Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews. Your presence, engagement, and partnership in your child's learning journey are invaluable. These conversations are a vital part of ensuring our students are supported both at school and at home, and we deeply appreciate the time and commitment you made to connect with our staff and discuss your child's progress and aspirations.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. I look forward to all that we will continue to achieve together this term.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Geraint Tagaloo
Principal – Māngere College



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Refugee Students Welcomed for an Inspiring First Taste of New Zealand School Life

On Wednesday 25th March, we proudly celebrated our annual Refugee Big Day Out with a visit to Te Āhuru Mōwai o Aotearoa – Māngere Refugee Resettlement Centre. Our students took part in a range of meaningful activities, including team-building, sports, mentoring, and connection-building, creating a memorable and uplifting experience for everyone involved. A huge thank you to Rosalie, Shabnam, and Malama, whose planning, organisation, and dedication made the day such a success.

To continue strengthening our partnership with the AUT Centre for Refugee Education, we also welcomed a group of newly arrived refugee students to our school on Tuesday 31st. The students spent the day experiencing school life in Aotearoa, participating in activities across a variety of learning spaces. For many, this was their first experience outside the resettlement centre, and hearing that it was one of the best experiences they've had since arriving in New Zealand was something we can all feel incredibly proud of.



This special day would not have been possible without the support and generosity of our incredible staff.

Thank you once again to everyone involved. Your willingness to open your spaces, share your expertise, and support our visiting students and whānau made a real difference.

We are incredibly proud of the mahi and the inclusive, caring community we continue to build together.

Academic Achievements of Ethnic students

Recently our ESOL team attended the Academic Achievements Awards evening of Ethnic students. It was hosted by Aotearoa Resettled Community Coalition (ARCC), Ministry of Education (MOE) and Welcoming Communities-Auckland Council at AUT South Campus and attended by twenty six secondary schools, fifty students and their families.

Saurav Deo, Freya Faiz and Ansha Chand were recognised for their outstanding success, resilience and dedication. These awards are a tribute to their hard work, and a celebration of their diverse backgrounds that enrich our academic landscape. Thank you teachers for your support in helping them achieve their goals.



Future Skills Connect Day

On Thursday the 30th of April, we (year 12 and 13 deans) were privileged to attend the Future Skills Connect Day. Future Skills is a Category 1 (NZQA accredited) training provider that supports Year 11, 12, and 13 students, transitioning out of school without Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications. Currently, we have 7 Mangere College students enrolled in their Hospitality and Manufacturing level 2 programmes, with the opportunity to go on to Level 3 (Hospitality) or to explore a range of other programmes at different levels.

On arrival we were greeted by their welcoming team led by Fia Wilson (Head of Youth and Social Services, Seira Lava (Recruitment) and Tee Fiso. We were then given an overview of their Youth Guarantee (free) programmes and received a deeper understanding of the great opportunities on offer to maximise student success, including the strong support provided such as pastoral care, one-on-one learning support, travel allowances, kai and the flexibility to run 'activation' day activities which ensure students remain engaged and continue to attend.

Before being treated to a delicious lunch prepared and served by the Hospitality students, we were given a tour of their Student Hub and were especially delighted to set eyes on our MC year 12 and 13 referrals: SJ Kiel (Manufacturing), Jason Reha (Manufacturing), Khloe Lafotanoa (who came out of her baking exam for the photo), Rina Vaitoa (Hospitality), Unu Tearikimana-David (Manufacturing), Tekiera Fortes (Manufacturing) and Devontaye Lilo (Manufacturing).



Clearly, our students' experience with Future Skills has been highly positive and we have been promised an invitation to their up-coming graduation where we can witness them celebrate with their whanau.

We left the Campus greatly heartened by our conversations with the team, stakeholders and our students. The deans were also given the opportunity to acknowledge their mahi and manaakitanga with our rangatahi and to thank them on behalf of our MC whanau.

2025 Head Girl Achieves Rare English Scholarship

Our 2025 Head Girl, Manuia Fox-Romia, has achieved an incredible milestone by passing the prestigious New Zealand Scholarship English exam. Not only was she the sole student from our school to sit the rigorous examination last year, but she also earned a rare Outstanding award. This exceptional score places Manuia among the very top academic performers in the country, earning her a well-deserved \$500 scholarship in recognition of her success.

Manuia, the entire school community is immensely proud of you. Your dedication, resilience, and unwavering commitment to excellence have truly shone through, making this landmark achievement richly deserved.



