

We hope you enjoy our **August** edition of 'Mission Heights News.'
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Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

OUR VISION

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



Message from the Principal

August Newsletter

Information for students and parents

In a recent article in **The Independent** it was reported that schools in **Finland** would be placing a heavier emphasis on topic based learning. This is encouraging news for **Mission Heights Junior College** which has been committed to authentic learning outcomes from day one. Our Vision has been reinforced by an education system that is internationally respected for its high performing students. This means our students not only receive the important building block knowledge and skills in their core subjects, but this will be focused on a "real world" or meaningful outcome. This mirrors the principles of **21st century learning** and results in **higher engagement** of students in their learning.

For example, one Whanau has already enjoyed real learning outcomes this term with the publication of their views in the **New Zealand Herald** about how **Auckland** can become the **number one city in the world**. This was an amazing experience and opportunity for the year 7 students in Mr Penfold's Global Studies class.

Teachers and students have been extremely busy this term with **Mathex**, **Science Fair**, **Language** and **Speech Competitions**, **International language week**, **winter sporting activities**, **cross country** and the many other events that make this such a vibrant and exciting learning environment. I am continually amazed by the level of commitment and the talent of our students and encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunities offered at the school.

Upcoming Events

Dates are also published on our website, [Mission Heights Online](#).

"Attitude" Presentation: Gold Coin Donation

Tuesday 1st September

SEZ Badminton

Tuesday 1st September

HPPA Hindi Speeches

Tuesday 1st September

HPPA English Speeches

Thursday 3rd September

AIMS Games in Tauranga

Sunday 6th September to Friday 11th September

Debating Grand Final

Monday 7th September

Waihi Gold Mine - 7W1 & 7W2

Monday 7th September

Yr 9 Outdoor Pursuits Trip (OPC)

Sunday 13th September to Friday 18th September

SEZ Boys Basketball

Tuesday 15th September

Mufti Day - \$2 Donation

Thursday 17th September

MHJC Disco - \$5 Entry 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Thursday 17th September

SEZ Girls Basketball

Friday 18th September

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

Wednesday 23rd September

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2015 Term Dates

Term 3

Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September
(10 Week Term)

Term 4

Monday 12th October to Wednesday 16th December
(10 Week Term)

Routines

Contacting Home

Students should not contact parents or caregivers during school time unless given permission by a senior leader. There are well established procedures for students to report any problems (including student conflict) to their Whanau leader or to report to the sick bay if they feel ill. Parents and caregivers can be contacted for assistance from that point. Short-cutting this process can cause confusion and unnecessary misunderstandings.

Mobile Phones

On a related topic, students may not use their phones unless given permission by their teacher. From a safety perspective, students are discouraged from using headphones on the way to and from school as they may not be aware of possible traffic hazards. While we encourage the use of technology at the college, we also wish, at times for students to learn how to interact with each other and teachers without distractions. The school also takes no responsibility for mobile phones should they be lost. This can distract teachers from their core business of teaching and learning.

Regards,

Ian Morrison



We are World Champions!

On Thursday evening MHJC students met their goal of finishing in the top 5 globally, of the Science event for the Education Perfect World Series. Ms Wigg was delighted to learn that the school had placed 4th internationally and 2nd in New Zealand, earning an impressive 90 awards.

Congratulations to our Elite science winners, Hemank Johri (8C1), Christina Bang (9F2) and Arpanjot Sangha (9F2), as well as Year 8 student Ashlyn Prasad (8C2), who not only earned an Elite award, but was also the top scorer for our school. The efforts of our team this year across all five events have earned us the title of...

2015 EDUCATION PERFECT WORLD SERIES OVERALL CHAMPIONS!

Please do not book overseas travel during term time.



What's Your Flavour? Burger Battle Competition Results

Harsita Patel (10W2) and Samhitha Yamineni (10W2) progressed through to the Auckland regional finals of the 'What's Your Flavour?' burger battle competition. The girls have now received their feedback from the judges, and earned a bronze medal rating. Congratulations!



