



## OUR VISION

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

*Growing Greatness*

## Upcoming Events

### Family and Friends Parent Information Evening:

An introduction to NCEA.  
A chance for all parents to learn more about NZ's national qualification  
Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm  
MHJC Staffroom

### ICAS Science: Wednesday June 6th

### MUFTI Day: Thursday June 14th \$2

Disco: Thursday June 14th 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm  
\$5 entry. Food and drink also on sale. All students are to be dropped off and collected at the theatre door.

### ICAS Writing: Monday June 18th

### ICAS Spelling: Tuesday June 19th

### End of Term 2: Friday June 29th

Kia Ora,

Each year the budget comes and goes and those of us in education assess the impacts either positive or negative for our schools and communities and then we continue our work providing the best possible education for our students within the inevitable constraints of government funding.

In this year's budget we had expected changes to class sizes as these had been signalled in advance. What we did not expect, and what we cannot just make adjustments to address, was an unheralded cut to technology staffing at Years 7 and 8. For schools such as MHJC where over half our roll falls into this category the potential impact of the announced budget changes would mean a loss of around four teachers.

It does seem ironic that in a budget where at a tertiary level science and technology was being seen as a priority area for funding, such cuts should be made in the years when students' imaginations are first captured by the excitement of technological design and creation.

At MHJC we see technology as a key aspect of 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning. Our students learn to use not only traditional tools such as saws and hammers, but also we have a laser cutter and now a 3D printer to allow students to design and create diverse and quality products. Imagine being able to design, for example, an I pod holder on the computer and then to see it being made in plastic on the 3D printer. This is reality for our students.

I am relieved to hear that the Government will set up a working party to consider the implications for the 10% of schools nationally who will be most affected by the new funding model but I am concerned that talk is about easing the transition to the new staffing levels, not reviewing them. Whether it is next year or in four years time we must be aware that the impact in a Junior College or in Intermediate schools, of such decisions will be significant and ultimately will affect the education that students can be offered. Is this what we want and should expect for our children?

*Joan Middlemiss (Principal)*

## **MHJC Arts Council Members Help with Kids Festival**

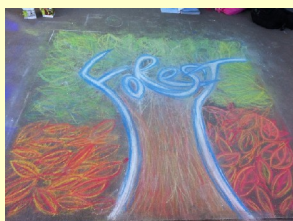
A group of MHJC students were charged with planning and running activities for children at the annual Uxbridge Kids Festival and showed that they were more than up to the task. The students had to come up with creative ideas, work within a budget and also consider the age of their young customers. The students planned a number of activities including making pipe cleaner dolls, masks and fancy hats and crowns. This has been a great opportunity for the students to work in an authentic way developing their leadership and creativity while benefiting the community.





## Inter Whanau Art Competition

Inter whanau sports competitions have always been popular at MHJC but the recent inter whanau art competition proved to be just as much fun. Students were provided with chalk and a blank canvas in the form of concrete and had lunch time only to create their work of art. Mountains whanau were judged the winners but the competition was keen from all whanau. Well done!



### Pink Shirt Day

May 18<sup>th</sup> was national Pink shirt day, a day intended to raise awareness about bullying. Our Executive Council decided to run a school wide muffin day to support the cause and raise money for Youthline.

\$780 was raised on the day. Well done MHJC!



### MHJC Enviro News

**Trees for Survival:** Environmentally conscious students recently planted 600+ native tree seedlings and will continue to plant the next 1000+ over their lunch breaks.



**Enviro Planting:** The Enviro group have been busy planting new vegetables in the vegetable beds and also assisted planting out native creepers in the centre plot on the Valderama Road stairs.



### Travelwise Secondary Schools Summit:

MHJC was recently represented at the summit by students from the Enviro Group.





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### 2013, Year 6 Enrolments are Now Open.

Students wishing to enrol in Year 6 at MHJC can now pre enrol at reception. Prospectuses are available at MHJC reception and will also be delivered to Year 6 students at MHP, BOS and Willowbank schools.

Please remember that no out of zone enrolments can be accepted for Year 6 students in 2013. Students must be resident in the zone at the time of first attendance and for 12 months afterwards. Zone information is available on our website or from reception.

### Executive Council Members off to Singapore

Five Year 10s from the MHJC Executive Council left this week with Mrs Blewett to attend a Young Leaders Convention hosted by Hwa Chong Institute in Singapore. We look forward to hearing about their experiences on their return.



