

We hope you enjoy our 'February Newsbrief' edition of 'Mission Heights News.'  
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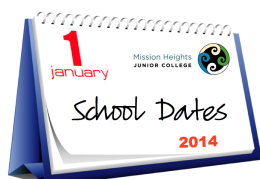
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Principal, Mrs Joan Middlemiss.

## OUR VISION

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



## Message from the Principal

### February Newsbrief

*Information for students and parents*

Best wishes for the New Year to all our families. We are looking forward to another exciting and successful year at **Mission Heights Junior College**. Each year we build on our successes from previous years and our wonderful students are always ready to rise to new challenges.

This first newsbrief is being sent before we begin sending our regular monthly newsletters, as we already have important upcoming dates and information to share with our families.

We have begun 2014 with a substantial roll increase with close to 750 students. Thank you to those families who attended our Admin Day. This allows our students to settle quickly into their learning programme and our new Year 7's arrived feeling confident and ready for their next steps in education.

From February 7th I am very privileged to have Sabbatical Leave until the end of Term One. The focus of my research will be the implementation of **21st Century learning** in other new secondary schools in New Zealand. During my absence **Mr Naidoo** will be **Acting Principal** and will be ably supported by our Senior Leaders and our teachers. I know the school is in excellent hands. I will be looking forward to coming back in Term 2 and learning about all the great things I know will have happened in the school in my absence.

Best wishes to you all for a wonderful term.

Regards,  
**Joan Middlemiss**

## Upcoming Events

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

### Yr 7 Meet the Teacher Evenings

Tuesday 11th February, 6:30pm  
Report to your child's Whanau

### Yr 7 & 8 SE Zone Cricket

Tuesday 18th February

### Yr 8 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 19th February  
Please report to the 'Meeting Place', next door to our library

### Yr 9 & 10 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 20th February  
Please report to the 'Meeting Place', next door to our library

### BoT Meeting

Wednesday 26th February

### Family & Friends Meeting

Wednesday 5th March

### MHJC Swimming Sports

Friday 7th March  
Panmure Lagoon Pools

### Mountains Whanau 'Camp Adair' for Yr 7 & 10

Monday 17th March to  
Wednesday 19th March

### Forest Whanau 'Camp Adair' for Yr 7 & 10

Wednesday 19th March to  
Friday 21st March

### Water Whanau 'Shakespeare Lodge Camp' for Yr 7 & 10

Wednesday 19th March to  
Friday 21st March

### BoT Meeting

Wednesday 26th March

### Family & Friends Meeting

Wednesday 2nd April

### Coast Whanau 'Piha Camp' for Yr 7 & 10

Monday 7th April to  
Wednesday 9th April

### MHJC Mufti Day & Disco

Thursday 10th April

## NZMEB Examination Results

Every year MHJC students have the opportunity to sit external NZMEB music exams through our 'Music Certificate' DEEP course. Results from our December exams have been posted and all MHJC students who participated passed with a **Credit Plus** grade, or higher. A special 'congratulations' to **Rashmeen Sandhu**, for gaining a **Distinction** in her **Grade 3 Flute** exam.



## Where Can you Get Help?

We hope that your child's time at MHJC will be positive and worry free, but should you ever have any problems we urge you to seek help early.

There are many people who can help. For issues with your child's learning, please contact either the classroom teacher, your child's learning advisor or, if your concerns are not resolved, the Senior Leader Curriculum in your child's Whanau. For pastoral issues please contact your child's Assistant Principal.

If any problem does not go away please do take your concerns to someone else. In such cases we urge you to contact the Deputy Principal (Mr Naddy Naidoo) or the Principal (Mrs Joan Middlemiss).

**Term 1 Group Photos:  
Sports & Activities**  
Monday 14th April

**Term 1 Ends**  
Thursday 17th April

**Term 2 Starts**  
Monday 5th May, 8.15am

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**2014 Term Dates**

**Term 1**  
Monday 3rd February to  
Thursday 17th April  
**(11 Week Term)**

**Term 2**  
Monday 5th May to  
Friday 4th July  
**(9 Week Term)**

**Term 3**  
Monday 21st July to  
Friday 26th September  
**(10 Week Term)**

**Term 4**  
Monday 13th October to  
Wednesday 10th December  
**(9 Week Term)**

*Please do not book overseas  
travel during term time.*



**MHJC Family & Friends**

MHJC's Family & Friends warmly invites new and existing families to the first meeting of the year.

The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 5th March**, in the school staffroom. We hope you can join us from **7.00pm**.



**Whanau Organisation for 2014**

Coast Whanau

Mr Sachida Naidu

**Assistant Principal**

Mrs Reshmika Lal

**Senior Leader Curriculum**

Mrs Priscilla Naidoo

**Whanau Co-ordinator**

Water Whanau

Miss Melanie Kindley

**Assistant Principal**

Mr David Nutt

**Senior Leader Curriculum**

Mr Fabian Sanchez Navarro

**Whanau Co-ordinator**



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#### Forest Whanau

Mrs Raesa Dada

Assistant Principal

Ms Kate Lambert

Senior Leader Curriculum

Ms Kathlene Porter

Whanau Co-ordinator

#### Mountains Whanau

Mr Neil Penfold

Assistant Principal

Mrs Neelam Taneja

Senior Leader Curriculum

Mrs Audrey Sharma

Whanau Co-ordinator



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## *Upcoming Parent Information Evenings*

Parents are invited to our upcoming information evenings...



### *For Year 7 Parents:*

#### **Yr 7 Meet the Teacher Evenings:**

Tuesday 11th February, 6:30pm in your child's Whanau. This is for parents with children in Year 7.

### *For Year 8 Parents:*

#### **Yr 8 Parent Information Evening:**

Wednesday 19th February, 6:30pm in the 'Meeting Place' (next door to our library). This is for parents with children in Year 8.

### *Year 9 & 10 Parents:*

#### **Yr 9 & 10 Parent Information Evening:**

Thursday 20th February, 6:30pm in the 'Meeting Place' (next door to our library). This is for parents with children in Years 9 & 10.

*We hope you can join us!*

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