

Principals Message

Kia ora koutou, talofa lava and warm greetings to our Māngere College whānau.

Term 3 is well underway, with our students embracing opportunities across learning, sport, creativity, leadership and service.

This newsletter celebrates the many achievements of our rangatahi, from the Celebrating Diversity Through Art exhibition and Buzzy youth challenges to our Year 9 Maths team placing second at the South Auckland Maths Competition.



ART BY SAFA MUSTAFA | YEAR 13

We also congratulate former student Alexis Fenton on graduating from AUT with a Bachelor of Laws.

Our students continue to represent Māngere College with pride across basketball, badminton, netball, rugby and the College Youth Games. Regardless of the final score, the resilience, discipline and commitment shown by our athletes deserve recognition. I extend my sincere thanks to the coaches, managers, staff, whānau, volunteers and community partners who make these opportunities possible.

Beyond the classroom, students are also developing valuable life and employment skills through tertiary course planning, Gateway placements, driver-licence workshops, the MCPA Work Ready Programme and the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award. Whether gaining workplace experience or volunteering in our school garden, they are building confidence, responsibility and a strong sense of service.

As we continue through Term 3, I encourage every student to remain focused, attend school consistently and make the most of each learning opportunity.



Thank you to our staff, whānau and wider community for your continued partnership and commitment to the success of our rangatahi.

We want to send our heartfelt condolences to the Beazley whānau. In previous years, Allan was a hardworking and dedicated member of our M.C whānau working as our groundsman. His wife Kathleen is the rock of our admin office and has dedicated so much of her love and time to our kura. Our love and prayers are with the Beazley whānau at this difficult time

Ngā manaakitanga,

Geraint Tagaloa
Principal – Māngere College

Celebrating Diversity Through Art



Māngere College proudly celebrated the opening of Celebrating Diversity Through Art at Māngere Arts Centre – Ngā Tohu o Uenuku Gallery on Saturday 1 August 2026.

The exhibition showcased the creativity and talent of Māngere College students, providing them with an opportunity to share their perspectives, identities and stories through art. The diverse collection of work reflected the rich cultures, experiences and voices within our school and wider community.

Whānau, friends and members of the community gathered to support the young artists and celebrate their achievements. It was a wonderful occasion that highlighted the power of art to connect people, express identity and strengthen community pride.

We thank everyone who attended and helped make the opening a memorable celebration. We also acknowledge the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board for its valued support of the exhibition.



**Celebrating Diversity
Through Art**

Māngere College

1 August – 12 September 2026

māngere arts centre
ngā tohu o uenuku

Rangatahi Share Their Vision Through Buzzy Youth Challenges

Māngere College rangatahi have made their voices heard through a series of nationwide youth challenges hosted by Buzzy, in collaboration with Gen Z Aotearoa and Auckland Council. The challenge provided students with an opportunity to share their lived experiences, honest perspectives and ideas on some of the most pressing issues affecting young people across Aotearoa.

Through the Housing Challenge, students spoke openly about renting, flatting and living with whānau. They also shared their views on what decision-makers could do to make housing safer, warmer, fairer and more affordable for young people. In the Economic Justice Challenge, rangatahi explored the financial pressures facing their generation, including fair pay, student debt and access to employment. Their contributions highlighted the systemic changes needed to ensure young people can live with dignity and build secure futures.

Students also contributed directly to local civic planning by responding to the draft Auckland Council Local Board Plans for 2026–2029. They identified priorities for local youth and proposed practical ideas to strengthen and improve their communities over the next three years.

By participating, students earned koha rewards for their digital wallets, while several also became eligible for national recognition awards and opportunities to feature in youth podcasts, articles and leadership panels. The thoughtful contributions of our students demonstrated the insight, passion and vision Māngere College rangatahi bring to important conversations. Their voices deserve to be heard, and they are helping to shape a fairer and more inclusive future for Aotearoa.

Celebrating Alumna Alexis Fenton

Congratulations to former Māngere College student Alexis Fenton, who graduated from AUT with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) on Friday 31 July.

After completing Year 13 in 2021, Alexis pursued four years of law studies at AUT.

We are incredibly proud of her achievement and acknowledge her teachers and Dean, Ms Tupua, for supporting her journey. Ka mau te wehi, Alexis!



