

We hope you enjoy July's edition of 'Mission Heights News.'

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Principal, Mrs Joan Middlemiss.

OUR VISION

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



Message from the Principal July Newsletter

Information for students and parents

We have had a very challenging start to our term with the untimely and sudden death of one of our teachers **Mr Keith Smith**. I would like to thank our school community for your understanding and support over the last week as we have mourned the loss of a popular colleague and teacher. Keith has taught at **Mission Heights Junior College** since 2010 and will be sorely missed.

On a more positive note we welcome **Mr Neil Penfold** to his new position as **Assistant Principal of Mountains Whanau**. Neil joins us from **Sacred Heart College** and we hope that he enjoys his new position and that he feels very welcome in our school and community.

It is exciting that next week marks the end of a great deal of preparation and practice with our school production "**School Rox**" taking to the stage. I know an enormous amount of work has gone into the show so we do hope you will come along and support it.

As you can see from the newsletter, this will be a busy term. We look forward to a full sporting calendar, ICAS competitions are in full swing, the Science Fair is fast approaching, MATHEX is always a highlight and we have a scheduled visit from the **Education Review Office** later in the term to name just a few of the events coming up this term.

I would like to thank, in advance, all the teachers, parents and community members who make it possible for our students to experience so many great opportunities and wish everyone the best for the term ahead.

Regards,

Joan Middlemiss



Upcoming Events

Key dates are also published on our website, Mission Heights Online.

Australian Maths

Thursday 1st August

Judging of Science Fair

Friday 2nd August

ALC Language Exams

Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th August

School Production

'School Rox'

Wednesday 7th to Saturday 10th August

EBBA Basketball Final

Thursday 8th August

Initial Transition Visit: Yr 6 MHP Students

Friday 9th August

Maths Week

Monday 12th to Friday 16th August

Initial Transition Visit: Yr 6 BOS Students

Monday 12th August

Year 8 Ormiston Senior College Transition Visits

Monday 12th August to Friday 16th August

ICAS Maths: Yrs 7 to 10

Tuesday 13th August

School Speech Finals

Tuesday 13th August

SEZ Netball Tournament

Wednesday 14th August

MHJC Mathex Evening

Wednesday 14th August

Maths Problem Solving

Thursday 15th August

MIT Science Fair

Saturday 17th August: Project



Mr Keith Smith

Mr Keith Smith, who sadly passed away on Thursday 25th July, will be remembered as a popular teacher of **Media Studies** and valued member of **Water Whanau** at **Mission Heights Junior College**. He possessed many creative and artistic qualities, which were observable both through his work with students and his interests in IT, film-making, painting, reading and story-telling. The photo (*above*) was taken at the **2011 International Swift Conference** in Singapore, where he presented 'MHJC's Vision for 21st Century Learning.'

Mr Smith will be remembered fondly by his students and colleagues. His death came as a tremendous shock, and brought great sadness to us as a school. We greatly appreciate the support shown by our school community and thank you for the compassion and understanding that has been extended to the school over the last week.

Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award

drop-off to MHJC Theatre

MIT Science Fair

Sunday 18th August: Judging in
MHJC Theatre

Spelling Bee Regionals

Sunday 18th August: Q Theatre

International Language Week

Sunday 18th to Saturday 24th
August

MIT Science Fair: Open to the Public for Viewing

Monday 19th August & Tuesday
20th August: 9am to 7pm

Yr 10 Transition Visits to Ormiston Senior College

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and
Thursday 22nd August

Yr 6 Student & Parent Info Evening

Tuesday 20th August, at 7pm

Cultural Dress Mufti: \$2

Wednesday 21st August

Auckland Mathex

Wednesday 21st & Thursday
22nd August

EZ Speech Finals

Thursday 22nd August

MHJC Cross Country

Thursday 22nd August

Ormiston Senior College Open Evening

Tuesday 10th September

SEZ Boys Basketball Tournament

Wednesday 11th September

SEZ Girls Basketball Tournament

Thursday 12th September

MHJC Arts Festival

Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th
September

Term 3 Ends

Friday 27th September is the
last day of Term (9 Week Term)

Term 4 Starts

Monday 14th October

Term 4 Ends

Thursday 12th December is our



Pictured: Victor Chua (Year 8) with his Sir Peter Blake medal of achievement.

MHJC's Young Leader Awarded

Mission Heights Junior College student, Victor Chua has been recognised as an outstanding young leader. Victor was awarded a Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award during the MHJC Celebration Assembly at the end of Term 2, for showing great leadership in addition to his many impressive sporting and academic achievements. Congratulations, Victor!