### Reading Plus

At MHJC we are currently trialling an online reading programme designed to increase students' comprehension and reading speed. The programme takes students from "learning to read" to "reading to learn". Success depends on regular practice and students need to complete a minimum of 3 sessions per week. We ask parents to support this trial so we can evaluate whether this is a programme that will truly benefit our students.

### Homework Club a big hit!

Our homework club, running on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30pm to 4:30 pm has become an instant success. Each afternoon we have had between 35 and 70 students attending.



### Year 8 Option evening

Our recent Option Evening for Parents and Year 8 students was a big success. Thank you to all those who attended. All remaining Year 8 students will have an opportunity to select their options in the coming weeks.



### Great Start to the College Sport Season at MHJC

Our Year 9 and 10 students compete in College sport competitions each week after school. We have had a very positive start to the season.

The **Year 9 & 10 Girls Football** are currently in third place in their competition having played 4 games. They have won 2, drawn 1 and lost 1. The games that they lost and drew against were the 2 Under /19 teams in their competition.

The **Y9 & 10 Boys football** team are the defending champions and they are doing a great job in defending their title. After two games they are undefeated winning both games 4-0 and 5-0. They are currently top of their competition.

We are defending champions of the Eastern zone **Y9 & 10 Netball** competition. This year for the first time we have entered two teams into the competition. Our A team has played 4 games, won 3 and lost 1. They are currently in first place. Our B team has played 4 games, won 1, drawn 1 and lost 2. They are currently in 5th place.

The **Y9 & 10 girls basketball** team have also started the season well. They have played 4 games, and have won 3 and lost 1. They are currently in third place.

The **Y9 & 10 boys basketball** team have only played 2 games so far and have won 1 and lost 1.

Well done to all our teams and a huge thank you to our coaches and managers.

### MHJC competes in Language Perfect World Champs

At MHJC we recognise the value of speaking more than one language and many of our students do. This week we are taking part in the Language Perfect World Champs where students score points for completing vocabulary exercises in a range of languages. As of Monday morning we were ranked **18<sup>th</sup> in the world from 774 competing schools, 5<sup>th</sup> worldwide in our category (based on roll size), 1<sup>st</sup> in the world for Samoan, and 6<sup>th</sup> for Japanese from 518 schools. We were 2<sup>nd</sup> in NZ for Chinese and 3<sup>rd</sup> in NZ for Italian.**

What an amazing effort!

The competition continues until Thursday.



### Year 8 Boy's Football

Congratulations to our Year 8 Boys' Football team, Rahul Banerjee, Preetham Garikipati, Atik Koike, Tyberg Mauafua, Vaneel Ram, Krishin Rama, Kaden Naidoo, Aiditya Singh, Jaskaran Sandhu, Ryan Singh, Ethan De Lacey, Corne Ludick, Mustafa Qasimi, Vinal Latchman and Mohamed Zaheer.

**The team were runners up in the recent South Eastern Zone Competition.**



### Students travelling by Bus from Botany

Students are arriving late to school in the morning because they are taking the bus which leaves Botany Town Centre at 8:25am and arrives at MHJC after 8:35am. **To be at school on time they should take the bus which leaves at 8:05am and arrives at MHJC at 8:25am.**

### **Family and Friends**

### **Information evening**

Introduction to NCEA  
June 6<sup>th</sup> MHJC Staffroom  
7:00 pm

### Pakuranga Cross Country Fun Relay

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 56 students from MHJC travelled to Lloyd Elmore Park to compete in the **Pakuranga Cross Country Fun Relay**.

The school had a profitable day, as with 8 'Intermediate' teams and 6 'College' teams Mission Heights came home with two \$250 cheques for having the most participating school teams. We look forward to entering another strong team into this event next year.



### Problem Solvers off to USA

Three MHJC students are off to the International Future Problem Solving Finals with their Community Problem Solving Team "Team Teach". The students began their project while at MHP and will be representing MHP in the competition. The students have shown real commitment over a long period of time, continuing the project during DEEP, on Wednesday mornings, and in their own time. We wish them all the very best for a great trip and a successful outcome.

From left:  
Kushi Kohli, MHP,  
Krishin Rama, 8W1  
He-Min Lee, 7W2  
Sartaj Bedi, 8W1  
Jessie Huang, MHP



### Year 8s visit OSC

All Year 8 students had the opportunity to visit Ormiston Senior College last week and the feedback we had from the students was that they were very excited by what they saw.

Our Year 9 and 10 students will also have further opportunities for visits as part of a gradual transition process, prior to graduating to OSC at the end of Year 10.

