



OUR VISION

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

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Upcoming Events

Prizegivings

Tuesday 13th December

The **Year 7** Prizegiving will be held in Session 1.

Please be seated by **8:40 am**

The **Year 9** Prizegiving will be held in Session 2.

Please be seated by **9:45 am**

The **Year 8** Prizegiving will be held in our DEEP session. Please be seated by **11:40 am**

Year 10 Graduation

Tuesday 13th December

The **Year 10 Graduation for all Year 10 students** will be held in the evening.

Please be seated by **6:00 pm**

All Year 10 students are invited to stay after the graduation for a **supper provided by our Family and Friends and a dance (no cost)**. This will finish at **10:30 pm** and **parents are asked to collect their children from the theatre.**

Kia Ora,

As we rapidly approach the end of our academic year, we can look back with considerable pride at our achievements as a school in 2011.

As you will have seen from each of our newsletters this has been a year of outstanding successes for us and this has continued right until the very end of our school year.

In recent weeks we have celebrated another winning season in the EBBA basketball competition and some great achievements in our own athletics sports and then in the South Eastern Zone competition.

Our Enviro group has steered us to being recognised as a Silver Level Enviro school in only our third year and our recent combined Arts Festival with Mission Heights Primary School was amazing. The two nights of the Performing Arts showcase were described to me by a number of people as the best school performances they had ever attended and our visual art displays also impressed.

To end the year on a particularly high note, at a gala black tie dinner at the new Viaduct Events Centre this week, Mission Heights Junior College was one of three national finalists for the Employer Award in the 2011 Attitude Awards. We were immensely proud to be named as the winner of the award. The awards ceremony will be screened on TV1's Attitude Programme on Sunday December 11th.

I wish you all the best for a wonderful summer break and look forward to another exciting and successful year for our wonderful school in 2012.

Joan Middlemiss Principal

Start Up Dates 2012

Friday, February 3rd at 8.30am: All new students and returning Year 10 students.

New Year 7 Students go to the Theatre.
New Year 8, 9 & 10 Students go to the Library.
Returning Year 10 Students go to Whanau.

Tuesday February 7th at 8.15am

All students Year 7 - 10 to Whanau.

Reception closes on Friday December 16th and will reopen in 2012 on Monday January 16th



Mission Heights Junior College wins Attitude Award!

Mission Heights Junior College was named as the winner of the Employer Award at the recent Attitudes Award presentations on December 1st. The awards dinner, attended by staff and Board members, was held at the Viaduct Events Centre and was attended by 500 guests including the Governor General, the Mayor, several politicians, and well known entertainers.



As a result of the Awards, the school has been profiled on television, firstly as a finalist, and then again as an award winner and will feature again on TV1 on the Attitude Programme on Sunday 11th December at 8:30 am.

Mountains Camp

Our last camp for 2012 was the Mountains camp which this year was held at Camp Adair in Hunua. It was a big success thanks to the combined efforts of staff, students and helpers. A huge thank you to everyone involved.



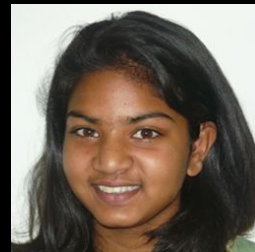
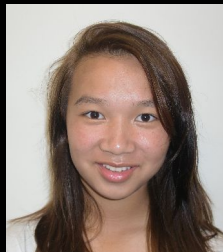
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MHJC Netballers make the grade!

Three of our winning netball team have been invited to be part of the Howick Pakuranga Netball Club U15 development programme. Congratulations to Moynna Sath, Shenisia Gounden and Taraani Mohammed.

Congratulations, Thanks and Farewell to Miss Furlong

Mountains Whanau Assistant Principal Miss Jayne Furlong has just won a promotion to the position of Deputy Principal at One Tree Hill College and will leave us at the end of 2011 to take up her new role at the beginning of 2012.

Miss Furlong was a foundation member of our leadership team, appointed at the start of 2008, a year before the school opened. She was closely involved in the establishment of the school and since our opening has led our Mountains Whanau and been a valuable member of our Leadership team.



We wish Miss Furlong all the best in her new role and thank her for her very significant contribution to our school over the last 4 years.

MHJC Basketball Champions Unbeaten!

A Mission Heights Junior College basketball team has gone through the season unbeaten to win 1st place in the EBBA Basketball competition. The team coached by parent Mr Anthony McMillan convincingly won their final against Farm Cove Intermediate to maintain their unbeaten record.

Our thanks to Mr McMillan for his commitment to coaching the team and congratulations to our players.



First Combined Mission Heights Arts Festival

Our performers and artists wowed audiences and visitors at the combined Art Exhibition and Performing Arts Showcase this month. Congratulations to all involved on an amazing event.!



MHJC Athletics

The MHJC athletics day held at Lloyd Elsmore Park was a big success. Congratulations to our Junior Champions **Mustafa Qasimi** and **Tavai Mason Wells** and Senior Champions **Richard Chand** and **Monique Randell**.



Congratulations also to our students who went on to place in their events at the SEZ Athletics, **Te Kani Williams** 3rd Junior Boys 800m, **Aaliyah Khan** 2nd Intermediate Girls Discus, **Christiana Stowers** 2nd Senior Girls shotput



Orientation Days a Big Success

Moving between schools is a big adventure and can be a little daunting. MHJC recently hosted all Year 6 students enrolled with us for 2012 for a taste of life at MHJC. The verdict from students at the end of the day was that the day had been a big success!



Year 6s visit MHJC



Year 10s visit OSC



Our departing Year 10 students who will continue their studies at Ormiston Senior College in Year 11 in 2012 have also had a chance to get to know their new school environment, meet their new teachers and sample lessons in a senior school environment as part of a 2 day orientation. The students were excited by the experience and are looking forward to their next steps in education in 2012.

MHJC Gains Silver Enviro Award Status

A keen team of Enviro students has steered the school to a Silver Award which was presented at a function on December 2nd. The students undertook an in depth evaluation process before the Silver Award status was confirmed. Their next goal over the coming years will be to reach Green Gold status!

Enviro Group representatives with our Silver Award after the presentation

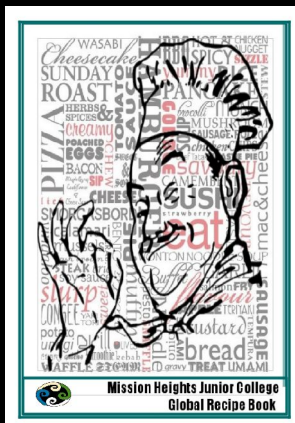


Year 10 Food Technology's Recipe Book on Sale: \$15

Each Year 10 Food Technology student has contributed a recipe, traditional to their culture, for this recipe book which began as a collaborative project with a school in England. The proceeds will go to CANTEEN, supporting teenagers with cancer.

Please support our students and Canteen by purchasing this unique recipe book from reception or at our Prizegivings. It will make a great gift!

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MHJC Year 10s Success in NCEA

Year 10 students have had an opportunity to sit NCEA Achievement Standards in English and Mathematics in DEEP classes this year.

This has been an excellent early introduction to these senior assessments with 72% of those sitting passing in Mathematics and 88% passing in English.

As a result of this successful pilot, students will have an opportunity to attempt NCEA assessments in core and some option subjects in 2012 as well as in the DEEP programme.

Congratulations Caleb



Year 8 student **Caleb Dammert** placed 2nd in the

Interschool Intermediate Skate Boarding Competition held last week.

Well done Caleb!