Niuean Speech Success

Congratulations to Moriah Lino (7F2) who placed first in the

A special mention to the MHJC participants who finished in the **top 15** students in the world for the entire tournament, which hosted over 300,000 participants.

Christina Bang (9F2) **(7th Place)**

Martin Chui (10F2) **(13th Place)**

Ho Zhin Man (10F2) **(15th Place)**

Click on the link below to view the scoreboard and event website...

<http://worldseries.educationperfect.com/world-series-overall-school-scoreboard.html>

Rank	School Name	Social Sci Ranking	Social Sci Credits	Languages Ranking	Languages Credits	Maths Ranking	Maths Credits	English Ranking	English Credits	Science Ranking	Science Credits	Overall Credits
1	Mission Heights Junior College	2nd	149	1st	400	5th	146	3rd	148	4th	147	697
2	St. Peters Lutheran College	1st	150	8th	393	1st	150	24th	127	56th	95	693
3	Living Waters Spanish	3rd	148	19th	382	451st	0	8th	143	602nd	0	673
4	Caringbah High School	21st	130	6th	395	7th	144	203rd	0	34th	117	669
5	Benowa State High School	6th	145	29th	372	19th	132	118th	33	1st	150	667
6	Killester College	17th	134	25th	376	33rd	118	10th	141	92nd	59	651
7	Catherine McAuley, Westmead	40th	111	15th	386	82nd	69	50th	101	9th	142	639
8	Hillcrest High School	196th	0	31st	370	21st	130	15th	136	57th	94	636
9	Lynfield College	13th	138	13th	388	48th	103	46th	105	123rd	28	631
10	Rossmoyne Senior High School	34th	117	38th	363	60th	91	4th	147	64th	87	627
11	Melbourne Grammar School	5th	146	63rd	338	24th	127	43rd	108	28th	123	611
12	Westlake Boys High School	92nd	59	44th	357	6th	145	47th	104	81st	70	606
13	Buddina State School	7th	144	89th	312	3rd	148	11th	140	47th	104	604
14	Epsom Girls' Grammar School	11th	140	57th	344	32nd	119	32nd	119	55th	96	603
15	Amaroo School	39th	112	7th	394	144th	7	68th	83	122nd	29	589
16	Kilbreda College	91st	60	2nd	399	173rd	0	104th	47	23rd	128	587
17	Pymble Ladies' College	24th	127	14th	387	253rd	0	89th	62	291st	0	576
18	Brisbane School of Distance Education	35th	116	59th	342	35th	116	57th	94	138th	13	574
19	Balwyn High School	9th	142	116th	285	40th	111	5th	146	89th	62	573
20	San Sisto College	15th	136	109th	292	50th	101	9th	142	85th	66	570
21	Rangitoto College	83rd	68	37th	364	62nd	89	35th	116	111th	40	569



Proud sponsors of Regional Science and Technology Fairs



Auckland Primary Principals Association Niuean speech competition at Favona School last week. This is indeed an achievement, as Moriah competed against students from other schools across the Auckland region, many of whom were a year older than herself. Well done, Moriah!



Tagalog Speech Success

Congratulations to Cael Dayu (8C2) who placed second in the Auckland Tagalog Speech Competition. This was a regional event that was hosted by St Annes School. Congratulations, your speech was wonderful, Cael!



Mandarin Speech Success

John Yang (7F1) gained a commendable third placing at the Mandarin Speech competition, hosted at Somerville Intermediate recently. This is a popular event and John is to be congratulated for his impressive performance against a large field of speakers.

Regional Science Fair Success

MHJC is pleased to report another successful year at the NIWA Manukau Region Science & Technology Fair. The Fair was hosted in the Middlemiss Theatre over Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August, with 18 schools across the region participating. Judges were from the teaching profession, community organisations and experts in the science and technology industries.

