

MHJC News

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**Mission Heights
Junior College**
“Growing
Greatness”

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Kia Ora,

2009 ended on a high note for us as we celebrated the achievements of our foundation students at our first formal prizegiving on December 11th. Thank you to the many parents and friends who came along to support their children and to celebrate their success.

At the end of 2009 we farewelled two of our foundation staff, Miss Amy Nield, who has left regular teaching to pursue her passion for aerobics teaching and Mr Ben O'Connor who has moved to Australia with his family.

We were also delighted to congratulate two of our teachers who welcomed additions to their families. Mrs Lal gave birth to a son in December and Mrs Hetaraka to a daughter in January. Mrs Lal will return to us in term 2 and Mrs Hetaraka in term 3.

On day one 2010 we welcomed over 500 students to school, almost doubling our 2009 starting roll. Our students, both new and returning, have settled quickly and it is a pleasure to have such positive and motivated students.

Along with our new students we welcomed a number of new staff to Mission Heights Junior College at the start of this new academic year. We have the good fortune to be a school of choice for teachers and are able to appoint teachers who are committed, experienced and successful in their fields of expertise. We wish them well for their time with us.

We have another exciting and successful year to look forward to at Mission Heights Junior College and thank you for your on going support of our wonderful school.

Joan Middlemiss , Principal

Keeping in touch.

At MHJC it is important to us to keep in touch with our families throughout the year. If you have a new or changed e mail address or phone number please contact reception so that we can update our records. Our preferred method of communication is email and so it is important that we have accurate records.



MHJC Swimming Sports

Our 2010 swimming sports held last week at the Howick Intermediate Swimming Pool were a huge success. Once again this was a whole school event with great whanau spirit and very high levels of participation and fun.

Congratulations to Coast whanau , winners of the Swimming Shield based on their success and participation.

Congratulations also to our 2010 swimming champions:

Senior boys- Chad Collop

Senior Girls- Navjot Kaur

Junior Boys-Alex Browne and Joshin Naidu

Junior Girls- Helen Cao

Four Schools Under One Roof!

MHJC is a unique school in many ways. This year we have three other schools operating in our buildings at MHJC and that is certainly different!

MHP is building new classrooms to cope with their roll growth but while they do we are making way for them at MHJC. They are using one of our music rooms on some days, part of the library and at the moment the meeting place has become a MHP classroom.

Ormiston Senior College are the second school on site with us this year. Principal Mr Jackways and his two Deputy Principals Mr Madgwick and Mrs Patience are working from their temporary school upstairs in Mountains whanau this year. We are pleased to continue to have a close working relationship with our Senior College as it is established.



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And finally we have a very exciting partnership this year with the third school, Kelston Deaf Education Centre. We have welcomed staff and students from there to our Coast and Water whanau. This has opened many new learning opportunities to us and 26 of our staff are already taking signing lessons!

Visit from Howick Rotary Club

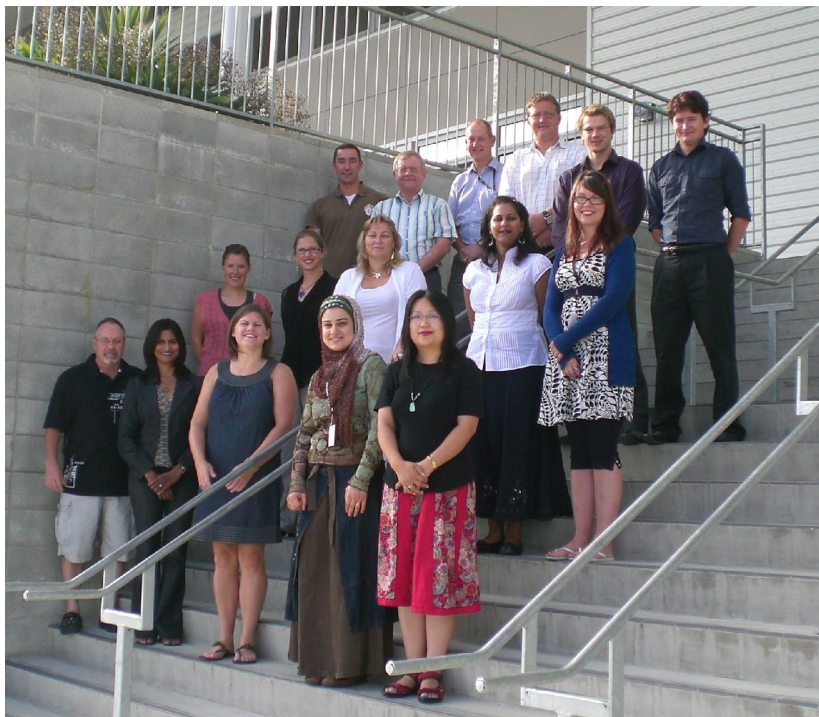
58 members of the Howick Rotary Club visited Mission Heights Junior College for their evening meeting last week.

The Rotarians were taken on a tour of the bush by TANE members before a presentation about our school followed by dinner and a tour of the school.

The response from the visitors was exceptionally positive and we look forward to an ongoing relationship with the club.