Students 'Make A Difference' Through Community Projects



School Prize-Giving and the
last day of Term (9 Week Term)

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



Mr Neil Penfold

A warm welcome to Mr Neil Penfold who has been appointed to the Assistant Principal position in Mountains Whanau. This role was previously held by foundation member of staff, Mrs Kris Blewett who has since started her own business with her husband, in beautiful Taupo.



Teacher, Miss Catherine Hunter would like to congratulate students who supported the 40 Hour Famine, through a series of bake sales and individual fundraising efforts this year.

Through research the 'Make A Difference' DEEP class identified two organisations to work with, **The Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind**, which is the organisation that trains Labrador puppies to assist the blind, as well as **BLENNZ**, an educational institution for the blind.

Funding was raised through school-based bake sales and raffles. Representatives from each organisation were then invited to MHJC, where presentations were made. Our students enjoyed the opportunity to interact with guide dogs and meet students from BLENNZ, whom shared experiences and challenges associate with being blind. RNZFB will use the raised funds for their puppy training programme and BLENNZ will purchase 2 braille compasses to assist students.



MHJC Celebrates Bastille Day

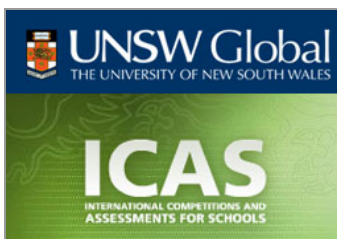
MHJC celebrated Bastille Day by dressing in a French theme for Mufti Day. We think you will agree that teachers Mrs Jacqui Barrow and Mr Fabian Sanchez did a particularly good job! Students were encouraged to use the **French Language** - you may enjoy learning/listening to some basic expressions and pronunciation (audio) by clicking on the following link:

[French Greetings](#)



INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE WEEK

International Language Week is being held from Sunday 18th August to Saturday 24th of August this year. Mission Heights Junior College's Cultural Council and Language Committee are organising a range of



Congratulations to the following students...

ICAC Computer Results:

High Distinction:

Joshua Fong and Asha Shashikumar.

Distinction:

Jing Ying Foong, Bill Wong, Victor Chua, Avinash Sathiyaseelan, Kelvin Xie and Rashmeen Sandhu.

ICAS Science Results:

High Distinction:

Joshua Fong

Distinction:

Jing Ying Fong, Simin Chung, Avinash Sathiyaseelan, Daniel Strong, Justin Tan, Yuzhang Tan and Swashna Lal.



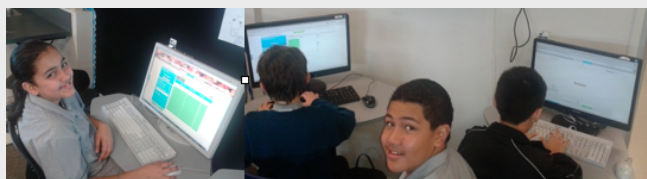
**NZ Chess Federation Inc.
NZ Junior Chess**

Congratulations to the following students...

Level One Badge:

John Yang
Kerry Nguyen
Hruthin Pagadala
Chris Hardie
Hari Narasimhan
Vincent Djajama
Adrienne Champion
Paula Alontave

activities, including the Cultural Dress Mufti, on Wednesday 21st August.



Māori Language Week

Mission Heights Junior College values language and culture. Therefore, we were delighted to be able to acknowledge Māori language and culture as part of the national campaign, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) last term.

For the first time, this year we competed in a Mission Heights Schools Māori Language Competition, with online Language Perfect questions on culture, language and society running for a 7 day period. The overall winners were Mission Heights Primary, and we were delighted to have been able to include them in this with the support of MHP teacher Mr Hobby. We also offer our congratulations to Year 10 student Jerry Chen - the overall Mission Heights Schools Māori Language Champion for 2013 and Ms Trudi Wigg for leading the organisation of the event.



Spanish Day Out for MHJC Students

At the end of Term 2 Spanish students from all four Whanau had the opportunity to participate in a fun 'Spanish Day Out' to celebrate commendable achievement in Spanish. Students participated in a professional Salsa lesson, a variety of other Latin entertainment activities and particularly enjoyed an authentic Spanish lunch.

**Level One Badge with
Distinction**

Caleb Ye

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Click on the Whanau button(s), below to send a confidential email...

