



OUR VISION

Growing Greatness through innovative, constantly evolving personalised learning...

Growing Greatness

Upcoming Events

Family and Friends Parent meeting and Information Evening:

National Standards

A chance for all parents of Year 7 and 8 students to learn more about National Standards and how your child is measured against these at MHJC

**Wednesday July 18th,
6:45pm
MHJC Staffroom**

ICAS Writing: Monday
June 18th

ICAS Spelling: Tuesday
June 19th

End of Term 2: Friday June
29th

Start of Term 3: Monday
July 16th

Kia Ora,

As we approach the end of Term two we can certainly reflect on some great achievements. It is wonderful that the Government's rethink on raising class sizes means that our energies can once again go to where they are most valuable- enriching the learning of our students both in the classroom and in the wider life of the school.

Our winter sport season is now in full swing and the weekly updates on the results of our teams add to a sense of pride at our rapidly developing strength in the sporting arena in our very young school. Our students are not only competing with success but equally as uplifting are the wonderful comments we regularly receive about the conduct and positivity of our teams. Our teachers are invariably happy to take our students to inter school events because they do make us proud both on and off the field of competition.

In recent weeks I have been impressed by the examples of leadership and service shown by our students. When we talk about "G.R.E.A.T." students, the "G" stands for good citizenship and as you will see once again in this newsletter our students do step up as leaders and as young people prepared to make a difference in their community.

An outstanding example are the students in TEAM TEACH. These students moved on to MHJC from MHP, for some as long as 18 months ago, and yet in spite of this they continued to work with their team mates and coaches still at MHP. Their commitment to making a difference was well rewarded with outstanding success at an international level and experiences that they will never forget. Well done to the MHP coaches and their team.

We are equally proud of our young leaders who represented us at a Student Leaders Convention in Singapore. Year 10 student Monynna Sath was one of only 5 students recognised at the final ceremony for her outstanding level of contribution during the entire Convention. Once again MHJC is showing it can foot it with the very best in the world.

Joan Middlemiss (Principal)

Congratulations to Team Teach World Champions!

Kushi Kohli, MHP, Krishin Rama, 8W1, He-Min Lee, 7W2, Sartaj Bedi, 8W1, and Jessie Huang, MHP along with MHP coaches **Mrs Vohra and Miss Wills** have just returned after placing first in the Community Problem Solving, Junior Education Division at the International Future Problem Solving Finals in Indiana. Our Congratulations to the team on an amazing result!



Thank you to Barfoot and Thompson, Dannemora

Generous sponsorship from Barfoot and Thompson Dannemora has allowed our Girls and Boys Basketball teams to step out onto the court this year in brand new uniforms. The uniforms will also be used in Term 3 for our volleyball teams. Here Branch Manager Mr Grant Sykes is pictured with the Boys Under 15 Team before a recent game.



Lit Quiz

Recently students Genna Young, Benjamin Hart, Connor McCormick and Jessica Gao from water whanau with the support of Miss Hunter and Mrs Barrow, took part in the Lit Quiz for Year 7 and 8 students.

Students can be asked all manner of questions about books across different genre so this is definitely an event for keen readers.



Student Leaders Convention, Singapore



Five members of the Year 10 Student Executive Council have returned from an amazing trip of a lifetime to a student Leaders Convention in Singapore. They joined other young leaders from around the world focussing on issues within schools and communities which affect young people in today's world. In addition to the challenges of the Convention the students, and Mrs Blewett, who accompanied them, had time for some sight seeing, shopping and a visit to Singapore Disneyland.



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Year 10 Students Serving our Community



A willingness to support the community has been rewarded with a donation of a vacuum cleaner from Godfreys in Sylvia Park. Year 10 students Georgia Spence, Jennifer Moore, Shenisia Gouden, Bhavya Rishi and Amanpreet Kaur gave their time

at weekends and in the holidays to provide a free face painting service. Well done girls!

Emily off to China

Congratulations to Emily Yang from 9M1 who has been selected to attend a Chinese Language Summer camp in Shanghai in July. Only the students with the highest marks in the examination students must sit to gain entry, are offered a place at the camp.



