

We hope you enjoy August's edition of 'Mission Heights News.'
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Principal, Mrs Joan Middlemiss.

OUR VISION

"Growing greatness through innovative, constantly evolving, personalised learning..."



Message from the Principal

August Newsletter

Information for students and parents

Just when you think it can't get any better, it does! What an amazing few weeks we have had recently. In the winter months our students' amazing achievements keep us uplifted even on the coldest days.

For the second consecutive year we have a team in the **Auckland Junior Open Debating** finals. To be in the top 2 teams in Auckland from 112 teams is outstanding. We wish our girls all the best for the upcoming final. In the **Eastern Zone Speeches** MHJC placed 2nd in Year 9 and 3rd in Year 10. We have also begun the **Year 7 and 8 APPA Eastern Zone Speeches** with a 2nd place in the **Hindi competition** and we wish our other contestants well as they prepare for their competitions.

In sport, we have also celebrated a top 4 placing in Auckland in the **U15 Girls' Basketball**, another outstanding achievement. Our **Year 9/10 Boys' Football** won their competition this week in a hard-fought final against a previously unbeaten team and our **Girls' Football** were also placed third in their competition. The achievement of our netballers was amazing with all our teams winning their games in the finals last week. Our **Year 9/10 'B' Netball Team** took third place in their grade, our **'A' Team** took first place in theirs and our **Premier Team** took the awards for **Top Year 10 Team overall** and **Top Team** in the tournament with a win against **Pakuranga College Senior 1**.

In the **Regional Science and Technology Fair**, for the 2nd year in a row, MHJC won the overall prize in the technology division, and our **ICAS** results are starting to come in with many **Distinctions** and **High Distinctions** across year levels and across a broad range of competitions. Another highlight was our success in the **Education Perfect World Series** with a final placing of third in the world and first in NZ for the entire competition. Our students efforts also saw us secure second place in NZ in the Science category.

Upcoming Events

Dates are also published on our website, [Mission Heights Online](#).

"Attitude" Senior Health Presentation

Monday 1st September

Interschool Yr 7 & 8 Debating Competition

Monday 1st September

APPA Tagalog Speech Competition

Tuesday 2nd September

APPA Cantonese Speech Competition

Tuesday 2nd September

APPA Mandarin Speech Competition

Wednesday 3rd September

APPA Prepared Speech Competition

Thursday 4th September

MHJC Yr 8 & 9 Options Evening

Thursday 4th September, starting at 6:30pm

Aims Games Event Tauranga

Sunday 7th September to Friday 12th September

MHJC in Auckland Debating Finals

Monday 8th September, 6pm at Selwyn College

SEZ Boys Basketball

Thursday 17th September

MHJC Mufti & Disco

Thursday 18th September

SEZ Girls Basketball

Friday 19th September

APPA Maori Speech Competition

Friday 19th September

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 24th September

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To top off an amazing round of successes our first ever Year 10 Showcase was sensational. We were treated to wonderful food provided and served by our food technology students, amazing musical, dance, drama and media performances, displays of high quality artwork and examples of excellent work from other Year 10 option subjects. This was a night to remember where the depth and breadth of our students' talents was clearly evident.

Thank you to everyone who supports our students to achieve such heights. Your effort and hard work is certainly being rewarded.

Regards,

Joan Middlemiss



Ruben Van der Merwe and Cailey Dayu (pictured left) at the Eastern Zone Secondary Speech Competition.

2014 Prepared Speech Results

Students who progressed from the school semi-finals competed in the MHJC 2014 Prepared Speech Competition. The standard was particularly impressive this year, and our congratulations go to...

MHJC Prepared Speech Winners

1st Place in Year 7 & 8: Daniel Brink

1st Place in Year 9: Ruben Van der Merwe and Victor Chua (first equal)

1st Place in Year 10: Cailey Dayu

Our senior students then represented the school at the Eastern Zone Speech Competition, with outstanding results...

Eastern Zone Secondary Prepared Speech Competition

2nd Place in Year 9 Division: Ruben van der Merwe

3rd Place in Year 10 Division: Cailey Dayu

We wish Daniel Brink the very best of luck for his performance at the APPA Junior Prepared Speech Finals on Thursday 4th September.

