



OUR VISION

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

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Upcoming Events

MHJC Talent Quest Prelims

September 19th - 21st

Term 3 Celebration

Assembly Thursday 27th
September

End of term 3 Friday 28th

September

Start of term 4: Monday 15th

October

Werable Arts Festival:

Monday 15th and Tuesday
16th October

Family and Friends : 2013

Cultural Food Festival planning meeting

Wednesday October 17,
7:00 pm MHJC Staffroom

MHJC Talent Quest Final:

Friday 19th October

Kia Ora and Nimen hao,

I am writing this newsletter as I prepare to leave for an exciting trip to China. I feel very privileged to have been selected as one of 9 Principals to join a delegation organised by the Confucius Institute, Auckland University, to undertake this 11 day Principals delegation to China. The four key objectives of our visit are: To investigate the impact and importance of New Zealand-China links, to better understand the Chinese education system, to establish collaborative partnerships with China counterparts and to develop a global awareness and a better understanding of China.

As a school we have a wonderful advantage over many other New Zealand schools in that we have amazing diversity among both our students and staff. Recently we celebrated International languages day with a range of events and competitions. For us this feels very natural because as a school community these are our languages. The importance of New Zealanders speaking a second or even third language is now being more widely understood as we really do operate economically and socially in a global community.

We recognise the challenges that we face as many of our students work hard to raise their literacy in English but we must also see in this an opportunity as around 80% of our school is able to communicate in another language. We saw the value of this recently in our success in international speech competitions and I urge you all to value and nurture those home languages which will serve you so well in the global world of the 21st Century

Joan Middlemiss (Principal)

MHJC Boys U 15 Football Champions Again

Our Under 15 Boys Football team has much to smile about having won the League for the third consecutive season.

The boys remained unbeaten throughout the season despite some challenging games. Congratulations on another great year.



Year 9 and 10 Boys Football

MHJC students win the Top Year 9 Science Fair Prize

In the last newsletter we congratulated all our category winners at the MIT Manukau City Science and Technology Fair. We were delighted on the night of the prize giving, which was hosted here at MHJC, to also learn that **Harish Narasimhan, Brodie Waugh and Shahil Lal** not only won their category award and a special prize for the Environment but also were awarded the prize for the best Year 9 project.

Congratulations!



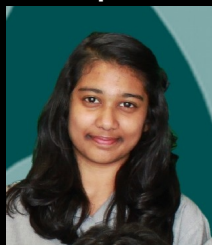
MHJC Students Prove they are Great Communicators

Recently we held our MHJC Speech Finals and the winners were:

Year 7 and 8: Thaubaan Cassiem, Year 9 Nishalia Maharaj, Year 10 Rose Abrugena. Rose went on to take **second place** in the Eastern Zone Year 10 competition.



Thaubaan



Nishalia



Rose



Akshay



Cailey



Vivian



Asha

Akshay Kakkar took 1st place in the APPA Hindi Speech Competition,

Cailey Dayu took 1st place in the APPA Tagalog Speech Competition

Vivian Pai took 3rd place in the APPA Mandarin Speech Competition.

Asha Shashikumar was named as the 2nd best speaker overall in the 2012 Auckland Junior Open Debating Competition.



"Sun Catcher" - Seeing is Believing

Five Year 9 students, **Luke Trotter, Sahil Bhikka, Nick Lang, Lachlan Flynn and Ramneek Sandhu**, thought that if children could actually see the different colours in the sun's rays and how they differ on different days at different times of the year then students might be better able to understand the need to wear hats for protection. They have made a spectroscope or "suncatcher" to achieve their goal. The students now have an order from Mission Heights Primary School for 5 of the spectroscopes to use in their school. The MHJC students have been working with Engineer Steve Ward and are entering their project in the Transpower Neighbourhood Engineers Awards.



Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser



A Year 10 Enterprise class has decided to support Habitat for Humanity in their goal to provide homes for those in need. After a presentation by a representative from the organisation, students fundraised for the charity raising over \$300.

More ICAS and Australian Maths Competition Successes

We have now received our results for ICAS Spelling and Writing and for the Australian Mathematics Competition. We have once again had some outstanding results and we congratulate our High Distinction and Distinction Award winners:

High Distinction: Cecilia Wang

Distinction: Varma Shrey, Amala Warriar, Victor Chua, Daniel Strong, Neesha Kumar, Asha Shashikumar, Nishalia Maharaj and Darian Moodley.

Special congratulations to **Darian who was also awarded the Prudence Award** in the Australian Mathematics Competition in addition to his Distinction Award.

A further 36 students gained Credit Awards. Well done!

Success in Bollywood Dance Competition

Our Bollywood dancers have shown that they are consistently among the best in Auckland. For the second year in a row our dancers wowed the crowds with their item which included both Bollywood and Maori

elements to take 2nd place. From their costumes to their props and, of course, their well practised routine our girls were amazing. Congratulations to all involved for such a spectacular performance!



Year 10 Option Evening

This week we held a very successful option evening for students entering Year 10 in 2013. If you still have any concerns or queries please contact your Learning Advisor or the Senior Leaders in the whanau.

Students who did not attend the evening will be asked to choose options next week.

Forest Whanau focus on Recycling

Students in Forest whanau are becoming very aware when it comes to the important issue of recycling.

Students have been auditing the success of our whanau recycling processes and reporting on these as part of their curriculum work. Students also visited a recycling plant to see what happens after the bins leave our homes and work places.



MHJC Art Gallery



Linh Doh: Charcoal and Chalk



Prina Mistry: Paint



Tei Kim: Colour pencil

Outdoor Pursuits Centre

A group of Year 10 students and some members of 9C2 have just returned from a week long trip to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Turangi. The trip has been a long time in the planning and the students were not to be deterred by nearby earthquakes, volcanic eruptions or an unfriendly weather forecast. Their verdict on return was that the trip was definitely "challenging" but also "awesome".



A "Global Truce" in Mountains

The focus for integrated learning this term in Mountains Whanau has been on a Global Truce linking this to the Olympics and the Olympic Spirit. Each home base represented a country and the Whanau was decorated accordingly. An events evening included an opening ceremony, parade and a suitably global shared meal.

The team events reflected our 4 cornerstones with students rotating around events.

At the closing ceremony overall winning teams received beautiful Gold, Silver or Bronze medals.



Family and Friends begin planning for 2013 Cultural Food Festival.

You will soon receive a questionnaire about how you might be able to help with this wonderful community event. We appreciate the support of our parent community in making this a very special day in our school calendar.
Great effort!

Congratulations to our U15 Girls Basketball Team



After a very hard fought season and some very close games the team placed third in the U15 South Eastern Zone College Sport Competition.