



OUR VISION

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

Growing Greatness

Upcoming Events

Saturday 3rd September

MHJC Cultural Food Festival

When ? 12:00 to 3:00pm

Tickets on sale from 11:30 am

Food stalls open at 12:00

Where? Between the whanau buildings and the tennis courts

Saturday 3rd September

Bollywood Dance Competition

Thursday 15th September

Disco and Mufti Day

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Tours of our school in action.

Please come to Reception for a tour with our Principal or Deputy Principal

Kia Ora,

We hope you enjoy our new look newsletter this month!

As a result of feedback in our survey of students, staff and parents, it was clear that our website needed work to make it more user friendly, and attractive! Senior Leader Miss Kindley and ICT Manager Mr Doughney are hard at work giving the site a face lift which we hope to complete later this year. In the meantime we decided to update our newsletter format at the same time, incorporating some of the new design features.

We hope you enjoy reading about this month's activities and successes at MHJC. As always there is much to celebrate across the 4 cornerstones with some outstanding individual and team successes.

Our school production, Oliver, was a highlight and the hard work of all involved, students and staff resulted in great performances enjoyed by many.

Year 9 Accelerate Class 2012

One of the key aspects of our vision is to meet the individual needs of our students. As we grow as a school the opportunities we can offer our students increase also. At its most recent meeting the Board approved the establishment of our first accelerate class. This will be for Year 9 students in 2012 and will continue into Year 10 the following year. We know this will provide extra challenge for our more able students. Students will be invited to join the class based on a range of academic data. Of course our focus on ensuring all students achieve to their potential will continue.

Joan Middlemiss

Principal

great food, great performances, great people, great fun!

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Delicious food from 10 countries...

Live performances & cultural items...

Individual Coupons for sale on the day

Students, friends and family of **Mission Heights Junior College** are proud to host a Cultural Festival on Saturday 3rd September, 2011.

What? Delicious food, talented performers and a great atmosphere!

Where? MHJC. Individual food coupons on sale from 11:30am - you can specify how many individual coupons you wish to purchase. No cash will be accepted at the food stalls. Tickets sold via cash/eftpos on the day.

Our Programme? Entertainment programme will also start from 11:30am.

Come along and help us celebrate our...

Cultural Festival

MHJC Netball Champions



Our winning netball team after their final game against Pakuranga College, which they won by just one goal in a nail biting final. The team, coached by Mrs Jackways and managed by Miss Wigg, went through the season unbeaten despite some closely fought games. Congratulations on a great season!

MHJC named as Employer of the Year Finalist

We were surprised and excited to learn that MHJC had been nominated in the Employer of the Year category for the "Attitudes Awards" and has been named as one of 3 finalists nationally for our support of disabled in the work force. The winner will be announced at a black tie dinner at the new Viaduct Events Centre in December and our story will feature on TV1's Attitude Programme.

Oliver a Big Hit!



An energetic chorus, amazing individual performances, superb live music, costumes, lighting and staging all came together to make Oliver a huge success. A special thank you to Miss Furlong, Mr Gibbs, Mrs McKenzie and to everyone, front and back stage, who helped make this a show to remember.

More MHJC Basketball Success

After hard fought finals, our Year 7 and 8 Basketball teams finished their season with 2 second place trophies and 2 4th placings. This is a fine



result from our biggest squad ever. Thanks to Miss Kindley and Mrs Hewlett for their support of the teams throughout the season.



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Two Talented Writers



Year 7 student **Rashmeen Sandhu's** entry has been selected as one of the winning 50 stories from the 4500 entries received from across NZ in the New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards Writing Competition. Rashmeen's work will be published as part of the collection later this year.

Simrandeep Kaur

Simrandeep was placed third in the Auckland Matariki short story writing competition. Her entry will also be published later this year.



Congratulations to both our Young Writers!

MHJC Makes its Mark in the Auckland Chess Finals.

Mission Heights Junior College qualified for the 2nd consecutive year for the Auckland wide secondary Schools' Chess finals in the Junior Age Division.

The team, Xiaofan Lin, Alvin Huang, Jackie Li and Sahil Madan finished in 4th

place, only half a point behind 3rd placed Westlake Boys High School. With Auckland Grammar claiming the top

two places, as relative new comers we certainly made our mark against Auckland's chess elite!

Well done to our very talented players.



Our Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. We greatly appreciate their service to our school.



Front: Dave Foster, Alanna Young (Chair), Joan Middlemiss (Principal), Ranjna Madan (Deputy Chair)

Back: Ratnakar Garikipati, Pamela Lyness (Secretary), Tougheeda Hartley, Melanie Kindley (Staff Representative), Arjun Sandhu

Our Rugby World Cup Greeting is Complete and is Big News!

After weeks of creative activity our entry in the Auckland Council and Manukau Beautification Trust Rugby World Cup Greeting Competition is complete and has been installed near the Telstra Pacific Events Centre in Manukau.



Our search for jandals to complete the final letter led to media interest and coverage on radio, TV and in local newspapers. Judging is now complete and results will be announced in October. 21 other schools have created greetings in the languages of all participating countries.

Manukau City Science and Technology Fair Winners



Our Prize winners pictured with Miss Kindley and Mrs Williams:
Daisy Zhu: Highly commended, Cara Dreyer: First Place, Anmol Sandhu: Highly commended,
Monyanna Sath: Highly commended, Swashna Lal & Asha Shashikumar : First Place,
Prina Mistry: Highly commended, Shahil Lal: Third place.
Mission Heights Junior College also won the \$500 School Encouragement Award!

Congratulations to More Top ICAS Achievers

In the ICAS science, spelling and writing competitions the following students were in the top 10% of students nationally, gaining Distinction Awards

Spelling: **Kate Sinfield, Shalvi Prasad, Joanna Huong**

Science: **Andrew Wong**

Writing: **Louise Kim**

A further 26 students gained Credit in the tests.

Well done everyone!

Boys Rugby gets a start at MHJC

For the first time in the history of MHJC we have both Y7 & 8 and Y9 & 10 Rugby teams.

The boys have been training hard at lunch times and are looking forward to their first games in the next few weeks.

All the best!!

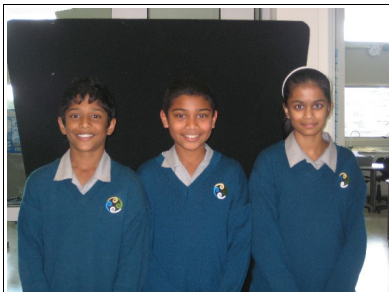
2011 MHJC Speech Winners

Year 7 and 8:

3rd **Kaden Naidoo,**

2nd **Saolin Naidoo ,**

1st **Mahima Patel**



Year 9 :1st **Rose Abrugena**

Year 10: 1st **Emily Hazell**



APPA Hindi Speech Contest Eastern Zone Winner



Congratulations to **Akshay Kakkar**