2014 Term Dates

Term 3

Monday 21st July to
Friday 26th September
(10 Week Term)

Term 4

Monday 13th October to
Wednesday 10th December
(9 Week Term)

2015 Start-Up Dates

Compulsory Admin Day

(Parents & students)
Tuesday 3rd February

First Day for Yr 7 & 10's

(Yr 7's to Theatre)
Thursday 5th February

Waitangi Day Holiday

Friday 6th February

All Students Return

(Yr 7, 8, 9 & 10's)
Monday 9th February

*Please do not book overseas
travel during term time.*

Come along to our next...

MHJC
'Family & Friends'
Evening

Digital Citizenship & Internet Safety at MHJC

Lee Chisholm from Netsafe has been invited to MHJC to talk to Family & Friends about digital citizenship and internet safety during next month's meeting. The group will also be looking ahead



MHJC Science Fair Results

Congratulations to all students who participated in the MHJC Science Fair this term. Fifty projects were entered this year, with a total of eighty-one students participating in this extra-curricular event.

Our top projects by year level were:

Year 7

Benson Ireland (7W1)

Homemade vs. Natural Air Freshener

Year 8

Katrina Mohammed and Ciara Moodley (8W1)

BEEP vs. Flash

Year 9

Felixsun Seang, Samson Ireland and Timothy Kree (9W2)

Leather vs. Synthetic

Year 10

Krishin Rama (10M2)

ID BPA

Our winners received tickets to the upcoming "Mythbusters" show at Vector Arena.



Proud sponsors of Regional Science and Technology Fairs



MHJC Students Succeed at NIWA Manukau Region Science & Technology Fair

Scientific inquiry is embraced at Mission Heights Junior College, and

to preparations for the Year 10 graduation ceremony.

We hope you can join us for our next meeting on **Monday 15th September**, 7.00pm in the MHJC Staffroom.

Family & Friends Committee

Bringing our community together

netsafe
www.netsafe.org.nz



Thank You MHJC Family & Friends Group

The 'MHJC Family & Friends' showed their support for the school once again this year by assisting at the 2014 NIWA Manukau Region Science & Technology Fair event. Our sincere thanks to Sibylle Townsend, Michelle Ireland and team for organising supervision for the Science Fair Open Days and delicious catering for the NIWA Science Fair Prize-giving.

this was certainly evident at the NIWA Manukau Region Science & Technology Fair Prize-giving. Mission Heights Junior College hosted the regional event from the 9th - 12th August. With twenty-four students participating in individual and group projects, we were thrilled that MHJC was strongly represented in the prize-winners list. Congratulations to our 2014 award recipients...

Special Awards

Best Project by a Pasifika Student

Katrina Mohammed and Ciara Moodley
BEEP vs. Flash

The IET Innovation Award (Junior)

Fiona Cao
Homemade vs. Petroleum Plastics

Category Awards

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Technology/Innovations

1st place: Dylan Townsend
Caution, Child on Driveway

Highly commended: Sophie Chen, Ashley Taimataora and Avinash Sathiyaseelan

Cars Kill, Bikes Thrill

Years 9 and 10 Living World

2nd place: Cailey Dayu
Panem

Years 9 and 10 Physical and Material World

3rd place: Krishin Rama
ID BPA

Highly commended: Samson Ireland, Felixsun Seang and Timothy Kree

Synthetic vs. Leather

Scientific Photography Award

Highly commended: Molly Herbert
Capturing the sea



Education Perfect World Series Results

This year MHJC competed in the first ever 'Education Perfect



Ved's Hindi Speech Success

Ved Bhatt (8F1) represented Mission Heights Junior College at the Auckland Primary Principals Hindi Speech Competition yesterday. This is a regional competition that was hosted this year by Kelston Intermediate.

He placed 2nd in the Year 7 & 8 category and spoke on the topic *"India, a country of festivals"*. Congratulations, Ved!



Rylee Fraser, Rashmeen Sandhu and Laila Abada remain undefeated this season. Samson Ireland (*reserve*).

MHJC 1 Qualify for Auckland Debating Final

MHJC is part of the Southern Zone for Auckland Schools debating. Each year, the two top teams are selected from each zone and this year MHJC won both of these positions, therefore being the sole school from our zone to gain a place in the Auckland Octo-finals.