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

Students Takes Second Place at South Auckland Math's Competition



On 28 July, Ms Potter took a team of Year 9 students to compete in the fifth event of the South Auckland Maths Competition (SAMC). We are incredibly proud to share that the team achieved an outstanding 2nd place overall.

A huge congratulations to Savelina Petelo of 9TSA, Llydel Ikitula of 9WNA, Umair Mustafa of 9 RFI and Cory Seulu of 9 HPA for their hard work and teamwork and courage in competing against some of the top young mathematicians from schools across South Auckland. Their dedication and problem-solving skills were on full display, and they represented our school with pride.

The final competition will be held on 11 August, where teams from West Auckland schools will also join the event. We look forward to taking on this exciting challenge and wish our team all the best for the finals. Go team!

Year 12 P-TECH Whanau Evening

On Wednesday 12th August, Year 12 P-TECH students attended the whanau evening at MIT Manukau campus from 5.30pm to 7pm. It was a good turn out from Mangere College students and their families which made up almost 70% of the numbers present. Mangere College was mentioned for having 90% attendance rate at MIT. Parents/caregivers had the opportunity to mix and mingle with MIT lecturers, Deans, MIT Digital Technology team and P-TECH team.

A big thank you to Rosalie for driving some students to MIT and supporting the refugee students and their families.



Sailing Adventure with New Zealand Sailing trust

Last term, a group of students from Mangere College including myself had the exciting opportunity to take part in a five-day sailing trip with New Zealand Sailing trust, getting the opportunity to ride The Lion New Zealand. It was an experience filled with adventure, teamwork, beautiful scenery, and plenty of memories. From the moment we arrived, everyone was excited to get out on the water. We spent time sailing around the beautiful coastline, enjoying the fresh sea air and taking in the amazing views. The calm waters, green hills, and rocky coastline made the trip feel like a real escape from our normal routine.

Throughout the trip, teamwork was an important part of the experience. We had to communicate, listen to instructions, and help one another while on board. Everyone had different roles and responsibilities, which helped us understand how important cooperation is when sailing. We also had plenty of opportunities to relax, talk, laugh, and get to know each other better.

The photograph above captures one of the memorable moments from the trip. Our group is gathered together beside the water, with the hills and coastline in the background. Despite the chilly weather, everyone is smiling and enjoying the moment. It is a great reminder of the friendships and memories we made during our time together.

The original plan was for the trip to last five days, but unfortunately, we had to finish the trip earlier than expected. There was a minor hygiene and health concern, so the decision was made to end the trip early as a precaution. Although it was disappointing not to complete all five days, everyone's health and safety came first. Even though the trip was shortened, the experience was still worthwhile. We learned about sailing, teamwork, responsibility, and looking after one another. Most importantly, we created memories that we will remember for a long time.

Our sailing adventure with Lion New Zealand may have ended earlier than planned, but the experience, friendships, and memories will stay with us.



SPORTS UPDATE

Basketball

Venue: Bruce Pulman Stadium

Competition Days: (Term 2 & 3)

Tuesday afternoons – Under 17 Boys Grade

Thursday afternoons – Junior Boys Grade

Māngere College entered three teams into the Counties Manukau Basketball Competition this year:

1. Junior Boys A Team (Year 10) – Junior Boys B grade
2. Junior Boys B Team (Year 9) – Junior Boys B grade
3. Under 17 Boys Team – Under 17A grade

Coaching Staff

- Coach Mr R Timo (Former Māngere College student) – Junior Boys A Team
- Coach Mrs T Lealua (Community Coach) – Junior Boys B Team
- Coach Mr N Samu – (Teacher) Under 17 Boys Team
- Ms H Woods – (Teacher) Manager and Driver for Junior Boys Teams

As the competition is nearing the end of the season, we are very delighted with the outcome of all our teams who are coping very well to finish the season on a high note. A special thank you goes to our coaches, teachers, manager, and supporters for the countless hours they have dedicated to our students.

Current Standings

- Junior Boys A Team – 2nd Place
- Junior Boys B Team – 10th Place
- Under 17 Boys – 6th Place

Badminton

Counties Manukau Badminton Association

Venue: Aorere College

Competition length: 8 weeks during Term 3

Dates: Wednesday 29 July – Wednesday 10 Sept 2026

Training Day: Tuesday after school 3.15pm – 5.00pm

Ms F Walker (PE Teacher – Coach) – Ms Walker and her incredible commitment, knowledge, and coaching expertise continue to carry through our students.

