

Māngere's 275 times



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Over 4,000 Māngere locals flooded the Mangere Town Centre car park for the highly-anticipated Two Seven Five Day event on a Monday this year. The annual celebration, now in its 5th year, brought a packed crowd and lively atmosphere, creating a day filled with community spirit, celebration, amazing Māngere music and performers plus a plethora of local food vendors. Event organisers Lily and Fitz Manase of TwoSevenFive... reflected on the May 27th festivities, calling it a milestone in their journey. "We felt well organised for this event as we're getting used to it being our 5th year," said Lily Manase. Despite their preparation, holding the



event on a Monday presented unforeseen challenges for vendors, with many reporting they had sold out of food before the day's end - a testament to the high demand and event's immense popularity. In an effort to enhance next year's celebration,

the organisers distributed feedback forms to attendees. "We received some really good feedback on how we can improve future events," said Lily Manase. "Next year, we already have some plans in place and are looking forward to the next Māngere Two Seven Five Day."

Among the standout highlights were the contributions from volunteer students of Southern Cross Campus' Year 12 class. "We had great feedback that they were very helpful and polite," said Lily Manase regarding the students' efforts to ensure the event ran smoothly.

More than just the festivities, the organisers noticed a palpable sense of unity and Māngere pride. "Another highlight was that there was nothing but love from the community," said Lily. "True Māngere style is that everyone came, had a great time, and celebrated our awesome community." The infectious energy resonated with locals, with one attendee proclaiming, "what a night, what an event, what a legend this community is." As a final message to Māngere locals, Lily Manase shared: "We just want to thank each and everyone from the community that helped out to make this day possible." **"It's for the people, by the people."**

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Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

'REMOVING BARRIERS AND CHANGING MINDSETS': MĀNGERE COLLEGE'S NEW PRINCIPAL SHARES VISION



Principal Geraint Tuiletoa Tagaloa pictured centre with Māngere College student leaders.

Raising the achievement levels of young Pacific people in Māngere is a priority for our suburb's newest school principal.

Samoan Geraint Tuiletoa Tagaloa is the first Pacific principal to be appointed at Māngere College since the school's inception 53 years ago, starting just over a month after the passing of acting-Principal Fuatino Melegalenu'u To'alepaiali'i Ah Sam. Tuiletoa Tagaloa officially began his

new role at Māngere College on 20 May with a moving pōwhiri ceremony.

He told 531pi's *Pacific Mornings*' host William Terite that he would like to see the South Auckland institution become the school of choice for families. But to achieve that, he said he would need to unite the school with the community. During his pōwhiri, welcome ceremony, he said

he was ready to "serve our Pasifika people, our Pasifika community". "Māngere is a wonderful community. It's a wonderful Pasifika community. I've had quite a few connections to Māngere College over the years through friends that have worked at the college. It was a role that really interested me.

"I think it starts with having those high expectations and just being relentless really in the pursuit of excellence." He said being a principal also involved removing barriers, changing mindsets and connecting with the students' families.

He intends to build Māngere College's strengths and hopes his message of hope is welcomed in the community. "A really big part of education is connecting with our community, and students and staff is important."

While he aimed to build on the targets already achieved at Māngere College, Tuiletoa Tagaloa said he understood school was not for everyone.

"Definitions of success for me is about positive pathways for all of our students. "I think there are multiple pathways for our students and yes sometimes school isn't that pathway but I think it's about education."



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Sāsā workshop with Aaron Ryan aka 'Lil Man' with Nga Iwi Primary School at the Māngere Arts Centre for Samoan Language Week.



360 Tautua Trust holding a carving workshop for our elderly aiga for Samoan Language Week at Whare Koa Māngere Community House, Robertson Rd.



Bader Intermediate students at the Siva Workshop with the Tuiga Dance Academy for Samoan Language Week at the Mangere Arts Centre.



Congratulations to Maituteau Karora for receiving the King's Service medal with services to the Cook Islands community at the King's Birthday Honours. Karora has supported the Cook Islands community in Māngere, supported ASB Polyfest and provided mentoring to local schools.



A group of students from Māngere and South Auckland competed at the New Zealand Schools National Debating Tournament in Parliament and won 3 out of 7 rounds. Students pictured come from Papatoetoe High, De La Salle College and Māngere College.

'GOOD THINGS TAKE TIME': NEW PLAYGROUND MAKES FINAL IN NATIONAL DESIGN AWARDS



Kathleen Wilson (left) and Te'o Harry Fatu Toleafoa in front of the Te Riri oo Maataoho playground at David Lange Park.

Māngere's very own Te Riri oo Maataoho playground at David Lange Park has been nationally recognised at the Recreation Aotearoa awards in Christchurch earlier this month. The awards, which honour the best parks and play spaces in the country named the recently completed playground as one of six finalists in the Best Playground category

after that is a bonus." Wilson adds that the main reflection of the playground's success is how popular it has been. "We knew all good things take time, and we were grateful to the community to allow us that time to deliver it." She also hopes the standard of this facility can be an example for future playgrounds

for developments over \$500,000. Te Ākitai Waiohūa Iwi Authority and Te Ahiwaru led the design and establishment of this impressive play facility. Kathleen Wilson from Te Ākitai Waiohūa says being named in the top six is beyond any expectations she ever had. "We didn't expect to even get into the final ... so everything else

for the region.

