**Interesting Facts - 2012 ASB Polyfest**

***Host Schools***

*Kura Matua School*

*Maori Stage* Kia Aroha College *(formerly Clover Park School)*

*Mana Kura Schools*

*Cook Islands Stage* Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate

*Diversity Stage* Papatoetoe High School

*Niue Stage* Alfriston College

*Samoan Stage*  Manurewa High School

*Tongan Stage* James Cook High School

***Theme***

 *“My culture defines me. Ko au te ahurea Ko te ahurea ko au”*

***Interesting Statistics***

1. A total of 58 schools from the greater Auckland Region are participating at the 2012 ASB Polyfest, with 195 groups entered.
2. More than 9,500 students will perform over the 4 days.
3. It is expected more than 90,000 people will attend the festival over four days.
4. This is the 37th ASB Polyfest
5. The festival has grown from small beginnings in 1976 when four schools took part -Seddon High School (*now Western Springs)*, Aorere College, Mangere College and Hillary College (*now Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate)*, to becoming the largest Maori and Pacific Island festival in the world.
6. *Otahuhu College* finally won the co-ed schools section on *The University of Auckland Samoan Stage* in 2011, after finishing runner-up to *Avondale College* for the previous nine years. Otahuhu College is on stage at 11:50am on Saturday, 17 March.
7. *St Peters College* are aiming for their 5th consecutive title in the Boys section on *The University of Auckland Samoan Stage* – they are on stage at 12:40pm Saturday, 17 March, while *Auckland Girls Grammar* will be defending their Girl’s Title on stage at 12:15pm on Saturday.
8. *Tangaroa College* is seeking a fourth consecutive overall title on the *MIT Niue Stage.* The school is on stage at 2pm on Friday, 16 March.
9. *Mangere College* is seeking a third consecutive overall title on the Cook Islands Stage at 1:25pm on Saturday, 17 March. *Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate* had previously won this title from 2006 – 08 and are on stage at 12:50pm on Saturday.
10. *Te Wharekura o Hoani Waititi* will defend its Division One crown on the *Hapai Te Hauora Maori Stage* at 2:30pm on Saturday, 17 March.
11. A total of 54 groups will be performing on the Diversity Stage on Wednesday, 14 March and Thursday, 15 March.