Year 11 P-TECH Students Shine at ARA Mentoring and Grassroots Launch

Our Year 11 P-TECH students achieved great things during a highly collaborative mentoring session at ARA, working alongside peers from Manurewa High School and Tangaroa College. The day focused on personal growth, creativity, and future career pathways.

Students took part in several fast-paced challenges, including brainstorming what success looks like at different stages of life, working in groups to create and pitch a 45-second advertisement for a new technology product, building interactive mini-games using Scratch coding and designing career stations to help others explore future industries.

Students were also treated to an inspiring session with guest speaker Jason Thompson from 2degrees, who shared motivational stories about overcoming challenges and navigating his own career pathway.

Following the mentoring session, a select group of 15 students traveled to the Cause Collective Centre in Wiri for an orientation. Our school is proud to be chosen as a pilot school for the Grassroots programme. This initiative offers hands-on creative tech work with NCEA credits attached. The programme will run every Friday for six weeks.



Watercare Infrastructure

Recently, a student Kristina Su'a had the opportunity to take part in a new careers event designed for young women interested in the Water and Infrastructure industry. The event was delivered in partnership with Pipeline and Civil and hosted at their Māngere Training Centre. This practical experience focused on entry-level roles that do not require extensive qualifications, highlighting accessible pathways into the industry. Throughout the day, Kristina rotated through four hands-on activity areas.

She had the chance to operate an excavator, participate in traffic management by riding on the back of a work truck and placing cones, explore underground pipes, and view an underground tunnel up close. The initiative was both inspiring and empowering, particularly as Kristina was able to see women working confidently in traditionally male-dominated spaces. The experience showcased the wide range of opportunities available within Water and Infrastructure and encouraged consideration of career pathways that may not have previously been explored.



MC Students Feature on 1News After Anti-Violence Workshops

Our school's Year 12 leaders made it onto national television after participating in the powerful "One Punch Too Much" workshops. A segment broadcast on 1News highlighted the nationwide expansion of the anti-violence initiative, showing our very own students working alongside top martial arts figures. The programme was a collaborative effort led by the NZ Police, the Blue Light charity, and the Walk Without Fear Trust. Workshops were delivered directly by world-class coaches and athletes from Auckland's City Kickboxing gym, including head trainer Eugene Bareman and UFC world champion Israel Adesanya.



Our school proudly stood as one of just three schools in the country trailblazing this essential safety initiative. We ran this programme alongside our neighbours at Southern Cross Campus and De La Salle College, marking the second consecutive year our school has partnered with the trust to protect and educate our youth. The training focused heavily on teaching self-discipline and de-escalation to combat the rising impact of schoolyard fights and social media-driven violence.

Students were provided with tools to advocate for violence prevention among their peers. This project was made possible through Active As funding, which successfully kept our youth active while giving them an avenue to demonstrate leadership. Parents and community members can watch the full news segment and see our students in action [here](#).

Media Club Receives Generous Donation from 275 Times

The Media Club was thrilled to receive a generous donation from Jo at 275 Times, who gifted the club a cell phone and microphone to support students in their journalistic pursuits.

The donation will provide students with valuable tools to create high-quality interviews, capture events around the school, and develop their storytelling and media production skills. These resources will allow students to explore journalism in a more professional and hands-on way, while giving them greater opportunities to share student voices and school stories with the wider community.



The Media Club is passionate about building students' confidence in communication, reporting, photography, videography, and digital media. Having access to updated equipment will make a significant difference in helping students produce engaging and meaningful content.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Jo and 275 Times for their generosity and support of student learning and creativity. Community partnerships like these play an important role in empowering young people and encouraging future pathways in media and journalism. The Media Club is excited to put the new equipment to good use and looks forward to sharing many more stories from around the school.

Our First Spirit Week at Māngere College

Last week, our MC Active student leaders proudly launched and led Spirit Week, held from 18th–22nd May in alignment with Aotearoa's National Youth Week. A big thank you to all staff for the warm reception and support shown to our student leaders as they presented during the staff briefing and encouraged participation across the school. Spirit Week was a true whole school event, bringing together everyone from our Year 9 students through to staff and Senior Leadership Team members in a shared celebration of school spirit and connection.

Throughout the week, students and staff embraced the themed days with enthusiasm, creativity, and plenty of school pride. The event created valuable opportunities to strengthen whakawhanaungatanga, uplift our collective mauri and hauora, and build even stronger connections across our MC whānau. Following the excitement of Polyfest and Athletics Day in Term 1, Spirit Week helped to maintain that positive momentum and gave students something fun and meaningful to look forward to. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community getting involved, whether through dressing up, supporting one another, or simply sharing in the energy and excitement of the week.