Coast Pastoral

Forest Pastoral

Water Pastoral

Mountains Pastoral



Waicare Team's Big Day Out

Students from the **Waicare DEEP** class spent a day out planting trees and testing water quality with **Auckland Council** and **Waicare**. At our site by Mitre 10, students trapped shortfin eels, planted areas with native trees using skills learned at school, and made a video of how to test water quality which will be used to show the techniques for water testing to schools throughout Auckland. Students even found a native copper skink! It was a great, if not very muddy, day and the students learned a lot about conservation in their local area.



Spotlight on Dairy Farming

The farm came to MHJC late last term as **David Millar**, a farmer from **Enton Farms**, came to the school to talk to **Science** and **Business Studies** students about dairy farming in New Zealand. Mr Millar shared his experiences of working with cows, how the cows are taken care of, and the business of dairy farming. It was a fascinating insight into the realities of working the land and a chance for students to learn more about where our food really comes from and potential career pathways. Many thanks to **Mr Millar** and **Dairy Farming NZ** for sharing their story with us!

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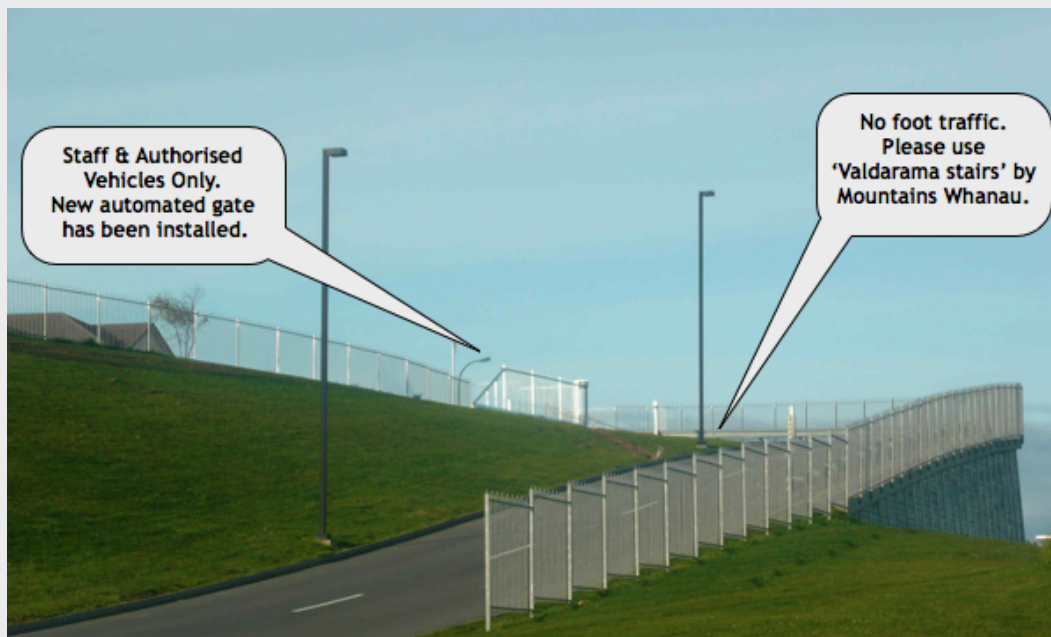


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Georgia's Show Jumping Success

Year 7 student, Georgia Hellyer came first place in the Pointways Show Jumping Series in the 55cm class on 7th July, 2013. There were approximately 15 riders entered in the event. Georgia has a real passion for horse riding and loves jumping. She has been very fortunate to find a wonderful pony named 'Sunny,' as he has given Georgia much confidence in her riding ability in such a short space of time. Congratulations Georgia and Sunny!



Entry into MHJC from Valderama Drive

The vehicle entry from Valderama Drive into MHJC now has an automated gate. Only staff and authorised vehicles will be able to enter. There is no longer Pedestrian access at this point and walkers should enter the school via the stairs close to Mountains Whanau.

A Warm Invitation to Next Week's School Production...



Over 100 students have been working extremely hard for the last 10 weeks rehearsing for the School Production: 'School Rox.' We have an extremely enthusiastic group of students who are involved as part of the orchestra, choir, backstage, lighting and sound and of course acting. Their hard work has really paid off as the production looks amazing. There are songs you will all be able to sing along to and dance extravaganza's! The production is only on for four nights, so please ensure you get in quick to secure your tickets!

Dates are:

Wednesday 7th August, Friday 9th August and Saturday 10th August, from 7pm to 9.30pm. There is an extra show on Saturday 10th August, from 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Tickets are:

\$15 for adults, \$10 for students at Intermediate and High School, \$8 for Primary school children ...so come along and support the amazing students at Mission Heights Junior College. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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