



OUR VISION

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

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Upcoming Events

Year 8 Parent and Student Information Evening: May 22nd 6:30pm, MHJC Theatre, followed by option information evening An essential evening for all Year 8 students and parents. Find out what MHJC will offer your child in Year 9 and 10 and make initial option subject choices with the assistance of our specialist teachers.

Year 6 Parent Information Evening: May 24th 7:00pm, MHJC Library. An evening for all parents of Year 6 students considering enrolling their child at MHJC in 2013.

Year 8 visits to Ormiston Senior College

Coast: May 21

Mountains :May 22

Forest: May 24

Water :May 25

Parents are welcome to join their children at OSC at 2: 00 pm for the visit.

Kia Ora,

It seems amazing as we enter term 2 that we are already looking forward to and planning for our 2013 year but such is the rate of growth in our area and in our school that, to ensure quality for our students, we must pro actively manage our growth as we constantly strive to keep raising the bar.

In the next month we have important information evenings planned for Year 8 students and parents and also for parents of Year 6 students. Please diary these important meetings now so that you feel confident in making well informed decisions about your child's future education.

Our roll continues to grow at a pace well above local and national trends. Once again we began this term with a further increase and at its meeting this month the Board reiterated its intent not to open our school to out of zone students in 2013. We remain committed to offering a high quality personalised education to the children who live within our local community.

We see no benefit in rapid growth or an overly large school environment. With a current roll of well over 600 we have the critical mass to offer wide subject choice and a high quality educational experience plus a wide range of sporting and cultural activities and yet we maintain a strong sense of belonging and community for our students, supported by our whanau structure.

This term we begin another new initiative. We are offering a "Homework Club" on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 3:30pm to 4:30 pm upstairs in Mountains Whanau. This will be a supervised, quiet, focussed time for students to complete homework. We also appreciate the assistance of volunteers from Ormiston Senior College who will be available to assist students where needed.

We are excited by the many opportunities, across the 4 cornerstones, that our students have ahead of them this term and look forward to your ongoing support of our great school.

Joan Middlemiss (Principal)

Family and Friends: What's coming up?

Family and Friends AGM:

6:45 pm, 2nd May. MHJC Staffroom

Family and Friends Parent Information Evening

2nd May , 7:00 pm , MHJC Staffroom

Health Curriculum Consultation. A chance to learn more about the MHJC Health Curriculum and give your input.

Plus: **Bullying- Signs and Strategies**, A guest speaker presents information for parents on this important social issue.

Students Support Refugees



Mountains Whanau Global studies students and members of the "Make a Difference" DEEP class showed the community spirit of which we are so proud when they recently raised \$200 and collected 70 toys for refugee children living in Auckland. These were presented to Mr Dawit Arshak a former refugee from Ethiopia and a representative from Refugee Services New Zealand. Mr Arshak also gave students a compelling account of his experiences as a refugee fleeing his homeland.

Coast Whanau's Amazing Race



On Tuesday Coast Whanau went off site to Sir Barry Curtis to set the scene for their term 2 learning. Teams worked together to race each other and the clock to master all kinds of activities and win the Amazing Race.



Our first priority is to support your child's learning. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Who Can Help?

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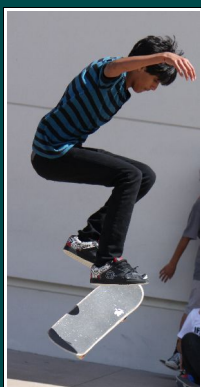
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or contact your child's Learning Advisor



SEZ Tennis 3rdPlace
Ruben Van der
Merwe



Travelwise
Skate
Competition
Winner;
Pranav Deo



SEZ swimming Victor
Chua 3rd
place Junior Boys 50
m backstroke



SEZ Orienteering-2nd place,
Adienne Champion



Anastasia Ozerova:
Ice Skating Pre Primary
Ladies Grade winner,
Autumn Championship

Te Kani Williams,
Gold Medal
National U12
Tennis



**Congratulations to these
MHJC Individual Sporting
Achievers**

Travelwise Students Stop Traffic

Some of our students, along with Travelwise Representatives and the Police stopped the traffic along Jeffs Road recently. They were monitoring speed as a way to raise awareness about safe driving near schools. Some lucky drivers received goody bags as a thanks for their considerate driving. Mission Heights Schools will soon have a 40k/h speed zone outside the school in peak traffic times.



MHJC Debaters can't be ignored!

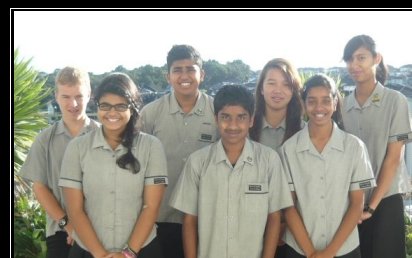
In only our second year competing in the Auckland Schools Debating Competition Mission Heights Junior College debaters are certainly making their voices heard.

This year we have two teams comprising Year 9 and 10 students competing and to date one of our teams remains unbeaten and the second team has only one loss which was when they met the other MHJC team!

Debating such diverse issues as inter ethnic adoption and the merits of compulsory second language learning in our schools the students have shown that, affirming or negating, they are convincing debaters.

In their most recent wins against Kings College and Papatoetoe High School, Nishalia Maharaj and Monynna Sath were awarded best speaker awards as both teams took out wins.

We wish both teams and their coach Mrs Lal well for the rest of the competition.



New!!
Homework Club
Every Wednesday and Friday
3:30 pm-4:30 pm
Upstairs in Mountains Whanau

Our last two whanau camps were a great experience for our students and a huge success. We appreciate the support of our parent volunteers, our Year 10 Leaders and of course our teachers in providing these memorable experiences for our Year 7 students.

Mountains Whanau Camp

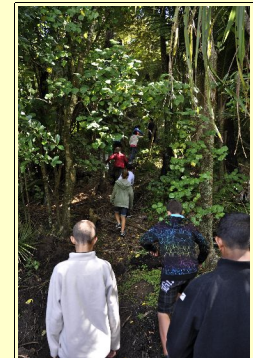


With great weather, great activities and an amazing environment at Shakespear Bay the Mountains Whanau Camp was always going to be a huge success!



Water Whanau Camp

Water Whanau enjoyed the peaceful and beautiful environment of Stedfast Park in Piha for their camp. With bush walks, orienteering, challenge activities and lots of other fun activities they had a great time in perfect weather. Even a few wasps could not dampen their spirits!



Executive Council's 2012 Project Gets off to a Great Start.

This year our Year 10 Student Executive Council want to add some colour to our classrooms!

They are currently raising funds to purchase paint to brighten up our classroom environments.

Their first muffi day and disco were a big success and a great start to their fund raising.

We wish them well with their 2012 "Legacy Project"