Welcome to our New Staff



Back: Jonathan Cook (music), David Dwerryhouse (japanese), Tom Cull (science), Helgard Groenewald (physical education), Saul Taylor (KDEC), Lee Boddington (administration and DEEP)

Centre: Jo Cook (english), Bree Mitchell (science), Fiona Campbell (KDEC) Ashika Devanath (global Studies, english) Heidi Welsh (technology, art)

Front: Keith Smith (media, global studies, digital literacy) Priscilla Naidoo (english, food technology) Audrey Dunlavy (PE, drama), Wiaam Al Salihi (maths) Jenny Wang (DEEP).

Not pictured: Asheesh Gautam (science), Stefan Rzyso (art), Kelly Hodgins (KDEC) and Vivita Rabo (KDEC)

School Fees

At MHJC we strive to offer exceptional opportunities to our students and if we are to continue to do so we need you to make prompt payment of all outstanding fees please.

The Board now finds itself in the position of having to begin a debt recovery process for outstanding debts from 2009.

Payment of compulsory 2010 fees and ICT stationery charges are now also due and payment is requested immediately please.

We offer families the opportunity to set up a regular payment plan and this can be arranged with our finance manager Mrs Anita Potgieter

Meet the Teachers Evenings Reminder

You will already have been contacted by the Senior Leaders of your child's whanau inviting you to a meet the teachers evening this **Wednesday at 7:00 pm**

The meetings are whanau based and we look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet the teachers from the whanau and to learn more about our ICT and your opportunity to have access from home.

Mission Heights Schools Community Problem Solving Sponsorship Golf Day 8 April 2010

Two Mission Heights Schools teams, C.C.C. (Creative Cyber Citizens) and T.A.N.E (Trees Are Nature's Educators) last year gained selection to attend the International Community Problem Solving finals in Wisconsin, USA in June 2010. The teams need to raise \$75,000 to complete their projects and travel to Wisconsin.

This golf day is part of our effort to help these students raise the funds and make a positive contribution to our community.

The event will be held at the Akarana Golf Club, which is widely regarded as being one of the best courses in Auckland.

A complete day of activities is planned, including a 12.30pm Shotgun Start to the Ambrose golf competition, on course refreshments, BBQ at the Halfway House and a presentation dinner in the clubhouse after the golf concludes, with prizes galore and a charity auction.

We need your support to make this fundraiser a huge success. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring or playing in the tournament please contact Anita Potgieter our Finance Manager for further details. Come and join us on what will be a great day!

Sponsorship Options:

Title Sponsor - \$4,500 (inclusive) - One available

Practice putting green sponsor - \$1,500 (inclusive)- One available

'Tiger Target' driving range sponsor - \$1,500 (inclusive)- One available

Hole Sponsor - \$ 1,000 (inclusive)- 18 available

Refreshment Cart Sponsor - \$1,000 (inclusive)- One available

Cash or prize donation – at your discretion

Player Sponsor / Entry - \$150 (inclusive) per player or \$600 per four ball players.

Further Information

If you would like further information or to discuss these opportunities, please contact:

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Ormiston Senior College Enrolment Zone

Dear Parents/Caregivers

New Years greetings to all our colleagues and families associated with Mission Heights Junior College. We are very excited about progress on the Ormiston Senior College site and would refer you to our website for news and photographs, www.ormiston.school.nz. We are at the stage now of setting the enrolment scheme and we would be very pleased to have your views.

As is required by law in order to avoid overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, the board of Ormiston Senior College is obliged to propose an enrolment scheme to be approved by the Ministry of Education.

The purpose of this letter is to seek any views you might have on the appropriateness or otherwise of our proposed enrolment zone and as such we seek any written comments you may have.

The proposal is that students will be enrolled if they live within the home zone described below.

In the north-west, starting on Te Irirangi Drive (319 – 491 odd included), travel through the walkway to Monash Place, travel east along Monash Place then south into Wayne Francis Drive (97, 88 and above included) then turn east into Hampervale Place. Turn south down Chapel Road (69 – 311, 350 – 408 included) before turning east along Duntrune road and then north-east into Cyril French Drive (58 – 98 excluded). Travel north along Baverton Close (excluded) and east along Gracechurch Road (excluded above 16, 17) to the Gracechurch Reserve. Follow the northern boundary across country to the northern end of Jeff's Road to include all roads in Mission Heights Estate. Travel across country (to include Sandstone Road) to the northern end of Whitford Park Road. Travel south down Whitford Park Road (257, 250 and below included) as far as, but excluding Polo Lane. Travel south-west across country to the intersection of Redoubt Road (601, 640 and above included) and Michael Boshier Way. (Michael Boshier Way excluded). Continue west across country to the southern end of Murphy's Road and onto Adamson Road. Head north on Adamson Road, across Thomas Road (83, 64 and above included) and across country to Flatbush School Road. Head west along Flatbush School Road before heading north along the centre of

Chapel Road. At Ormiston Road head west along the centre of the road to Te Irirangi Drive before turning north along the centre of Te Irirangi Drive back to the starting point.

You may note that this is in fact the same zone as used by Mission Heights Junior College.

The enrolment of students is governed by the provisions of the Education Act 1989. The enrolment scheme, which includes a precise description of the home zone, is being publicly notified and may be viewed at the Mission Heights Junior College office, where copies of the scheme are also available.

We would appreciate any comments/suggestions by the end of February to our postal address;

PO Box 39393, Howick, Auckland 2014.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a stylized 'H' and 'A' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Helen Anderson PhD

Board Chairperson
