



OUR VISION

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

Growing Greatness

Upcoming Events

Muffi Day
Thursday 22nd March
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Disco
Thursday 22nd March
7:00pm to 9:30 pm
MHJC Theatre.

Students must be picked up at the theatre by a parent at 9:30 pm

MHJC School photos
Friday 23rd March

Water Whanau Camp
Year 7 and Year 10
Leaders
28-30 March

Family and Friends
Parent Information Evening
4th April

How to get the best from
Mathletics 6:30pm- 7:30
pm MHJC staffroom

How to get the best from
Maths Buddy
7:30 -8:30 pm
MHJC Library

Kia Ora,

Our 2012 year has started very positively. It has been wonderful to welcome back our returning students and also to welcome many new students and their families to Mission Heights Junior College. Or roll now stands at 659, an increase of 70 students from this time last year. Students have settled quickly and have already enjoyed events such as our swimming sports, camps and a concert.

Our Forest, Coast and Mountains whanau camps have been a huge success. We are so fortunate that our teachers, parents and Year 10 student leaders combine to make these enjoyable and memorable occasions for our Year 7 students.

Our students have stepped up to take on leadership roles, joined sports teams, and signed up to try new activities and entered, in increasing numbers, for a range of academic competitions. We encourage students to participate across the 4 cornerstones, sporting, academic, leadership through service and cultural activities. By doing so they become the confident, well rounded students of whom we are so proud.

Thank you to all those who attended our meet the teachers evenings. The turnout for each of the 4 whanau was great and we enjoyed meeting many new parents. With many of our teachers moving between whanau this year, even those of you with children who have been with us in the past had an opportunity to meet new teachers within your child's whanau.

Please remember that both students and parents can access Mission Heights Online from home and I know that many parents are already making use of this. If you have any difficulties please do not hesitate to contact your child's learning advisor or one of the Senior Leaders from your child's whanau.

We look forward to a very successful year in 2012, working with your family to ensure the best outcomes for all our students.

Joan Middlemiss (Principal)

Family and Friends Hosting Information Evenings for Parents

This year Family and Friends will be hosting monthly information evenings for parents with a focus on important aspects of education both within our school and nationally. The first of these are on **Wednesday April 4th At 6:30 pm, in the MHJC staffroom there will be a presentation on Mathletics and at 7:30 pm in the Library there will be a presentation on Maths Buddy.**

Both presentations will focus on parents understanding these digital mathematics texts and how best to support your child in using them. Other topics to be covered during the year will be: National Standards, NCEA, MHJC Health Curriculum Consultation, Bullying, Positive Parenting and an opportunity to visit Ormiston Senior College and hear about their vision for education in the senior years.

MHJC Swimming Sports

The weather was kind to us and we had a wonderful swimming sports at Panmure Lagoon Pools on February 24th.

Students and staff enjoyed the wonderful environment and the positive and enthusiastic participation of so many students.

Coast whanau once again won the swimming shield thanks to high participation and some great swimming.

Congratulations to our 2012 swimming Champions: Junior Boys, Victor Chua, Junior Girls, Tavai Mason-Wells, Senior Boys, Richard Chand and Senior Girls, Trisha Tan.



Managing Traffic Safety

As the rolls at both MHP and MHJC get bigger we now have more foot traffic leaving our schools at the end of the school day and more vehicle traffic on Jeffs Road.

Some parents have expressed concern that they cannot enter the school in vehicles to collect their children until 3:45 pm. The decision to shut the school off to vehicle traffic until all pedestrian traffic is cleared from both schools is in direct response to identified safety issues. We have had several near miss accidents where drivers were looking for their child on the pavements rather than concentrating on the other children crossing across the driveways in front of them or where children ran out to meet their parents in front of other vehicles. The mix of vehicles and young students is a potentially deadly mix and so we took the decision to close the gates during this time.

Once they have left the school grounds, students should cross only at the controlled crossings and we ask that parents park on surrounding streets and either wait there for their children or park and walk to the school to collect them.

