



OUR VISION

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

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Upcoming Events

Prizegivings

Tuesday 11th December

The **Year 9** Prizegiving will **begin at 9:00 am**. Please be seated by **8:50 am**

The **Year 7** Prizegiving will **begin at 11:30 am** Please be seated by **11:20 am**

The **Year 8** Prizegiving will **begin at 1:30 pm** Please be seated by **1:20 pm**

Year 10 Graduation

Tuesday 11th December
The **Year 10 Graduation for all Year 10 students** will be held in the evening. Please be seated by **5:50 pm**.

Students go to their whanau at 5:30 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,

What an amazing year we have had in 2012. 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 winning a major award in the IPENZ Neighbourhood Engineers Awards in our first year participating, our DEEP class of musicians showed their outstanding calibre in the NZ Music Examination Board exams with all students being evaluated at A grade level by the external markers. We had another outstanding season in the EBBA basketball competition with 4 more trophies to add to our collection. We saw wonderful achievements in athletics and our volleyball teams both achieved great results taking first and second placings.

The MHJC Talent show and the Arts Festival provided us with amazing and diverse entertainment and the visual art work on display was impressive. Our Wearable Arts competitors took on senior students from neighbouring High Schools and gained a first and second placing.

Our students have quickly learnt the value of challenging themselves across the 4 cornerstones of a balanced education; academic, sporting, cultural and leadership through service and they are reaping the rewards.

I want to thank you all, students, teachers, parents and friends of the school for all your efforts and support this year.

I wish you all the best for a restful summer break and look forward to another exciting and successful year for our wonderful school in 2013.

Joan Middlemiss

Mission Heights Junior College Students Win \$1000 IPENZ Neighbourhood Engineers Merit Award

This year for the first time, MHJC students from the Year 9 Accelerate class entered this national competition. Congratulations to **Luke Trotter, Nick Lang, Ramneek Sandhu, Sahil Bhikka and Lachlan Flynn** who won this major prize in the year 9 -13 category with their "Suncatcher" project. The students worked throughout the year with the support of Electrical Engineer Steve Ward and with Mrs Middlemiss.



Start Up information 2013

Friday February 1st: Administration Day

It is essential that **all students** attend, with a parent at a time that suits, between 8:30am and 4:00pm or 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Students will not remain at school and are not required to wear uniform.

Students will complete administration tasks including whanau and class allocation, course and DEEP option selection and confirmation, fee payment, ID card processing etc to ensure that lessons can begin promptly on day 1.

Returning students please go directly to your whanau. New students please come to Reception.

Monday 4th February 8:30 am

Year 7 and Year 10 students only.

Year 7 students please go to the theatre

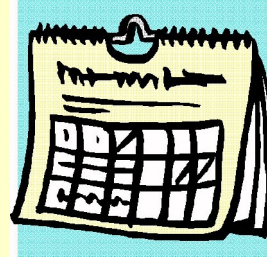
Year 10 students please go to your whanau

Tuesday 5th February 8:15 am

All students please go to your whanau

Any queries please contact Reception from 14th January

Phone 2777881 or email admin@mhjc.school.nz



Important Information

Change to Timetable for 2013

Following a full consultation process the following changes have been made to the MHJC timetable for 2013.

- School will begin at the same time **every morning (Ready to Learn Time 8:15 am)**
- **Year 7 and 8 students** will finish school at **3:00pm daily except Wednesday**
- **Year 9 and 10 students** will finish school at **3:30 pm daily except Wednesday.**
- School will finish for **all students at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays**

Year 10 Water Whanau students gain babysitting qualifications

Recently Year 10 students from water whanau had the opportunity to work with the Plunket Society to gain a Babysitting Certificate. This provides skills and knowledge that will serve them well. Feedback from Plunket representatives was extremely complementary about our students.



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Tennis Champion Tiana!

Congratulations to our young tennis star **Tiana Windbuchler**

After placing 2nd in the NZ Junior Master top 8 Tennis Finals Tiana also won the Auckland Primary/Intermediate Tennis tournament competing for Mission Heights Junior College and went on to compete in the North Island Primary/Intermediate tournament. Well done Tiana!



MHJC Musicians play with Distinction

This week DEEP Music students entered for the NZ Music Examinations Board Exams.

The students were assessed by two outside evaluators and the results were exceptional!

Congratulations to:

Joshua Neale - Clarinet (preliminary grade)- A Distinction

Xavier Tautua, Iverson Lane, Tupe Aveaila - Chamber Music A+ High Distinction

David Martin, Monica Nguyen, Lasharn Borges, Sally Dang Tran - Chamber Music A- Honours

Rashmeen Sandhu - Flute (grade one) A Distinction

Hannah Gomez, Jessa Ilano, Louise Kim, Cindy Meiring, Vivian Pai, Dylan Townsend, Angela Wu, Emily Griffiths - Chamber Music- A- Honours

Sunnie Dasgupta, Paxton Pulley - Chamber Music A+ High distinction

MHJC Basketball Success



What a way to end the season! Congratulations to all our EBBA Basketball players on these amazing results and a very successful year.

MHJC Lakers - Year 7/8 Boys Team: 1st Place Trophy

MHJC Thunder - Year 7/8 Girls: 1st Place Trophy

MHJC Celtics - Year 7/8 Girls: 2nd Place Trophy

MHJC Mavericks - Year 7/8 Boys Team: 3rd Place Trophy



MHJC Arts Festival

Once again this year Mission Heights Junior College students showcased their diverse talents in the Mission Heights Junior College Arts Festival.



This event combined high quality performing arts with a wonderful visual art exhibition which was enjoyed by the school and community.

Otago Problem Solving Maths Top Achievers

Well done to

**Justin Tan
Jia Qing Yu
Yuzhang Tan
Anthony Hua
Kelvin Xie
Joshua Fong**

Top scorers in the University of Otago Maths Problem Challenge

Volleyball



2012 ASB Girls Year 9 and 10 Volleyball

Our Year 9 and 10 Boys and Girls Volleyball teams both experienced success in their respective divisions this year with the boys winning their division and the girls placing second in theirs.



2012 ASB Boys Year 9 Volleyball

Congratulations to both teams!

Congratulations Conrad!

Year 10 student Conrad Wackrow is not afraid of speed. Conrad competes in the exciting



sport of Motocross and recently earned this trophy for his successes in the Secondary School

competition.

Reading Plus contributes to big gains in Reading Comprehension Levels

During 2012 we have trialled the Reading Plus programme in an attempt to lift the reading comprehension levels of our students. End of year E AsTTle testing results have shown marked improvements where students have engaged actively in using the reading programme.

This is very encouraging and we look forward to these outcomes being sustained.

Athletics Champions

The MHJC athletics day held at Lloyd Elsmore Park was again a big success. Congratulations to our Junior Champions



MHJC Athletics Champions

Mustafa Qasimi and **Courtney Powell** and our Senior Champions **Joshua Neale** and **Sanara Swarnadhipathi**.

Congratulations also to **Te Kani Williams**, **Caleb Nyantachi**, **Oliver Morris** and **Vinal Latchman** who went on to take top 3 placings in their events at the SEZ Athletics.

Year 6 Orientation



We recently hosted Year 6 students from Mission Heights Primary School, Baverstock Oaks School and many other primary schools, who will join us as Year 7 students in 2013. Students met Year 9 students who will support them as Year 10 leaders next year and had a taste of learning in a high school environment.

Diwali

Around a third of our students are Indian and once again in 2012 we enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate Diwali with them. 13th November was a day for beautiful clothing, delicious food and a truly festive atmosphere throughout the school.

