



OUR VISION

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

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Upcoming Events

MIT Manukau Science Fair

Prizegiving: Wednesday August 15th, 7:00pm MHJC Theatre

Auckland Mathex Y9&10,

Wednesday August 15th

Auckland Mathex Y7&8,

Thursday August 16th

APPA Hindi Speech

Competition: Thursday August 16th MHJC Library

MHJC Speech Finals:

Friday August 17

Family and Friends : Cultural Food Festival planning meeting

Wednesday August 22, 7:00 pm MHJC Staffroom

MHJC Board Meeting:

Wednesday 22nd August Meeting Room 1

International Muffi Day:

Friday August 24th -\$2

Kia Ora,

In the last week of Term 2 I was reminded of both the wonderful range of opportunities available to our students and their ability to seize these and , in doing so, experience wonderful successes. Each term we celebrate our MHJC "Champions", those students who have won a top three placing in a local, regional, national or sometimes even international event or who have won a school wide event. It is also an opportunity to celebrate special achievements such as the presentation of our Enviro Schools Silver Award by a Local Board member for Enviroschools and a representative of the Auckland Council and the awarding of a Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award by a representative of Westpac bank.

Sometimes it is only when we see our amazing school through the eyes of others that we are reminded how much we have achieved. The visitors were in awe of our students' achievements in such diverse areas as debating, foreign languages, mathematics, sport, community problem solving and leadership. They commented not only on their successes but on their pride, dignity and humility at being recognised as Champions by their peers and teachers.

These moments are precious and in future, we want to encourage parents to come and share these great moments for your children. We hope that, at the end of what already promises to be a great term, we will join together to celebrate our next group of talented MHJC Champions.

Joan Middlemiss (Principal)

Sir Peter Blake Young leader

Sartaj Bedi

Year 8 student Sartaj Bedi was recently recognised as a Sir Peter Blake Young Leader with a presentation made by Sue Chung, Manukau City and Botany Junction Westpac Bank Manager.

Sartaj has participated in, and excelled, across the 4 cornerstones. He has served both the school and his community while maintaining a high standard in his school work and a positive attitude. He shows great leadership potential and we congratulate



him on being recognised through this award.

ICAS Computing and Science

Our results for the first two ICAS competitions of the year were very pleasing with large numbers of students gaining Distinction and Credit grades in both Science and Computer Skills competitions. These competitions are a valuable way for students to gain practice in a test situation.

Congratulations to our Distinction award winners:

Mikayla Chetty, Victor Chua, Avinash Sathiyaseelan, Akaash Shashikumar, Daniel Strong, Justin Tan, Rashmeen Sandhu, Cailey Dayu, Courtney Powell, Cecilia Wang, Louise Kim, Neesha Kumar, and Asha Shashikumar.

Special congratulations to **Joshua Fong** who reached Distinction level in both tests.

9 Graphics take on real world task

A Year 9 Graphics class was given the task of designing a logo for a real company, SUPERTEC SOLUTIONS, the company that provides MHJC with security locks. Mr Brayden Jack, of Supertec outlined the company's needs to students. One group's designs could eventually become the company's new logo.



MIT Manukau Science Fair comes to MHJC

MHJC was the venue this year for the MIT Manukau Science Fair. The theatre was full of exhibits from schools across the region and Mission Heights Junior College students were extremely successful with a range of excellent prize winning projects.

Congratulations to the winners of the following awards

- 1st Place: Dylan Townsend
- 1st Place: Brodie Waugh, Harish Narasimhan and Shahil Lal
- 3rd Place: Prina Mistry
- 3rd Place: Anmol Sandhu
- Highly Commended: Luke Trotter, Nick Lang and Ramneek Sandhu
- Highly Commended: Swashna Lal and Asha Shashikumar
- Highly Commended: Louise Kim, Jessa Ilano and Nishalia Maharaj

Special Awards:

- Chontelle Vaevae and Nyasha Mushunje (Student encouragement award)
- Mikayla Chetty (Dairy NZ Award - 2nd Place)
- Brodie Waugh, Harish Narasimhan and Shahil Lal (Environment Award)



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Trees for Survival 2012 Planting

Our Trees for Survival programme is now into its third year. Recently students visited the same site as last year's planting where they had planted 670 native trees. This year they planted another 818 natives which they had raised at school. Currently they have over 1100 trees in the unit growing for next year with more still to pot out.