MHJC had 46 students participating in the Fair. From our participating students, the following awards were earned:

Category Awards

First Place

Category 6 - Year 9 and 10 Living World
John Yang, Ryan Ngo & Bill Wong (9F2)

Second Place

Category 6 - Year 9 and 10 Living World
Shiwani Prasad & Athina Hiep (10W1)

Second Place

Category 8 - Year 9 and 10 Environmental Science
Molly Herbert, Ngapipi Herewini & Ashley Taimataora (10W2)

First Place

Category 10 - Scientific Photography
Molly Herbert (10W2)

Special Awards

Winner

Best Project by a Maori Student
Jesse Tuhaka & Samhitha Yamineni (10W2)

Winner

Best use of Statistics
Benson Ireland (8W1)

Second Place

Best Use of Flour
Joanne Ting & Sanraj Hayer (8W1)

Winner

Innovation Prize for Best Year 9 Project:
John Yang, Ryan Ngo & Bill Wong (9F2)

Winner

Innovation Prize for Best Year 10 Project:
Avinash Sathiyaseelan & Samson Ireland (10W2)





Hindi Speech Success

"Hot off the Press!"

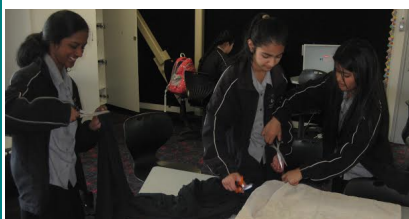
Congratulations to Ashlyn Prasad (8C2) who placed second in the APPA Hindi Speech Competition, that was hosted by Mission Heights Junior College this morning. This is a wonderful achievement, Ashlyn!



Leos Club Update

The Leos Club has been busy this term volunteering for the Auckland SPCA. Students have helped the "Rag Faeries" programme, by turning old sheets and blankets into rags for cleaning, as well as plaited dog toys to be used in Auckland shelters. Students have committed themselves to filling 3 rubbish bags of resources for the SPCA. Anyone who would like to join in and help out is most welcome to do so, please email Miss Cunningham.

acunningham@mhjc.school.nz



MHJC Prepared Speech Competition Results

The standard of speeches at this year's school speech finals was commendable. Principal Mr Morrison was joined by principal of Mission Heights Primary, Mrs Vohra to help form the judging panel. Judges had the unenviable job of selecting this year's winners from a strong pool of speakers. Our congratulations go to this year's champions...

Year 7 & 8

1st Place: Ayushi Narayan (7W1)

2nd Place: Cael Dayu (8C2)

Year 9

1st Place: Oliver Davies (9C2)

2nd Place: Kaur Divraj (9W2)

Year 10

1st Place: Victor Chua (10W2)

2nd Place equal: Briana Baker (10F2) & Ngapipi Herewini (10W2)





First Aid Training

As a follow-up to their Term 2 bike training, students from 7M1 and 7M2 completed First Aid Training with the NZ Red Cross last week. Students learned how to assess the dangers that were present in a range of first aid scenarios. They also learned how to respond and seek help to handle different types of first aid situations, such as nose bleeds, broken bones, burns and poisoning. Each student earned a First Aid Certificate for completing the course.



Graphics Competition Update

In 2014, Mrs Terremere's Year 9 Option Graphics students were given the opportunity to compete in a design competition for Mrs Middlemiss' son's wedding in the United Kingdom. Mrs Middlemiss recently shared photos of Hao



Prepared Speech Success at Interschool Finals

Victor Chua (10W2) and Oliver Davies (9C2) did a magnificent job of representing MHJC at the Eastern Zone Secondary Schools Speech Competition. Both students placed second overall in their respective categories. This is a wonderful achievement, as both boys competed against the top speakers from local secondary schools.

Year 9

Oliver Davies

2nd Place - *"Being an only child"*

(Pictured above, right)

Year 10

Victor Chua

2nd Place - *"Lies"*

(Pictured below, left)



Annual MHJC Mathex Evening a Community Affair

For the seventh consecutive year Mission Heights Junior College proved that 'Mathematics is Fun!', at the 2015 Mathex Competition. The

Zheng's (10M2) winning design being used for the Order of Service for the wedding ceremony, Welcome Packs for guests and Menu Cards. Mrs Middlemiss commented that she received a great deal of lovely feedback from the invitees, and that Hao's design was one of the highlights of the wedding. Congratulations on your success, Hao!