Mr A Shah (PE Teacher – Manager) – Mr Shah who has been right behind Ms Walker for the second season of Badminton is still giving that encouragement & motivation for the students.

Alisha Sharma 13MMR (student manager) – Alisha has stepped up to be the team manager for term 3 and is thoroughly enjoying the challenge.

Term 3 we are determined to take 4 strong teams to compete in the competition. The students had to trial out to make the squad of 22 players.

Netball

Counties Manukau Netball Competition

Venue: Papakura Netball Centre

Competition Day: Wednesday afternoons (Term 2&3)

Coaching Team

- Ms C Manase – Senior A Girls
- Ms G Poila – Senior B1 Girls
- Ms T Uamaki – Senior B2 Girls
- Ms I Tikianu – Boys Team

Last games were held on Wednesday 5 August and despite all the challenges, our players continued to demonstrate resilience, determination, and team spirit.

Our teams were able to finish the season

Senior A grade – 4th Place

Senior B1 grade – 5th Place

Senior B2 grade – 6th Place

Boys grade – 4th Place

We thank all players, coaches, whānau, and supporters for their efforts throughout the season.

Crossfit – The College Youth Games 2026

When: Saturday 4 July

Where: The Trusts Arena, 65–67 Central Park Drive, Henderson, Waitakere

Staff – Mrs E Lafaele and Ms P Makata

This year we entered four teams:

MC Comets (Girls) – Tuitofa Alofaki 9WKU, Lisia Rangihuna–Togiamua 10TND, Paige Repoama 11WPR

MC Diamonds (Girls) – Caroline Blake 10RCS, Litiane Finau 10RCS, Eliana Vea 10TND

MC Gold (Boys) – Emmanuel Ma'u 11HPA, Tamati Ngatai–Adams 11HPA, Ditrey Lupo 11HPA

MC Silver (Boys) – Francis Sammons 11TMP, Joseph Luatua 11RVN, Jackson Davida 11TMP

This year, we took a number of first time students to the Youth Games Secondary Schools Competition. For many of our students, this was their first experience competing at this level, and they were excited, nervous and, at times, overwhelmed by the expectations and standard of competition.

Two of our girls had attended the competition the previous year and were able to provide some guidance and reassurance to the first time participants. Their previous experience helped the team understand what to expect and gave them greater confidence as they entered the competition environment.

I had the opportunity to speak with one of our students after the competition about her experience. She said she thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and felt that it had opened her eyes to what was required to compete at a higher level. She reflected that she wished she had trained harder in preparation and would like to encourage more students from our school to get involved in the future.

One of the biggest lessons for her was learning how much preparation other schools put into their teams. Through conversations with students from other schools, she discovered that some teams train almost every day and have access to proper sporting equipment, gym facilities and structured training programmes. She recognised that this level of preparation contributes to their confidence, fitness and ability to perform at competition level.

For our students, the Youth Games experience was about much more than the results. It gave them an opportunity to see what is possible, challenge themselves, learn from other schools and understand the commitment required to compete at a higher level.

Most importantly, the experience has created motivation for the future. Our students now have a better understanding of what they can work towards, and there is a growing desire to increase participation, improve training and provide more opportunities for our students to represent Māngere College at competitive sporting events. This experience has shown us that exposure creates aspiration. When our students are given the opportunity to compete, they begin to see what is possible and what they can achieve with greater preparation, commitment and support.

Rugby

Rugby Union – Auckland Secondary Schools Rugby Competition

Girls Rugby 10s

Competition Day: Monday Afternoons (Term 2 & 3)

Staff

- Coach: Ms M Afu (community volunteer)
- Manager: Ms J Leo'o (Support staff)
- Sporting Well-Being Mentor: Ms F Fuamatu (community volunteer)
- Teacher in Charge: Ms A Potini (Teacher)

The Māngere College Girls Rugby season has officially come to an end, with the team playing their final game on Monday 3 August against Auckland Girls Grammar at Māngere College.

The girls finished 7th overall in their Pool B grade. While the overall result may not have been what the team had hoped for, the girls showed great commitment and determination throughout the season.