"This is the standard by which we in the South believe that it can happen - but the collaboration was an opportunity to show how you can make it special in a way that South Auckland hasn't been given that opportunity before." The Cplay Caroline Bay Playground in Timaru was announced as the winner to a bumper crowd at the Christchurch-based awards event. But despite not coming out on top, Māngere-Otāhuhu Local Board member Te'o Harry Fatu Toleafoa says it's incredibly pleasing to have this local facility recognised as a finalist at such a prestigious event. "This achievement highlights the successful partnership between mana whenua, specifically Te Ākitai Waiohūa, and the council," he says. "The gifted narrative and collaboration throughout the design, construction, and delivery phases showcase what can be accomplished when we work together. "More importantly, the community's pride in the playground signifies a victory in itself, as it sets a standard of excellence for our community amenities and normalizes high-quality outcomes for future projects."

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MĀNGERE EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

Before & After School Care & Holiday Programmes:

Transport, Kai and Activities for 5-13 year olds.

Pick Ups & Drops offs: Māngere East Primary, Papatoetoe North Primary, Kingsford, Kedgley Intermediate, Aorere College.

FREE CLASSES

Mondays: Te Reo Māori (10am – 12pm & 6pm-8pm),

Pono BoxFit for ladies (6pm – 7pm)

Tuesdays: Te Reo Māori (12.30pm-2.30pm),

Hulafit (6pm-7pm), Ethnic Arts & Crafts (6pm-8pm)

Wednesdays: Parenting Programmes (various times & days)

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WHARE KOA MĀNGERE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Term 1 Schedule: (Located 141 Robertson Rd, ph:09 379 2030)

MONDAY/RĀHINA - Emerge Aotearoa

TUESDAY/RĀTU - Ukulele Class (10am-12pm)

- Tongan Youth Trust (2.30pm-7pm)

WEDNESDAY/RĀAPA - Diamonds in the Rough (10am-12pm)

- Te Vaerua i te Rangi (5pm-7pm)

THURSDAY/RĀPARE - Tiare Taina Māmā's (10am-2pm)

- Eva Ma Le Koko (10am-2pm)

FRIDAY/RĀMERE - Polynesian Creative Arts (10am-2pm)

MATARIKI 2024 @ NGA WHARE WAATEA MARAE

The annual Matariki festival is at Nga Whare Waatea Marae, 31 Calthorp Place. Friday 28 June, 10am-4pm. Featuring artists such as Katchafire, Aaradhna, Savage, plus stalls and more.

MATARIKI MOONLIGHT LANTERN WALK

Sat 29 June. 5.30-8pm at the Ambury Regional Park Farm Barn. Meet at 5.30pm to make lanterns or bring your own. Bring an empty tin can. Free sausage sizzle & hot choc.

LET'S DANCE PRODUCTION

On Monday 1 July, seven of our local primary schools will be performing at Due Drop Centre, Manukau. Register for FREE on eventfinda.co.nz. Show times are 1pm and 3pm.

WOMENS WALKING FOOTBALL

Every Thursday 7pm-8pm at Mangere Centre Park. For more info contact: Asenati Tavita 022 514 00847, Francis Mataia 022 067 8180, www.mangereunited.club.

PAPATUANUKU KOKIRI MARAE

KAI IKA PROJECT: Every Wednesday and Friday, 10.30am at Māngere Centre Park, Robertson Rd. Free fish heads & frames + sometimes veggies and other food. Bring aluminum cans.



EDITORIAL

TwoSevenFive Day from above. Photo by @swankythe2nd

May is a special month in Māngere, given it's the month we come together to celebrate 275 Day and all that's great about this community. A huge shout-out must go to Fitz and Lily Manase for putting on another amazing day, along with all the crowds, vendors and performers who braved the wind and rain to be there. May also had Rotuman and Samoan Language Week, as well as being Māngere College's new principal Geraint Tuiletoa Tagaloa first month in the job. It was also an important time for many in our community who marched in solidarity for the peaceful Toitu Te Titiri activation and joined thousands of others in Auckland's Aotea Centre to support this kaupapa. Lastly, I want to highlight a new initiative we are launching next month called the Māngere Youth Voices Project, which will platform our young people and their views - so watch out for that in July's edition.

SOUTH AUCKLAND MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE



Robertson Road School students at the Junior SAMC Competition at De La Salle College.



The competition in action!



De La Salle College students at the Junior SAMC Competition.



Māngere College students at the first competition at Ōtāhuhu College.

South Auckland Mathematics Challenge has held three events so far in South Auckland this year. The first competition was at Ōtāhuhu College, the second event was at De La Salle College and the third challenge was the beginning of the Junior Schools competition at De La Salle College. Congratulations to all the winners and to all the schools who participated in this fun Mathematics competition!



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