Events like Spirit Week remind us of the importance of fostering belonging, school pride, and positive wellbeing within our community. Thank you to our MC Active students for their leadership and organisation, and to all staff and students who participated and helped make the week such a success. Together, we continued to strengthen our MC spirit and truly lived out what it means to #SeekTheHeights.





Parent Teacher Interview

Our Parent Student Teacher Interviews, held over the 14th and 15th of May, were a wonderful success, with almost 400 students attending alongside their families. The two days provided an important opportunity for students, parents, caregivers, and teachers to come together to discuss learning progress, celebrate achievements, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. To help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, families were treated to a sausage sizzle and warm drinks throughout the evenings. These small touches helped make the interviews not only informative, but also a positive community experience where whānau could feel comfortable and connected.

A huge thank you goes to our teachers, support staff, and student leaders whose hard work and organisation helped make the evenings run so smoothly. From preparing spaces and welcoming families to assisting throughout the event, their efforts played a significant role in the success of the interviews. We would also like to thank all parents, caregivers, students, and teachers who took the time to attend and contribute to these important conversations. Your ongoing support and involvement make a meaningful difference in our students' learning and wellbeing.



Year 13 Commerce Takes on the Capital

5:00 a.m alarms, rushed airport check-ins, and 13 tired students holding bags smaller than their imaginations were the beginning of the Level 3 Commerce trip to Wellington. But somewhere between the freezing winds, nonstop walking, and chaotic group photos, the trip became one of the best memories of Year 13 so far.

For a few days, our classrooms were traded for city streets as all Commerce students explored New Zealand's capital together. From catching flights for some of our first times to navigating Wellington's steep roads and windy waterfront, every part of the trip felt like an adventure on its own.

One of the biggest highlights was visiting Parliament and stepping inside the Beehive. Instead of just learning about economics and about the government in class, we got to see where real decisions affecting businesses, jobs, and New Zealand's economy are actually made, and suddenly, commerce felt less like notes on a screen and more connected to the real world around us.



Another unforgettable experience was riding the iconic Wellington Cable Car, where all of us squeezed in for photos and took in views overlooking the entire city. The trip to Wētā Workshop was also a crowd favourite, giving us a behind-the-scenes look into movie magic, creativity, and the business side of the film industry. From Designs to detailed props to crazy special effects, it was hard not to be impressed.

We had also explored the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa and the National Library, where history of New Zealand, culture, and storytelling came to life in ways that were actually interesting, even for students who normally rush through museums.



Still, some of the funniest and most memorable moments happened outside the official visits, which included sleeping late and waking up early to sprinting to keep up with the group, hunting for food spots, trying to survive Windy Wellington, and taking hundreds of photos that are now filling everyone's camera rolls.

It was more than just an educational trip; Wellington gave us the chance to grow closer, become more independent, and make memories outside of everyday school routines. Between the laughs on the cramped bus rides, late-night conversations, and shared experiences throughout the trip, it became clear that this was more than just another school based activity, it was, in fact, one of those experiences we will still talk about years from now.

A huge thank you goes to the teachers and organisers who made the trip possible and gave Level 3 Commerce students an experience we will never forget. – Alisha Sharma (13MMR)

Exploring Future Pathways in Fashion at Whitecliffe College

On Wednesday 27 May, twelve senior Fashion students from Māngere College, accompanied by Miss Woods, travelled to the Whitecliffe College Manukau Campus to participate in a hands-on needle felting workshop and a personalised guided tour of the college's Fashion Degree facilities.

The visit formed part of Māngere College's growing relationship with Whitecliffe College and provided students with a valuable opportunity to explore what studying and working within the fashion industry could look like beyond secondary school. Students gained insight into the creative processes, learning environments, and industry pathways available through tertiary fashion education.

Throughout the day, the students demonstrated the Māngere College values of Respect and Responsibility, remaining engaged, enthusiastic, and well-behaved during all aspects of the excursion.

A special acknowledgement goes to Tewai Pairama, who confidently spoke on behalf of the group to thank Kavi and the Whitecliffe team for their hospitality, generosity, and the inspiring experience they provided. Also thank you to the schools SLT for supporting the opportunity and enabling students to participate in this enriching learning experience. The visit was a valuable and inspiring experience that helped students gain a deeper understanding of the exciting possibilities available within the fashion industry.