Georgia's Cheerleading Success

Georgia Wright (7C1) attended the Rock 'N' Cheer Nationals recently, for the 'All Stars Fame Rising Stars'. Georgia's team placed second in their grade - well done Georgia!



How Fast are our Flat Bush Drivers?

In conjunction with the TravelWise programme, a speed recorder with messaging was placed in front of the Mission Heights Schools for one week. We are pleased to report that

annual Mathex event integrates Mathematics, Technology and Sport and involves one hundred and fifty eight students from Years 6 to 10 participate in 38 student teams from Mission Heights Junior College, Mission Heights Primary, Baverstock Oaks School and Ormiston Senior College, along with 2 parent and 3 teacher teams. Students race against the clock and teams from their year level to solve 20 challenging mathematics problems. The evening concluded with Mr Morrison presenting awards and certificates to the winning teams. MHJC's 2015 Mathex winners are...

Year 7 Winners: Coast Whanau

- Colin Li (7C1)
- Kevin Fu (7C1)
- Neha Lal (7C1)
- Ekin Liu (7C1)

Year 9 Winners: Forest Whanau

- Ryan Ngo (9F2)
- Bill Wong (9F2)
- Carl Xie (9F2)
- John Yang (9F2)

Year 8 Winners: Water Whanau

- Campbell Strong (8W2)
- Billgatesun Seang (8W2)
- Lia Arroyo (8W1)
- Benson Ireland (8W1)

Year 10 Winners: Water Whanau

- Victor Chua (10W2)
- Keanu Liew (10W2)
- Kelvin Xie (10W2)
- Joshua Fong (10W2)



the majority of speeds recorded during our peak times (8:00 am - 9:00 am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm) were under 50 km/hr. A more comprehensive graph of the data will be sent to parents later this term.

Alarminglly, the TravelWise initiative also collected speeds in excess of 83 km/hr (9:00 pm) and 71 km/hr (10:00 am). A friendly reminder that the speed limit around the school during peak times is 40 km/hr and 50 km/hr at all other times. Please remember to drive responsibly for the safety of our community.



MHJC Cross Country Results

Congratulations to Forest Whanau who won this year's inter-Whanau cross country competition. Our individual champions were...

Year 7 Girls

- 1st Place:** Gurleen Kaur (7F1)
- 2nd Place:** Niamh Beattie (7F2)
- 3rd Place:** Isabelle Lim (7M2)

Year 7 Boys

- 1st Place:** Kobe Kay (7F1)
- 2nd Place:** Paul Chan (7C2)
- 3rd Place:** Ekin Liu (7C1)

Year 8 Girls

- 1st Place:** Mieke VanDer Watt (8C1)
- 2nd Place:** Atalia Tamati (8F2)
- 3rd Place:** Kelsea Cress (8F2)

Year 8 Boys

- 1st Place:** Ronald Ondoy (8C1)
- 2nd Place:** Jarrod Millar (8F1)
- 3rd Place:** Eugene Chua (8F1)

Auckland Mathex Competition

Mission Heights Junior College's junior and senior maths problem solving teams competed on two separate nights at last week's regional Mathex competitions, that were held at the ASB Stadium.

Our four junior teams competed against a field of 120, who represented schools from across the wider Auckland Region. The Year 7 'A' Team were our top scorers with 85 points. The Year 8 'A' Team scored an impressive 90 points in their event. Our Year 7 & 8 team members were...

Year 7: Helen Man (7M2), Colin Li (7C1), Neha Lal (7C1), Kevin Fu (7C1), Annie Man (7M2), Erica Ngin (7W1), Sakada Noun (7W1), Amanda Lee (7M1) and Jonathan Phou (7M1).

Year 8: Jimin Yang (8C1), Eugene Chua (8F1), Campbell Strong (8W2), Cael Dayu (8C2), Lia Arroyo (8W1), Anthony Zhu (7F1), Calvin Huynh (8C2) and Chetan Dev (8F1).

MHJC's Year 9 team was represented by Bill Wong (9F2), Carl Xie (9F2), Ryan Ngo (9F2) and John Yang 9(F2). They put up a fantastic performance against 45 participating schools, scoring 70 points. The students were encouraged with their score and took it as a valuable learning experience for next year, where their goal is to be 'number one!'.