A Reminder that Ready to Learn time starts at 8:15 am and all students must be in class ready to begin session 1 by 8:35 am.

Sione selected for Rugby Rep Team

Congratulations to Sione Tuliakiono who was spotted by the selectors while playing for MHJC in the recent inter school rugby competition. Sione was offered a place in the Under 12 representative team.

Well done Sione!



Family and Friends Meetings

Last month's Family and Friends information meeting about NCEA was well attended and parents felt it had been very worthwhile and they learned a lot to assist them in supporting their children. The topic of the next information evening which will follow on from a brief F&F meeting, will be National Standards.

This will be of particular interest to parents of Year 7 and 8 students. The meetings are held upstairs in the Administration Building in the MHJC staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Please come along!

Language Perfect World Champs Success

Over 140,000 language learners from 802 schools in more than a dozen countries competed in 18 languages in the recent Language Perfect World Championships.

Mission Heights Junior College students stepped up to the challenge ensuring that we finished in **10th place from 802 schools globally** and an amazing **2nd out of 113 schools in our category** (schools with 251-500 participants).

Globally we were **1st from 51 schools in Samoan**, **6th from 576 schools in Japanese**, **9th in Maori from 337 schools competing** and **10th from 376 schools in Chinese**.

Nationally we achieved **top three placings in Samoan, Italian, Chinese and Japanese**.

Congratulations to top individual achievers **Sandy Su and Xin Lin** who gained Elite Awards which were awarded to only 229 of the over 140,000 participants, representing approximately the top 0.1%.

A further 25 students will receive Gold awards, 11 Silver, 48, Bronze and 48 Credit awards.

These are incredible results and reflect a strong interest in language learning in our school community.

A big thanks to Miss Wigg for her promotion of this event. We are eagerly looking forward to the challenge of next year's competition!

40 Hour Famine

Approximately fifty students gave up something such as their cell phone, computer, iPod or chocolate for forty hours to raise money for less fortunate children living in third world countries.

Together the students raised

\$2,080.50

Top fundraiser was **Elly Takai** pictured back left, with some of the other fundraisers.

The top class in each whanau were Coast -8C1, Forest - 9F1 Water - 7W2, and Mountains -8M2.

Well done everyone!



The Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra at MHJC

We are very fortunate to be one of the schools chosen to benefit from a mentoring relationship with the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra. Members of the Orchestra have visited the school a number of times recently to work with and encourage our young musicians.



Spanish Classes Restaurant Trip

Imagine trying to order a meal in another language. This was the experience that our Spanish language classes had recently when they visited a restaurant where the waiters spoke no English. Students prepared for the experience in advance and enjoyed a great time and delicious food!



New MHJC Board Member

We are pleased to welcome a new member to our Board of Trustees, Mr Warren Herbert. Mr Herbert is an experienced Board member currently serving also on the Baverstock Oaks School Board.



Wai Care

Nine enthusiastic and motivated students lead the MHJC Waicare group. They monitor the stream next to the park in front of our school, which feeds into the Otara Creek, then the Tamaki River and out into the Hauraki Gulf. Recently



they completed a range of tests and the resulting data will be recorded on the Waicare website and form part of the Auckland City Council water monitoring programme. The students have also identified possible future actions including a community "Rubbish Pick up", cultivation of Puriri trees to build the Kereru food source, tree planting, creating a video about the problems the forest and stream are facing and re-establishing a pest control programme with the Auckland City Council.

Fees and Donations

A friendly reminder that all fees should now be paid and that we rely on parent donations to maintain our class sizes, provide high quality access to ICT and to run our unique personalised DEEP learning programme.

This is a direct investment in your child's education.

Mrs Middlemiss Selected to Join NZ Principals Delegation to China

Mrs Middlemiss is delighted and honoured to have been selected as a member of a small delegation of New Zealand Principals to visit China in September this year. The Confucius Institute in Auckland has organised the Principals' Delegation which will include visits to Beijing and Shanghai



Mrs Middlemiss is looking forward to gaining a first hand view of Chinese education and an opportunity to experience another culture during the 11 day visit.