One accident due to driver inattention or students rushing out to meet their parent's car is one too many and we do ask for your assistance in keeping all students safe.



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Tuesday visits

We are very proud of our wonderful school and our students and staff.

Visitors are welcome to visit our school in action on any

**Tuesday morning at
10:00am**

No appointment is necessary. Please just come to reception and you will be shown around the school by the Principal or Deputy Principal.

DEEP tutors needed!

We are always looking for additional tutors for our D.E.E.P. programme.

Perhaps you can tutor students in a language, have practical or technical skills you could share with students or maybe you can coach students in a sport. If so and you can be available for just over an hour on any day that suits you we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mr Naidoo, Deputy Principal. Ph. 2777881

Our Local MP visits MHJC

Dr Paul Hutchison, MP for Hunua visited Mission Heights Junior College recently to present a beautiful book on native trees to our Library. After presenting the book, he spoke with our newly appointed librarians before touring the school.



Congratulations to a National Champion

Year 8 student **Te Kani Williams** competed in the National 12s tennis tournament in Wellington in January 2012 where he made the Final in the singles, then went on to win the doubles. Te Kani is therefore 2012 NZ National 12s Singles Runner Up and the 2012 NZ National 12s Doubles Champion!

Absences

A reminder that if your child is not marked present in session 1 and we have not had prior notification of absence, we will send you a text asking you to confirm that they are away with your knowledge.

Please respond to these texts as soon as possible as this is a safety measure to safeguard your child. It is very helpful if you call the absence line **2505600** or email absence@mhjc.school.nz early in the morning if you know that your child will be absent.

Executive Student Council 2012

The Student Executive Council is selected after applications, interviews, feedback from Year 10 students and staff and their school record of participation and service are all considered.

The Council takes on the responsibility of ensuring student voice is a key part in decision making at MHJC. They are also role models and above all are expected to lead



through service. Congratulations to our 2012 Year 10 Executive Student Council who recently completed a one day leadership training seminar with Mrs Middlemiss at Ormiston Senior

College, including sessions on role modelling, situational leadership and goal setting.

Strike Percussion Concert

Students were treated recently to an amazing concert by Strike Percussion. Strike is New Zealand's premiere classical percussion ensemble and they showed off their skills, entertaining students on a variety of percussion instruments. This was a great start to our cultural events for 2012.

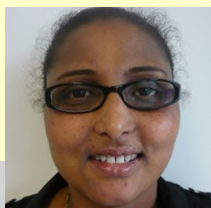


Welcome to new teachers joining us in 2012



Mrs Wood
teaching English

Mrs Hanna-Latham
teaching Art



Miss Hunter
teaching
Science

Mrs Jagesur-Singh
teaching
Maths and
Science



Ms Martin
teaching
Spanish and
Global Studies

Mrs Sew Hoy
teaching
Japanese



Our Forest and Coast camps were a big success and were greatly enjoyed by students, teachers and parents. Mountains whanau has been on camp this week and Water whanau has its camp to look forward to the week after next.

Forest Whanau Camp

Forest whanau's camp was at Camp Adair in the Hunua ranges. Students experienced a great range of fun and challenging activities over the three days.



For their camp Coast whanau headed for the beautiful Whangaparaoa Peninsula north of Auckland. Among their activities students had the chance to experience archery, bush cooking, mountain biking and rock climbing. The verdict: A great camp!



Coast Camp



Fees and School Contribution: Planning for easy payment!

A reminder that payment of the School Contribution helps us provide high quality education for your children. We are happy for parents to make arrangements for regular affordable direct debit payments. Any credit built up can also be used to help cover costs such as class trips, camps etc. when they arise or carried over to future years. Details of how to do this, and a form to take to your bank are available from reception or contact Ms Pamela Lyness, plyness@mhjc.school.nz.

Remember that if you have paid before the 31st March your School Contribution is tax deductible in this financial year.