Year 9 and 10 Netball

This year for the first time we entered two teams in the Year 9 and 10 Netball competition, held weekly at Lloyd Elsmore Park. After some very close and challenging games our A Team reached the cup final eventually placing



2nd overall. Our B Team won their final match for a successful end to a great season for both teams.

Reminder

Homework Club

runs until 4:30 pm on Wednesday and Friday afternoons in Mountains whanau.

All welcome!

Girl's Football ends their season with success.

We have come to expect great things of our boys football team over the last three years but our girls are also showing they have what it takes.

The Year 9 and 10 Girls Football team have taken out second place in the junior competition. For much of the year they have played against U19 teams, a big ask for our Year 9 and 10 girls, but the experience has stood them in good stead and we congratulate them on a well deserved outcome.

Coast whanau visit to Snow Planet

To complement their whanau studies Coast whanau students visited Snow Planet. For some students this was their first opportunity to experience snow sports.



MHJC Mathex Night

Once again our school wide Mathex competition was a mixture of challenge, action and fun as students, parents and teachers tested their skills in maths problem solving. Congratulations to all our winning teams.



Year 7 winners



Year 8 winners



Year 9 winners



Year 10 winners

Year 10 students take NCEA in their stride

Our Year 10 students are experiencing the opportunity to sit NCEA standards across a number of subjects and some are also completing further credits in DEEP classes.

As a DEEP option 20 students have attempted an NCEA English achievement standard with **100% success**. **Six students gained a Merit grade and one student an Excellence grade**. With the incoming DEEP class, by year end almost 1/3 of our Year 10 students will have sat the standard which has 4 credits attached. **18 students gained credit in NCEA Statistics with 3 Merit grades and 5 Excellence grades**. Again more students will sit in the second part of the year. These papers are externally moderated and some of our students' work will even be used as exemplars for Year 11 students. Well done!

Presentation of Silver Enviro schools award

We were very proud to be formally recognised as a Silver Enviro School at our last assembly of Term 2. Brianna Southgate, Friyan Irani and Ms Hetaraka accepted the Silver Enviro Schools sign on behalf of the school.



Student Executive Colour Project

Our Executive Council have been busy! They have been raising funds, working with a colour consultant and getting feedback from students and staff in preparation for bringing a burst of colour to our classrooms. The students have now chosen bright colours for the front walls of each classroom.

Do we have any painters among our parent community?

Later in the year we would love to enlist the help of parents to paint the walls and liven up our already beautiful school even more. If you think you can help please contact us at admin@mhjc.school.nz or phone and leave your details with reception.



Reading Plus Trial Nearing End.

This year we have been trialling Reading Plus in an attempt to raise our students' levels of comprehension and reading speed, an identified weakness for many students. Soon we will be seeking feedback from both students and parents. In the meantime : Keep Reading!

MHJC Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country is more than a running event. It is a chance to show real whanau pride and a win is keenly sought after by all 4 whanau. This pushes



participation to great levels and students of all abilities have a great time and earn credit for their whanau. This year it was Forest whanau who took the honours in an extremely tight competition. Congratulations to our school champions:

Year 7 Boys: Jayden Smith, **Year 7 Girls:** Tamsyn Solomon
Year 8 Boys: Te Kani Williams, **Year 8 Girls:** Courtney Powell,
Year 9 Boys: Jerry Chen, **Year 9 Girls:** Sasha Amichand
Year 10 Boys: Ben Tarling, **Year 10 Girls:** Christina Lin

All Welcome
2012 APPA HINDI SPEECH COMPETITION
MISSION HEIGHTS JUNIOR COLLEGE
103 JETTS ROAD
FLAT BUSH 2016
PH: 09 2777663
Date: Thursday 16 August
Time: 6:00pm at the Mission Heights School Library
Contact: Reshmika Lal - rlal@mhjc.school.nz

Year 7 and 8 Basketball



Once again both our boys and Girls Basketball teams rounded off a successful season with wins in the finals to take the trophies in the EBBA competition. Congratulations to the Girls' Celtics team who had a convincing 40-12 win over Bucklands

Beach and the Boys' Lakers who took their game 32-13 over Farm Cove Intermediate. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who have supported our teams.