The Year 10 team had an extremely challenging time with the score leveled at 55 for the longest period, with all of the top teams. Kelvin Xie (10W2), Victor Chua (10W2), Joshua Fong (10W2) and Keanu Liew (10W2) sweated it out for a well deserved score of 65. Well done to all of our representative Mathex teams - we are proud of you!



Year 9 Girls

1st Place: Sinead Venter (9F2)
2nd Place: Emaan Hartley (9F2)
3rd Place: Hufriya Kermani (9C2)

Year 9 Boys

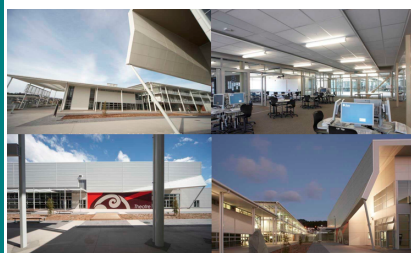
1st Place: Tyler Nelson (9M1)
2nd Place: Luqmaan Lateef (9W1)
3rd Place: Aryaan Batra (9W2)

Year 10 Girls

1st Place: Celeste Lane (10W2)
2nd Place: Ashleigh Janssen (10M2)
3rd Place: Kris Fainsan (10F1)

Year 10 Boys

1st Place: Mohit Maisuria (10F2)
2nd Place: Keemeshen Padayachee (10F1)
3rd Place: Manraj Hayer (10F1)



A reminder that Mission Heights Junior College is **open for viewing** by the public on **Wednesday mornings** each week, starting at **9:45am** from our school reception. Come and see our learners in action!

CONTACT US



Forest Whanau Lead 'Red Nose Day'

The Forest Whanau Council is proud to support 'Cure Kids' through Red Nose Day fundraising activities. Cure Kids is a leading child health research charity, with a mission to improve the health of children through research and it's outcomes. Cure Kids funds research into better treatments for a wide range of childhood illnesses that include cot death (SUDI), stillbirth, leukemia, rheumatic heart disease, asthma, inherited heart conditions and mental health conditions, among others. This year through the sale of red noses and a very popular bake sale we were able to donate \$472. Thank you to everyone who purchased a red nose or some delicious baking, your donation has gone to a great cause!



8C1 Students Help the Homeless

Students in 8C1 wanted to help the homeless people in Auckland after reading the latest statistics on the increasing number of homeless people inhabiting Auckland City. They considered many options.

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Website

Finally, they decided to donate to the **Auckland City Mission**, which in turn will help the homeless.

On the **Auckland City Mission** website, they identified what a family of four needed to survive for four days. **8C1** decided together as a class to bring in everything required and surprised **Mackenzie** from the **Auckland City Mission** by handing her the big box of items. Students learned how great it feels to give to people who are less fortunate than ourselves. They also learned many other facts such as the **Auckland City Mission** operates entirely on donations from the public. **8C1** are determined that they will continue to show compassion towards fellow human beings, to make the world a better place to live in.

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ICT Update: Handy Hints for Parents

Dear parents,

One of our responsibilities is to ensure students use ICT safely as digital citizens, which applies both in school and at home. We wish to remind parents of the **cybersafety agreement** which was signed upon their child's entry into the school. Some reminders to parents:

- Students are not to share **passwords** with one another.
- Students must bring their **student ID cards** to school daily. There is an impact on their learning and assessments if they don't bring their cards.

Tips

- a. Make sure your computer is always up to date with security updates.
- b. Keep your computer in any shared space such the family room for informal monitoring.
- c. Do not allow your child to have internet access after they go to bed (unsupervised access is dangerous.)
- d. For more advice and tips about net basics and cyber bullying go to the 'Net Safe' website... <http://www.netsafe.org.nz/>

MHJC Students featured in the NZ Herald

Publishing permissions gained from Corazon Millar, 30/08/15

Go to their website:
http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11500033

The context currently being explored in **Mountains Whanau** at the moment is "**Fabulous Flat Bush**". Year 7 and 8 students are researching the plans for the new **Ormiston Town Centre**, and discussing what they would like to see built there.