World Series'. This event is run by Education Perfect, which is connected to 'Language Perfect'; part of our Learning Languages programme. A total of 286 students from MHJC competed in 5 events, with commendable results. Although there were *many* personal achievements and awards, our school-wide achievements for 2014 are:

- Languages - 3rd in the world, first in New Zealand
- English - 15th in the world, 7th in New Zealand
- Maths - 15th in the world, 5th in New Zealand
- Science - 7th in the world, 2nd in New Zealand

This has given MHJC the impressive overall result of *3rd in the world* and *first in New Zealand* for the entire competition.

MHJC's Year 7-10 students have been competing alongside bigger teams of older students from schools in many countries. There have been well over 1200 schools and 300,000 students involved worldwide, so this really is a result to be proud of.



MHJC's Inaugural Origami Competition

This year MHJC held its first Origami Competition to celebrate Japanese Culture during Languages Week. Congratulations to our clever winners, Jasmina Lohi (owl), Eugene Jin (pond), Jamie Su (lotus flower) and overall winner Rochelle Narayan (dragon) - yoku dekimashita!

Results:

'MHJC 3' lost to Sacred Heart in the Octo-finals.

'MHJC 1' have progressed to the final - the top 2 out of 112 Auckland teams. Rylee Fraser, Rashmeen Sandhu and Laila Abada defeated Lynfield College in the Octo-finals, Diocesan School for Girls in the Quarter-finals and Sacred Heart in the Semi-finals.

Come along to the finals...

Date: Monday 8th September

Venue: Selwyn College 6:00pm.

The moot is announced at 5.00pm with teams preparing for an hour before the debate starting, at 6:00pm.



Enviro Council 'Selfie' Photo Competition

The Enviro Council is extending its 'selfie' competition to the end of the term. **Now that it's getting warmer and drier out, there's no excuse not to walk to school.**

The competition is about having fun! We want students to walk to school with friends and take 'selfies'. All submissions will be printed AND students will receive a magnet to put their photos on the fridge at home. The winning 'selfie' photo participants will

Sports Report

It has been an amazing couple of months for Mission Heights Junior College sports teams. We have had the following sports competing in different in-school and inter-school tournaments.

Basketball

Basketball has grown into one of the most highly participated sports at our school, with eleven teams competing in different competitions this term.

Senior Basketball

Our U15 Girls' Basketball team have had a truly amazing season. The girls made a clean sweep of the Counties Manukau League. The girls scored a total of 517 points in the league and conceded just 113. The team also qualified for the Auckland Championships, where the top eight U15 basketball girls teams in Auckland played off for the Auckland title. MHJC's U15 Girls' had their first games last Thursday at the North Shore Events Centre. Mission Heights again achieved some great results, winning two of their three games.

MHJC 53 - Diocesan Girls College 23

MHJC 52 - West Lake Girls College 20

MHJC 35 - Massey High School 55

This qualified the girls for the semi-final, which was held yesterday at the North Shore Events Centre. The Semi-final was held against Mt. Albert Grammar School, where the girls experienced their second defeat of the season.

Our boys team played in the Counties Manukau U17 league and finished 7th overall, against some strong opponents.

Junior Basketball

We have had 9 junior basketball teams playing in the ABSL League on Wednesday evenings. These teams are really performing well and with two weeks still to play, our 'MHJC Xtremes' girls teams lead their table.

Cross Country

Twenty-four of our Year 7 and 8 Cross Country athletes competed in the South Eastern Zone Cross Country event recently. Ahmad Qasimi

receive a delicious pizza prize.

Please e-mail your photos to Ms Hunter...

chunter@mhjc.school.nz

to enter the competition.



Enviro Week Mascot Competition Results

During Enviro Week, students were challenged to create a Whanau mascot made of recycled materials. The objective was to create a named mascot to take to Whanau competitions, such as MHJC's Athletics Day in Term 4. Our wonderful judges, Miss Olsson, Miss Coburn and Bridget Glasgow from EnviroSchools selected the coastal turtle constructed by Coast Whanau, as the winner (pictured above). Congratulations to all students who participated in this event. The mascots you created were fantastic!

finished in the top five runners for the Year 8 boys. He qualified for the Inter-Zone Cross Country, which is scheduled to be held on 18th September at the Muriwai Surf Club, against Auckland's top runners.

Netball

All of our senior netball teams have competed in the Howick Pakuranga Midweek Netball Tournament over the past 10 weeks. Our teams set the standard from the outset, managing to secure wins for two of the three grades they were in, and an overall competition win for MHJC.