Former Student Achieves Success in Building and Construction

Former Māngere College student Tee Popata is celebrating an impressive start to his career journey after successfully completing a Building and Construction programme through ARA at Auckland Airport. With a passion for practical, hands-on learning, he chose to pursue further training in Building and Construction after leaving school.

On Wednesday 15 April, Tee graduated from the ARA Pathway to Employment programme, where he was recognised for his outstanding commitment and personal growth. He received both the 100% Attendance Award and the Most Improved Student Award, reflecting his dedication, perseverance, and positive attitude throughout the course.

During the graduation ceremony, Tee confidently addressed the invited guests, demonstrating the strong communication skills he had developed during his training. His success has already opened doors, with Tee being offered employment by Rock Scaffolding Ltd, the company where he completed his work experience placement.

As part of his training, Tee achieved a number of valuable industry qualifications and certifications, including the Site Safe Certificate, First Aid Certificate, Edvance Workplace Communication, Te Wānanga BCATS – 40 Level 2 credits in Building and Construction, ARA Pathway to Employment 12-Week Programme and his learner driver licence.

Tee's achievements are a testament to the power of hard work, commitment, and seizing opportunities. The Māngere College community is incredibly proud of his success and wishes him every success as he begins his career in the construction industry.



P-TECH Students Begin Grassroots Pilot Programme

A group of Year 11 P-TECH students began the Grassroots Pilot Programme at The Cause Collective Centre in Wiri, Manukau on Friday 29 May. The programme, designed to support students' personal growth, leadership, and future pathways, will run over six consecutive Fridays, concluding on 3 July 2026. Students are looking forward to the opportunities, experiences, and learning the programme will provide throughout the pilot.



SchoolBridge



The banner features the Māngere College logo on the left, which includes a crest with 'MC' and 'SCHOOL BRIDGE' text. To the right of the logo is the school's name 'Māngere College' in a large, bold, blue font. Further right is a stylized orange arch logo. Below the school name, the text 'Download Our App' is displayed. A QR code is shown on the left, with instructions to scan it or search for 'schoolbridge' on the App Store or Play Store. Below these instructions are the 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play' buttons. On the right side of the banner, there are two smartphone screens displaying the app's interface. The first screen shows a login page with a 'Sign In' button and a 'Can't Sign In?' link. The second screen shows a dashboard with sections for 'Caregiver Notifications', 'Coming Events', and a 'View Full Calendar' button. A small illustration of a kiwi bird is positioned between the two phone screens.

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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.

Our School App provides a one-stop-shop for parents and caregivers to communicate directly with school. We strongly recommend you download the app as it is the only portal to report absences and receive direct messages on your mobile, specific to your children.

The app can be downloaded free on your mobile device or desktop.

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Step 2: Once downloaded, you will be prompted to login. Click Login.

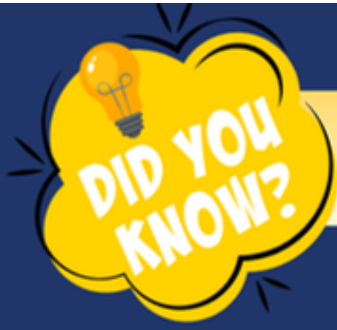
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Step 5: Your App is downloaded.

On the App you can:

- 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'
- add multiple children – simply click on 'Switch Siblings'
- gain up to date financial information regarding your child's subject and activity charges



We have an upgraded school gate



We've upgraded the pedestrian access at the school's back entrance (Caravelle Close) to make drop-offs and pick-ups safer and smoother for everyone.

This isn't a new entrance, just a better one! The area now features a fully concreted footpath, improved access, and more efficient parking flow to help ease congestion during busy times.

Let's work together to improve traffic flow and keep our tamariki safe.



Key Dates

12–5 June 2026 – Samoan Language Week
10 June 2026 – Careers Expo 2026
3 July 2026 – Last Day of Term 2
20 July 2026 – First Day of Term 3

Term Dates 2026

Term 1: 29 January 2026 – 2 April 2026
Term 2: 20 April 2026 – 3 July 2026
Term 3: 20 July 2026 – 25 September 2026
Term 4: 12 October 2025 – 11 December 2026



Uniform Drive

Donate your pre-loved uniforms and support the next generation of students. We need clean, good-quality blazers, shirts, skirts, trousers, and PE kits.

Drop-off at admin office | Mon–Fri | 9 am – 3 pm.
Let's give these uniforms a second life!

