



OUR VISION

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

Growing Greatness

Upcoming Events

Mountains Camp:
8-11 November

Year Six Induction Day
Thursday 17 November

Athletics Day Lloyd Elmore Park
Thursday 18th November

Mission Heights Schools Arts Festival
Art Exhibition 21-25 November
"Showcase" Evening performances: 24th and 25th November

Teacher Only Day:
Wednesday 23rd November

Year 10 induction OSC
29 & 30 November

Prize givings and Final Day for students
13 December

Year 10 Graduation
Tuesday 13th December 6:00 pm

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
Tours of our school in action.
No appointment necessary.

Kia Ora,

There is no doubt that as a school we value an enterprising approach to life and learning and our students are certainly rising to the challenge. MHJC was recently featured in a publication by the Education Review Office as an exemplar of a successful enterprising school. To achieve this level of practice and recognition in such a short time is testament to our vision, our students and our teachers.

In just one month, since our last newsletter, we have seen our students win yet again in both national competitions and also in Auckland wide events across a broad range of events. Our teachers are also being recognised as outstanding with two winning awards this month.

We are now looking forward to our student led conferences and to our prize givings and our Year 10 Graduation. We have the last of our camps, an arts festival, induction days, athletics sports and our Executive Council is hard at work creating a Yearbook with a difference.

Term 4 is particularly short this year due to adjustments made nationally to the school terms to work around the Rugby World Cup, but in a short time there is a lot to do and our students continue to make the most of their school year as they show us they are focused on achieving at the highest levels across the four cornerstones.

Joan Middlemiss Principal

MHJC Wins 1st Prize in the Heart of the Nation "Welcome Words" Art Competition!

MHJC's entry was judged the best of the 22 competing schools in the competition to create a giant welcome for visitors to Auckland. Well done to all the students involved in this amazing project and to art teachers, Mrs Kent and Mrs Hetaraka.

At the awards at Telstra Events Centre, in the holidays MHJC was presented with an aerial photo of the school's entry, a winner's certificate and a giant cheque for \$2500. The money will be spent to further encourage our school's very talented young artists.



MHJC National Young Enterprise Trust Community Enterprise Competition Winners.

As part of their Global Studies programme, Year 7 students in Coast Whanau have been working with not-for-profit organisations and charitable trusts in the community to identify a need or challenge they have, and to develop innovative solutions to these. Three business plans were then sent off to Wellington for judging last term as part of the Young Enterprise Trust Community Enterprise Competition.

Competition entries were judged during the school holidays and we congratulate our three winning Mission Heights Junior College teams. This is an impressive result as, of the ten winning entries throughout New Zealand to receive \$500 to implement their project in Term 4, three were from Mission Heights Junior College!



'Manukau Bird Rescue': Steven Guo, Ali Alkathemi, Edward Baker, Jason Garrino, Rahul Banerjee, Jia Qing Yu and Gabriel Bautista



'Paw Justice': Alyssa Suzuki and Elaina Hea



'AIEC Trust': Muskandeep Maan, Simrandeep Kaur, Ayesha Singh and Elly Takai

Coast Camp

Coast whanau's camp at Carey Park in Henderson was a huge success for both Year 7s and the Year 10 leaders. Students had fun experiencing many challenging activities. Thanks to staff, students and helpers who made the camp possible.



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Technology Students make Bean Bags for our Library

Gone are the days of every child making the same thing in technology whether they need it or not! This year our Year 9 and 10 technology students have been identifying real needs in the school and then meeting them. As a result of one such project, we now have 5 attractive, well designed and very functional bean bags to add to our library furniture. Thank



you to our Year 10 technology students pictured here with their final products!

Teacher Only Day

Wednesday November 23rd.

Normal classes will not run on this day and parents are asked to keep their students at home. This teacher only day has been scheduled for a Wednesday, when students already have a late start to minimise further disruption.

Students who must come to school will be supervised but no lessons will take place.

Thank you for your support.

Term 4 Student Led Conferences

Our end of year Student Led Conferences are now underway and will continue throughout Term 4. Learning Advisors will be contacting families to make a time that is convenient for these very important meetings.

You will receive an email with your child's report attached so that you can look at this before coming to the meeting. We look forward to meeting with you about your child's learning

Uniform Donations

Family and Friends would appreciate donations of any unwanted uniform items at Reception at the end of the school year. Family and Friends will run a 2nd hand sale of any items received before the start of 2012.



Stage One of our Playground has Arrived!

The first stage of our long awaited playground was installed during the September break and is already very popular with students. The playground was funded through a very generous donation from The Lion Foundation, funds raised by the Executive Student Council, and the remainder was paid from Board Funds. We look forward to being able to extend the playground with a planned second stage as soon as funds are available.



Best International Chinese Teacher for New Zealand

Earlier this year the the Chinese Embassy held a contest around the world for the 'Best International Chinese Teacher' During the holidays our own Ms Jenny Wang received a call telling her that she had won the 'Best International Chinese Teacher' for New Zealand. Understandably she is very proud. Ms Wang has taught Chinese Language for 11 years and teaches Chinese History, Chinese Painting, Chinese Calligraphy and Chinese language. The award will be presented in December in Beijing.

Ms Wang will be offering after school lessons in Chinese language at MHJC in 2012. For more information please contact her jwang@mhjc.school.nz



Congratulations to National Champions

Year 7 students Sartaj Bedi (front row left) and Krishin Rama (middle row left) along with the rest of their team, Year 6 students from Mission Heights Primary, recently won the Community Problem Solving Junior Division at the Future Problem Solving NZ National Finals and the right to represent NZ in the USA in June 2012.

The team, representing MHP, began working on their project last year and have continued in 2011 using DEEP and ACE time and giving up many hours, in addition, of their own time.

Well done to Team TEACH for an outstanding effort!

Term 3 Champions Awards

Each term we acknowledge students who have won a school wide event, or placed in the top three of a local, regional or national competition while representing MHJC.

We also recognise students who achieve Distinction or High Distinction in more than one academic competition.

At our very first Champions Awards presentation in 2009 we recognised our 1st 4 champions. In Term 3, 2011, an amazing 67 students met this demanding benchmark. **Congratulations to our latest Champion Award winners.**



Auckland Transport Park(ing) Day

Auckland Winners!

Four students from our Enviro Team won themselves a pizza lunch when they turned Mrs Middlemiss' parking space into a park for a day. The students created a playground with sand pit, swings, slides and plenty of green space, winning the Auckland competition for school students. PARK(ing) Day is an annual, worldwide event, which invites people everywhere to transform parking spots into temporary, small scale parks.



Outstanding Coach Award

Mrs Dada, who earlier this year coached the Mission Heights Junior College Community Problem Solving Team to 1st place in the International Competition in USA has been awarded an "Outstanding Coach Award" by Future Problem Solving NZ for her work with the team.



Year 9 and 10 Theatre Study Trip

Recently Year 9 and 10 drama students were treated to a tour around the ASB Theatre which is being refurbished, the Town Hall and the Civic Theatre, gaining information about the buildings, their history and their uses.

Students visited backstage areas and their guide also talked to the group about how she had come to have her very unusual job. The trip rounded up with a visit to the newly opened Art Gallery.



Well done Te Kani!

Auckland Tennis Champion



Year 7 student Te Kani Williams recently won the Auckland

Primary and Intermediate Schools Tennis Championships representing MHJC. Te Kani has been invited to now compete in the North Island School championships.