Premiers: Our Premier Team won the premier competition by beating Pakuranga College in the final, 27 - 12. Their successful season saw them gain first place in the Sapphires Grade, top Year 10 Team, and Top Team overall in the competition.



'A' Team: Our 'A' Team won the B section (Opals Grade) by beating Edgewater College in a nail-biting final that went into extra time, with a final score of 20 - 18.



Year 10 Option Japanese Students Learn to Cook

Students in Year 10 Japanese have had several cultural experiences lately, culminating this week in a 'Taste of Japan' cooking class. As a group, students learned how to fold and cook gyoza dumplings, make both sushi rolls and 'te-maki' (hand-folded) sushi, and yaki-udon (fried noodles). Several students discovered 'new tastes', such as pickled radish and green tea chocolate.



Chinese Calligraphy Competition Results

The MHJC Chinese Calligraphy Competition has now concluded, with many students having dedicated a lot of care and practice to learn new characters and create beautiful art work. Congratulations to our winners...

1st Place

Steven Guo 10M2

2nd Place (2 Recipients)

Tina Chen 7F2

Shuyi Zheng 8C1

3rd Place (3 Recipients)

Shiloah Fungavaka 10W1

Emma Pal 10W1



'B' Team: Against strong opposition, our 'B' Team were awarded third place in the Pearls Grade.



Yvonne Ruan 10M2

Artwork will be displayed in the library and at the school reception next Monday.



International Languages Week

Last week MHJC celebrated the 2014 International Language Week. The Language Promotion Committee are proud to commemorate the different languages & cultures present in our diverse school.

Junior South Eastern Zone Netball:

On the 29th July MHJC sent two Year 7 & 8 Netball teams to the South Eastern Zone Inter-school Netball Tournament at the Auckland Netball Centre in Saint Johns. Teachers were very impressed with the positivity and teamwork of both the 'A' and 'B' teams. Although the girls didn't achieve a high ranking on the day, the SEZ tournament provided valuable netball experience and court-time.

Year 10 student-coaches, Lasalle Lefale and Viona Silao were inspirational leaders for our younger girls, and their maturity, responsibility and ability was highly respected by the squad.

Football

Our Senior Football teams have competed over the past twelve weeks and have gained some commendable results:

Girls' Football: Our Senior Girls team played in the U15 Greater Auckland Football 'B' section. They played some wonderful football during a long season and finished third in the league.

Boys' Football: Our Senior Boys team played in the U15 Counties Manukau Football 'A' grade. The boys impressed, scoring the most goals of all teams in the competition. The boys played a fiercely fought final against Waiuku College on Wednesday evening, resulting in a 2-0 win in overtime.





International Languages Week Cultural Parade

In support of International Languages Week, Coast Whanau Council held a cultural dress parade last week. Students were encouraged to come to school dressed in traditional cultural costumes. Nearly one hundred students participated in the parade, each explaining the significance of their dress to the judges and audience. The event was a fantastic success with students and teachers learning a great deal about different cultural costumes.



Inaugural Year 10 Showcase a Resounding Success

Before a sellout audience last night, MHJC students showcased work from their option subjects and performances from drama and music students. Media, art and cultural items, including MHJC's impressive Kapa Haka group (pictured above) were also features of a spectacular evening. Delicious canapés were prepared and served by Year 10 food technology students. Congratulations to students and staff who organised this event - we look forward to sharing additional images in the next edition of *MHJC News*.

MHJC Students Selected for Motat Year 7 & 8 Art Exhibition

Congratulations to the following Year 7 & 8 students whose artwork has been selected for the **Intermediate Art Exhibition** at **Motat** in September: Chenxi Lin, Lynn Han, Jasmina Lohi, Sadhika Singh, Helen Huang, Ariel Kim, John Yang, Jing Ying Foong, Oliver Davies and Aaron Sund.

YEARS 7 & 8 2014

AUCKLAND MIDDLE SCHOOLS' ART ASSOCIATION

ART EXHIBITION

OPENING NIGHT Monday 8th September 6pm

VIEWING TIMES Monday 8th Saturday 13th September
10am-5pm Sunday 14th September 10am-2pm

LOCATION MOTAT Meola Road - Aviation Display Hall
Meola Road Western Springs - **Free parking**

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