We are incredibly proud of this great bunch of girls who hung in there until the very end. Most importantly, they continued to enjoy each other's company, supported one another, and made the most of their rugby season.

A huge thank you to our coaches, supporters, whānau and everyone who helped the team throughout the season. Your support and encouragement have been greatly appreciated. We would also like to congratulate the following girls who have been selected to trial for the Auckland U18 South East and Auckland U16 South East teams.

Auckland U18 South East team

Amy Young 12WMI

Khristian Afu 12MZA

Kimberly Ah San 12MGS

Auckland U16 South East team

Grace Blake 9RIM

Caroline Blake 10RCS

Meleana Palu 11MVH

Tineleti longi 10RCS

Rugby Union – Auckland Rugby Secondary Schools Competition

Under 15 Rugby

Competition Day: Saturday Mornings (Term 2 & 3)

Staff

- Coach: Mr Waka Clenich (Community volunteer)
- Manager: Mr Dexter Leavao (Community volunteer)
- Twosevenfive: (local store at Māngere Town Centre) Sponsors providing team warm up shirts, First Aid kit, water bottles, printing on team jackets.

As the Māngere College U15 Rugby season draws closer to the end, we continue to see the incredible commitment and dedication of our players and coaching staff. Throughout the season, our players and coaches have continued to turn up to training three days a week, showing their determination, resilience and passion for rugby. Your commitment has not gone unnoticed, and we are extremely proud of the effort you have all put in. On Saturday 15 August, we play our final scheduled game of the season against Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate. There is still plenty to play for! If we can get the result we are looking for on Saturday, we may have the opportunity to play another game and extend our season. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our players for your commitment, effort and willingness to keep turning up and giving your best.

Our Coaching Staff thank you for the time, knowledge, patience and dedication you have given to our boys throughout the season. Twosevenfive a huge thank you for your unconditional support throughout the entire season. Your support has played an important part in helping our team and our players. To everyone who has supported the U15 Rugby team this season thank you!

We would also like to congratulate the following boys who were invited to attend the Auckland U16 South Development Day – during the July school holiday break.

Righteous Tauetoa 9MMS, Psalms Iuli Levae, Michael Williams-Koti 10WWO, Sio Isitolo 10RCS, Daniel Tulikihakau 10MBM, Manu Anau 10MBM, Jerome Henson 10MDT, Esaroma Pasese 10WWO, Tevita Faingata'a 10MDT, Alex Brown 10MDT.

Rugby Union – Auckland Rugby Secondary Schools Competition

2nd XV Rugby – (Term 2 & 3)

Staff

- Coach: Mr Tyrone Adams (Community volunteer/ BOT member)
- Manager: PE Department Staff

Behind every successful team is a coach who is willing to give his time, energy and dedication to help players grow and our Māngere College 2nd XV Rugby team is fortunate to have an incredible coach who has done exactly that. I have had the privilege of watching this team develop over the past three seasons 2024, 2025 and 2026 and it has been amazing to see how these young men have grown, both as rugby players and as individuals.

A large number of the players were first under the guidance of Tyrone when he came on board with the U15 Rugby team in 2024. Since then, he has continued to invest his time, knowledge and passion into developing these players and helping mould them into the players and young men they are today.

Over the past year, we have also welcomed new players into the team, adding to a group that now includes one Year 10 and one Year 13 player, along with the majority of the team made up of Year 11 and Year 12 players.

What makes this team special is the journey they have taken together. Players have come through the ranks, new players have joined, and through it all they have continued to build a strong team culture based on commitment, trust, hard work and belief in one another. As we approach the final game of the season on Saturday 15 August, against Pacific Advance (PASS) the 2nd XV currently sits at the top of the table. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the hard work that has been put in throughout the season not only by the players, but also by the coaching staff and everyone who has supported the team along the way.

A very special acknowledgement goes to our 2nd XV Rugby Coach. Thank you for the countless hours you have given to this team, for your patience, commitment and belief in the players, and for continuing to challenge them to become better – both on and off the field. From the U15 team in 2024, through 2025, and now to the 2026 2nd XV, the growth of these players is something to be proud of.

Saturday 15 August – The final game of the regular season is almost here. The team has worked hard to put themselves in this position. Now it's time to finish the season strongly, stay focused and play for each other.

