

Principals Message

As we come to the end of Term 2, I would like to acknowledge the many achievements, opportunities and experiences that have taken place across Māngere College. This newsletter reflects the richness of school life and the many ways our students continue to learn, lead and grow both inside and beyond the classroom.

This term, our students have embraced a wide range of learning experiences, from Chinese cultural workshops and future-focused technology events to careers expos that encouraged them to think carefully about their pathways beyond school.



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These opportunities are important because they help our young people see what is possible, ask questions, build confidence, and make informed decisions about their futures. We have also celebrated strong student achievement across academics, culture, the arts and sport.

Congratulations to Safa Mustafa and Shaziyana Shafeez on receiving early offers to study Biomedical Science at the University of Auckland, and to our students who represented Māngere College with pride at the ASB Polyfest Samoan Speech Competitions, especially Year 10 student Angelica Taylor who took 1st place and those who performed at the New Found Sound music competition.

Our sports teams have shown commitment, teamwork and resilience throughout the season, with students representing the school across basketball, badminton, netball, rugby league, rugby union and CrossFit. I would like to sincerely thank our coaches, managers, staff, volunteers and whānau who give their time and energy to support our young people. These programmes would not be possible without you.

I also want to acknowledge the vibrant and welcoming spaces being created across our school, including our busy library and the new Art Club. These opportunities help students connect with identity, creativity, storytelling and community.

Thank you to our staff, students, families and wider community for your continued support throughout Term 2. As we head into the school holidays, I encourage our students to rest, recharge and return ready for another strong term of learning. Together, we will continue to support our young people to seek the heights.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Geraint Tagaloa
Principal – Māngere College



Chinese Culture Workshop: Making Jiaozi

Students from Year 9 to Year 13 Mandarin classes had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a Chinese culture workshop, where they learned how to make Chinese dumplings, known as jiaozi. For many of our students, this was their first time making dumplings, and it was a fun, hands-on way to experience Chinese culture beyond the classroom. Students enjoyed preparing their own jiaozi and then sharing and eating the food they had made together.

Students found the process creative, enjoyable, and a great way to try something new. The workshop also gave them the chance to practise the greetings and simple Chinese conversations they have been learning in their daily Mandarin lessons. It was a valuable and memorable learning experience, and we look forward to providing more authentic Chinese language and cultural learning opportunities for our students in the future.



The Niu Horizons:Tech Futures

The Niu Wave Tech Futures event provided our senior students with a valuable opportunity to explore emerging technologies and future focused career pathways. Held on Thursday 21 May at Te Ngahere, the event highlighted areas such as artificial intelligence, digital innovation, health technology, and green technology. Students enjoyed hands-on experiences in the interactive tech playground, including seeing 3D printing in action, printing their own bags, and playing video games. One student was lucky enough to win a PS5 controller, while another won a Prezzy card.



MC Careers Expo

Our Careers Department proudly hosted the 2026 Careers Expo for students across all year levels. We welcomed 25 external providers representing tertiary study, trades, tourism, hospitality, business, health, science, and uniformed services. Opportunities like this are key in supporting our students to think about future pathways, engage in meaningful conversations, and see the wide range of possibilities available to them beyond school. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported us in the planning and preparation of this event, and we are excited to see our students continue to grow and thrive as they explore their future pathways.



Congrats to Safa and Shaziyana

Congratulations to our Head Girl Safa Mustafa and Shaziyana Shafeez who have both received an Early Programme Fast Track offer to study a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the University of Auckland in Semester One, 2027.

This offer recognises their strong academic results in Year 12 and confirms their placement early, allowing them to begin the enrolment process ahead of time. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and look forward to seeing them continue to succeed.



Sounds of Polynesia Shine at New Found Sound Competition

Recently, nine Level 2 students proudly represented our kura at the New Found Sound music competition held at Māngere Arts Centre. Faith Leef competed in the Solo Vocal category, while our Year 12 band, Sounds of Polynesia, made up of David Misipele, Jake Iakopo-Pename, Channel Ah-Lam, Jacinta Ngan Woo, TJ Felise, Filipi Toleafoa, Tupou Uhi, and Kristina Su'a, performed as a group.