This has enabled our classes to think and learn about issues such as; housing, transport, rates, recreational facilities, jobs and schools. The **New Zealand Herald** have been running a feature called "**World Class Auckland**" and these articles included many of the topical issues that we had been covering in class. After **7M1** emailed the **Herald** during their English lessons, they received a surprise offer from the paper! They emailed their comments about what they felt Auckland needed to improve upon, to become truly "world class".

The **Herald** were so impressed with our students ideas, they sent a journalist and photographer to our school the very next day. The journalist interviewed a handful of students on what they liked about living in Auckland and what they thought needed to be improved (*view article, below...*)

It was a wonderfully authentic learning experience for students - one that they will certainly remember!



Corazon Miller Corazon Miller is a NZ Herald reporter

World-Class Auckland: Looking to the younger generation

11:39 AM Thursday Aug 20, 2015

World-Class Auckland



Students from Mission Heights Junior College in Flat Bush talk about what they think is needed to make Auckland world class. Photo / Dean Purcell, NZ Herald

Auckland consistently ranks highly in lists of the world's best cities but is never number one. So what would it take to turn Auckland into a first-class city? This week the Herald continues its 10-day series examining some of the biggest hurdles Auckland faces, from housing and transport to entertainment and education. We look at what we are doing, what we need to do, and why Auckland's success matters to the rest of the country. In part nine of the series we look at what Auckland community members are doing to improve the city.

• **WORLD CLASS AUCKLAND - SERIES OVERVIEW**

Corazon Miller talks to Year 7 students from Mission Heights Junior College about what they like about Auckland and what they think is needed to make it World Class.

Amanda Lee, 11

"I like how diverse Auckland is, there are different cultures from here and they respect each other.

"Auckland needs the house prices to go lower a bit so other people can afford it when they come in."

Kaylene Govender, 11

"I like the technology in school and our education.

"I'd like to see less pollution and for us to learn from Vancouver, the greenest city. If we want to become a world class city everyone needs to pick up rubbish and make Auckland as clean, or even cleaner, than Vancouver."

Sarah Sami, 11

"I like how we are very 21st century, it's all updated.

"I'd like to see transport improved and make buses and things cheaper."

Annie Lu, 11

"I like how a lot of places have farms and green areas and national plants.

"There are a lot of traffic jams, so I'd like to see more buses and trains. Our air pollution is becoming a problem, because of the amount of cars on the road. So I think we should have more space plants and trees so that we can have less pollution."

Victoria Kree, 11

"I like the sense of safety in Auckland, there's not a whole lot of crime. There aren't poisonous spiders and there aren't snakes.

"We should bring house rates down and there shouldn't be as many traffic jams, so people should try and use public transport."

Sofia Alontave, 11

"I like it's welcoming to others, when you come in you get this safe, happy and welcoming place.

"What I think would make Auckland more 'World Class', would be to have more apartments and town-houses to prevent deforestation."

Jaimee Collenette, 12

"I think Auckland is a great place to live in because it's welcoming to everyone, there's a lot of people who care about each other.

"I think we could work on public transport, there are too many cars and it's clogging up the roads which cause traffic jams. I think we could become 'World Class' by dropping the cost of houses, stopping deforestation and making Auckland smoke-free."

Prina Patel, 11

"I like Auckland as a multi-cultural city and we can learn about other cultures.

"I'd like to see more people using trains and buses."

Ronak Lal, 11

"I like it's diverse, you look anywhere you can find many cultures mixing and mingling together.

"I'd like Auckland transport to be improved, it's too slow to get around - they should make public transport accessible from all areas."

Jayden Singh, 12

"I like there's not much rubbish in Auckland, for example India, there is so much, but there's not much here.

"I'd like public transport to be improved."

Christian Lintag, 12

"What I like is that people are friendly, people are nice, there's not that much thieves

"In most roads there's traffic jams, sometimes there's crashes, so I'd like to see better public transport."

- [NZ Herald](#)

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