We would also like to congratulate the following boys who were invited to attend the Auckland U16 South Development Day during the July school holiday break – Tutei Pomee 11HPA, Anthony Kalepo 10MDT, Repaio Tereda 11HPA, Unaloto Hifo 11HPA, Matthew Lologa 11HPA

Acknowledging 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." Māngere College SEEK THE HEIGHTS

Upcoming Junior Sports for Term 3

Free Bike riding – Tuesday's from 7.50am – 9.05am (Top gym)

Free boxfit/fitness – to be confirmed

Flag football – more information to come

Pickleball – anyone interested to sign up

Tag football – anyone interested to sign up

Volleyball – anyone interested to sign up / trainings will be starting very soon.

Waka Ama – Have a go....anyone interested to sign up.

Careers Department



Course Planning

As we've moved into Term 3, the Careers Department has been busy supporting our Year 13 students as they prepare for university and tertiary study after high school. Through our course planning programme, representatives from a range of universities have visited the school to meet with students and provide expert guidance on selecting the right courses, planning their degree pathways, exploring accommodation options, and preparing for the transition to tertiary education. These sessions have given students valuable information and confidence as they begin planning for their future.



Gateway Experience – Warehouse Group

Our Year 13 students have officially begun their Gateway placements with the Warehouse Group. Students are gaining valuable workplace experience at both the Airport and Manukau locations, where they are developing practical skills, building confidence in a professional environment, and gaining insight into the retail industry. This hands-on experience provides an excellent opportunity for students to apply their learning, develop employability skills, and explore potential career pathways.



Drivers Licence

On Thursday, 30 July, we held our third one-day Learner Licence Workshop with Group 3. Delivered in partnership with our new external provider, Te Puia Marae, the workshop gave students the opportunity to build their road safety knowledge, prepare for the learner licence test, and sit the test on the same day. Having a learner licence is an important milestone for many young people. It opens the door to greater independence, improves access to education, training, and employment opportunities, and is often a key requirement for future career pathways. A sincere thank you to Te Puia Marae for their support, encouragement, and commitment to helping our students achieve this important milestone.

MCPA (Mangere College Pathways Academy)

Over at MCPA, our Construction students have kicked off their Work Ready Programme with external provider ARA. The students have responded positively, working in small groups to share their ideas and contribute to class and group discussions. Putting their learning into action, the students then headed onsite where they had the opportunity to deconstruct a shed, gaining valuable hands-on experience and developing practical skills that will prepare them for the workplace.



Students Give Back Through the School Garden

Our ESOL students and those participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award have been helping to care for the school garden.

Volunteering is an important part of the award, providing students with opportunities to serve their community, develop practical skills and challenge themselves. The internationally recognised award is valued by employers and universities worldwide.

Through their work in the garden, our students are making a positive contribution to the school while growing their confidence, teamwork and sense of responsibility.



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

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Step 1: Download the App

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

Step 3: Choose either Microsoft or Google login options and register with an existing account. NB: You MUST use the same email you have registered with the school.

Step 4: If you DO NOT have a Microsoft or Google account, register your email address under 'Or request a Magic Sign in code'. NB: You MUST use the same email you have registered with the school. If you have registered this way, you will receive an email link to continue your registration.

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.



MĀNGERE COLLEGE IMPORTANT NOTICES

BEING PREPARED:

BEING PREPARED MEANS BEING ON TIME TO SCHOOL AND YOUR CLASSES. IT ALSO MEANS HAVING THE CORRECT RESOURCES FOR YOUR LEARNING. DON'T FORGET THE CORRECT STATIONARY NEEDED FOR YOUR CLASSES.

NO DISTRACTIONS:

TO LEARN, YOU MUST BE FOCUSED! THIS MEANS NO DISTRACTIONS. PLEASE ENSURE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES INCLUDING PHONES, AIRPODS OR HEADPHONES ARE NOT USED DURING SCHOOL HOURS. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT, THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED.

LOOK GOOD FEEL GOOD:

HERE AT MĀNGERE COLLEGE WE WANT TO LOOK GOOD, SO WE FEEL GOOD! PLEASE ENSURE YOU'RE WEARING THE CORRECT UNIFORM. THIS INCLUDES **ONLY** MĀNGERE COLLEGE UNIFORM AND THE CORRECT FOOTWEAR (SOCKS AND SANDALS ARE NOT THE GO).



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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!