The students showcased their talent, confidence, and passion through both solo and band performances. We are delighted to share that Sounds of Polynesia received both the Judges' Wild Card Award and the Audience Award, earning them a place in the finals. Although Faith did not progress to the next round, she delivered an outstanding performance and represented Māngere College and her village with pride and excellence. A special thank you to Mr Sa'u, Whaea Moana, and her family for their support and encouragement throughout the event. Congratulations to all students involved, and we look forward to supporting Sounds of Polynesia as they prepare for the finals.



Māngere College Students Shine at ASB Polyfest Samoan Speech Competition

This year, the ASB Polyfest Samoan Speech Competitions were held at the Union Church Hall in Avondale. Students in Years 9–11 competed on Thursday 18 June, followed by Years 12–13 on Friday 19 June. As always, our students represented Māngere College with confidence, pride, and excellence, competing against a number of schools from across Auckland. Students participated in their year-level categories, with Year 13 students also taking part in the impromptu speech category.

Congratulations to all our students who represented our kura this year: Shalom Moke Ropati, Year 9; Angelica Taylor, Year 10, who placed 1st; Litia Utumapu, Year 11, who placed 4th; Angeline Keka Ioane, Year 12; Misisulesa Okesene, Year 13; and Caroline Keka Ioane, who competed in the impromptu category. We are proud of the way our students celebrated gagana Sāmoa, culture, identity, and public speaking through this important competition.



Ex-MC Student Alexis Fenton Visits Staff

Māngere College was pleased to welcome back ex-student Alexis Fenton, who attended MC from 2017 as a Year 9 student through to Year 13 in 2021. During her visit, Alexis caught up with her former Awhina teachers, Mrs Singh, her Dean, Ms Tupua, and other staff who supported her during her time at school. Alexis was a wonderful student and a strong student leader at Māngere College, and it was fantastic to hear that she has now completed her LLB degree and is looking forward to her graduation ceremony in July. We are always proud to see our ex-students return and share their achievements with us.



SPORTS UPDATE

It has been a busy and exciting season for sport at Māngere College, with students representing our kura across basketball, badminton, netball, rugby league, rugby union, and CrossFit. Our teams have shown commitment, resilience, teamwork, and pride as they continue to grow both on and off the field.

Basketball

Māngere College has entered three teams into this year's Counties Manukau Basketball Competition at Bruce Pulman Stadium. The Junior Boys A Team, made up of Year 10 students, and the Junior Boys B Team, made up of Year 9 students, play on Thursday afternoons, while the Under 17 Boys Team plays on Tuesday afternoons. Our basketball students have been training consistently since midway through Term 1. Their dedication, commitment, and positive attitude have contributed significantly to their development throughout the season.

The Junior Boys A Team, coached by former Māngere College student Mr R Timo, is competing strongly in the B Grade. The Junior Boys B Team, coached by community coach Mrs T Lealua, is currently in 10th place, while the Under 17 Boys Team, coached by Mr N Samu, is currently in 7th place. A special thank you also goes to Ms H Woods, who has supported as manager and driver for the Junior Boys teams. The season continues into Term 3, and we wish all teams the very best as they complete their remaining fixtures.

Rugby League

The season began with plenty of excitement and energy. Although the team experienced a challenging start, they showed resilience by bouncing back with important wins against Tamaki College and Aorere College. Their season results included losses to Southern Cross Campus, ASDAH, Marcellin College, Whangaparāoa College, and Southern Cross Campus in the 5th/6th playoff, as well as wins against Tamaki College and Aorere College. Attendance at school and training sessions played a significant role in team performance, reinforcing the importance of commitment and preparation. As Rugby League is a relatively short season, we have now reached its conclusion.

Thank you to Mr W Fifita, community coach; Mr Q Vi, former student coach; and managers Ms M Masoe, Ms C Masoe, and Mr H Arp for their contributions and support throughout the season.

Badminton

Māngere College proudly entered seven teams into this year's Counties Manukau Badminton Association Competition, held at Southern Cross Campus over eight weeks during Term 2. Between 30 and 40 students participated each Wednesday afternoon, demonstrating enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and a willingness to learn new skills. Our teams this year were Smash Squad, Power Rangers, Shadows, Noisey Racquet, Racquet Rivals, Shuttles, and Real Rookies.

A special thank you goes to Ms C Manase, our Active As Coordinator, who initiated the badminton programme in 2025 and encouraged students to become involved in a sport that continues to grow within our school. Thank you also to Ms F Walker, PE and Health Teacher, whose coaching helped students build confidence and improve their skills, and to Mr A Shah, PE and Health Teacher, who supported students through trainings and competition days.

Māngere College competed alongside Southern Cross Campus, who entered six teams, and Auckland Seventh-day Adventist High School, who entered three teams. As the season concludes, we congratulate all students who participated and look forward to seeing many of these players progress into more competitive opportunities during Term 3.

Netball

Our netball teams have been competing in the Counties Manukau Netball Competition at Papakura Netball Centre on Wednesday afternoons. Following Polyfest, a large number of students attended trials and trainings, highlighting the popularity of netball within our school. Throughout the season, many players have balanced commitments across multiple sports and activities, which sometimes affected team numbers and consistency.

Despite these challenges, our players continued to demonstrate resilience, determination, and team spirit. One of the most valuable lessons in sport is that improvement comes through commitment and repetition. As the saying goes, "Practice doesn't make perfect. Practice makes progress."

Thank you to our coaching team: Ms C Manase, Ms G Poila, Ms T Uamaki, and Ms I Tikianu. We also thank all players, coaches, whānau, and supporters for their efforts throughout the season.

Under 15 Rugby

The Under 15 Rugby team nearly did not take the field this season. However, through the determination of a group of enthusiastic students, a coach was found within the community and the team was formed.

Mr Waka Clenich stepped in only two weeks before the season began and quickly established a positive environment for the players. Mr Dexter Leavao also volunteered his time as team manager.

The players have shown outstanding commitment to training and selection. Their efforts have been rewarded with an impressive season, winning all of their round-robin matches except for two highly competitive games against Howick College and Tangaroa College. The team remains in a strong position and could potentially meet these schools again later in the competition.

2nd XV Rugby

The 2nd XV has been one of the standout success stories of the year. With a squad of 47 dedicated players and a passionate coaching team, the group has worked tirelessly to improve and grow together. Many players have been under Mr Tyrone Adams' guidance for several years, creating strong relationships and a positive team culture.

Players transitioning from the 1B programme in 2025 have added depth and experience to the squad. The team's hard work, discipline, and commitment have resulted in an unbeaten record so far this season.

While tougher challenges lie ahead, the future looks extremely promising for this talented group of young men. Thank you to Coach Mr Tyrone Adams and the PE Department staff who have supported as managers.

Girls Rugby 10's

Our Girls Rugby 10s team has been competing on Monday afternoons during Terms 2 and 3. We are fortunate to have Ms M Afu return once again to coach the team, bringing her experience and dedication to the development of our players.

The team continues to show outstanding commitment by attending Tuesday and Thursday training sessions after school. Several players have also joined local rugby clubs, gaining additional experience and further developing their skills.

Thank you to Coach Ms M Afu, Manager Ms J Leo'o, Sporting Well-Being Mentor Ms F Fuamatu, and Teacher in Charge Ms A Potini. We are proud of the growth and determination these young women continue to display both on and off the field.

CrossFit

A small group of dedicated students will represent Māngere College at The College Youth Games 2026 on Saturday 4 July at The Trusts Arena in Henderson.

Once again, our students have been training hard under the guidance of Mrs E Lafaele and Ms P Makata. Their commitment to supporting students through after-school training sessions has been greatly appreciated.

Our students are eagerly looking forward to competing, where they will have the opportunity to develop their experience, confidence, pride, and resilience through CrossFit competition. Two students from this year's team competed in 2025, while the remainder are new to the sport and excited to test themselves in a competitive environment.

Thank You to Our Coaches, Managers and Volunteers

Sport cannot happen without the dedication of the many coaches, managers, teachers, support staff, former students, community volunteers, and whānau members who generously give their time to support our students. Your commitment helps create opportunities for young people to develop confidence, leadership, teamwork, resilience, and school pride. On behalf of Māngere College, thank you for everything you do for our students and sports programmes.

"Success in sport is not only measured by wins and losses, but by the character, commitment, and growth shown along the journey."

Library Update

It has been a busy and colourful Term 2 in the Māngere College Library. Students enjoyed a range of displays and activities celebrating Samoan Language Week, Refugee Week and Pride Week, with Chinese Language Week coming up next. During break times, students also took part in friendship bracelet making, board games and puzzles, creating a fun and welcoming space in the library. We were also pleased to welcome and train our new student librarians, Emma Xie and Anushka Charan.



Sons of Vao



Selected senior Fashion students had the opportunity to visit the ASB Waterfront Theatre to watch Sons of Vao, a powerful world premiere production by Vela Manusaute. The students travelled by bus from school and attended the school matinee performance, with tickets generously gifted to Māngere College.

The play followed a deeply personal Pacific story spanning four decades, from village life in Niue in the 1970s to the suburbs of Ponsonby. Through live theatre, students were able to engage with themes of family, identity, childhood experiences and the lasting impact these can have into adulthood.

It was a valuable and memorable trip that gave students the chance to experience professional theatre, connect with Pacific storytelling, and see how performance can be used to share meaningful and sometimes challenging stories.

Join us at Art Club

We are excited to introduce a newly established creative space at Mangere College - the Art Club. Inspired by the wide range of creative opportunities I have experienced during my time at the school, I have taken the initiative to launch our first-ever Art Club. This club is open to all students, whether you are pursuing art as a passion or just want to give it a go.

Members will have the opportunities to take part in a variety of engaging activities, including drawing sessions, collaborative projects, exploring different art mediums,

and contributing creative ideas to the school.

Join us and be part of a fun, inclusive space where creativity can grow.

Faafetai Iava, Lawrence Tuileva

Student Leader 2026 | Student Representative 2026 | Founder of the Art Club 2026



South Auckland Careers Expo

South Auckland Careers Expo - Year 12 and 13 students had the opportunity to attend the South Auckland Careers Expo on 24 June, hosted by the Auckland Business Chamber at the Due Drop Events Centre. The expo allowed students to connect with a wide range of industries and employers, supporting them to explore future pathways and gain insight into career options beyond school. Experiences like this play an important role in helping students broaden their aspirations and make informed decisions about their future.



Digital Skills for Adults Graduation

Congratulations to Sanjay and his class of 10 learners who have successfully graduated from the Digital Skills for Adults course.

The programme gave learners the opportunity to build practical digital confidence through hands-on learning with Chromebooks. The course included a professional workbook, a free Chromebook and bag, and 30 hours of blended learning across weekdays and weekends. Learners developed important skills such as using Gmail, searching with Google, staying safe online, and creating documents, spreadsheets and presentations.

A special thank you goes to Sanjay for the care, patience and flexibility he showed throughout the course. He adjusted his lessons to support ESOL learners, took the time to repeat explanations when needed, and created a safe learning environment where mistakes were welcomed as part of the learning process.

The learners were engaged, curious and enthusiastic throughout the programme. They enjoyed experimenting with new tools and ideas, and the lessons were lively, practical and connected to real-world digital skills. The course was very well received, with learners appreciating the chance to build confidence in a supportive and encouraging space.

Our refugee families are deeply grateful for this rewarding opportunity. Thank you again to Sanjay for your support, commitment and encouragement in helping our learners grow their digital skills for life.



"Wishing you and your whānau a beautiful Matariki. May this season bring warmth, unity, and a time to reflect on the blessings of the past year while looking forward to new beginnings."

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, dark blue font. Further right is the SchoolBridge app icon, a white square with an orange arch. Below the logo, the text 'Download Our App' is followed by a QR code. To the right of the QR code are 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 of the banner, there is a kiwi bird holding a green fern frond. Next to the kiwi are two smartphones. The left phone shows the SchoolBridge app's login screen with the school's name and a 'Sign In' button. The right phone shows the app's main interface with sections for 'Caregiver Notifications', 'Coming Events', and a 'View Full Calendar' button.

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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.

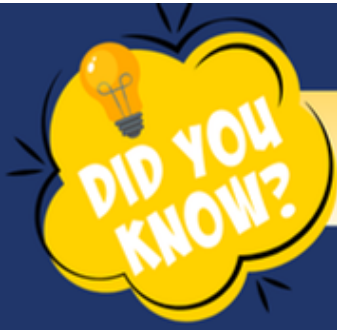
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Step 5: Your App is downloaded.

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.



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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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!

